

BCA—Board Member Code of Ethics

Standards of Ethics

Every Board member shall comply with the ethical standards of conduct applicable to public officials including, but not limited to, those established in Idaho Code §7-59. The exception to those actions proscribed in the previous mentioned code is section 59-704A of Idaho Code which allows for Board members to have an interest in a contract made or entered into by the Board under certain specified conditions.

Board members will strive to improve public education, and to that end will:

- Attend all Board meetings insofar as possible, and become informed concerning the issues to be considered at those meetings;
- Recognize that decisions should be made only after discussion at publicly held Board meetings;
- Render all decisions based on the available facts and independent judgment, and refuse to surrender that judgment to individuals or special interests groups;
- Speak truthfully and openly, yet fully support the final, official Board action;
- Encourage the free expression of opinion by all Board members, and follow established communication protocols between the Board and students, staff, and all elements of the community;
- Work with other Board members to establish effective Board policies and to delegate authority for the administration of the School to the Administrator;
- Communicate to other Board members and the Administrator expressions of public reaction to Board policies and school programs;
- Be informed about current educational issues by individual study and through participation in programs providing needed information, such as those sponsored by state and national school boards associations;
- Support the employment of persons best qualified to serve as school staff members, and insist on a regular and impartial evaluation of all school administration and personnel;
- Avoid being placed in a position of conflict of interest, and refrain from using the Board position for personal or partisan gain;
- Take no private action that will compromise the Board or administration, and respect the confidentiality of information that is privileged under applicable law; and
- Remember always that a Board member's first and greatest concern must be the educational welfare of the students attending the School.

References Idaho Code §§7-59; 18-1361 and 1361A; 33-5204(5-6); and, 59-704A