

1 The Board recognizes that collectively and individually, all members of the Board must adhere
2 to an accepted code of ethics in order to improve public education. The Board accepts the code
3 of ethics established by the North Carolina School Boards Association. In accordance with this
4 code, each member of the Board shall commit to the following:
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- 6 1. Attend all regularly scheduled board meetings insofar as possible and become informed
7 concerning the issues to be considered at those meetings;
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- 9 2. Endeavor to make policy decisions only after full discussion at publicly held board
10 meetings;
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- 12 3. Render all decisions based on the available facts and independent judgment and refuse to
13 surrender that judgment to individuals or special interest groups;
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- 15 4. Encourage the free expression of opinion by all board members and seek systematic
16 communications between the Board and students, staff and all elements of the
17 community;
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- 19 5. Work with other board members to establish effective board policies and to delegate
20 authority for the administration of the schools to the superintendent;
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- 22 6. Communicate to other board members and the superintendent expressions of public
23 reaction to board policies and school programs;
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- 25 7. Learn about current educational issues by individual study and through participation in
26 programs providing needed information, such as those sponsored by the state and
27 national school boards associations;
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- 29 8. Comply with North Carolina General Statute 115C-50 by earning the required 12 hours
30 of training annually;
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- 32 9. Support the employment of those persons best qualified to serve as school staff and insist
33 on a regular and impartial evaluation of all staff;
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- 35 10. Avoid being placed in a position of conflict of interest and refrain from using the board
36 member's position on the board for personal or partisan gain;
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- 38 11. Take no private action that will compromise the Board or administration and respect the
39 confidentiality of information that is privileged under applicable law; and
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- 41 12. Remember always that a board member's first and greatest concern must be the
42 educational welfare of the students attending the public schools.
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CODE OF ETHICS FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

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45 All newly elected board members are expected to sign a code of ethics statement that includes
46 these provisions at the organizational meeting of the board.

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48 Legal References: G.S. 115C-36, -50

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52 APPROVED BY BOARD

53 AND EFFECTIVE _____