

POLICY

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 53
(Okanagan Similkameen)

BOARD MEMBER CODE OF CONDUCT AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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The Board, representing all members of the community, wishes to operate under the highest of ethical standards. To this end, Trustees will aspire to:

- I. Become familiar with the School Act, regulations and Ministerial orders of the Ministry of Education and School District. 53 (Okanagan Similkameen) policies, regulations and contracts.
- II. Do his/her best to protect, conserve and advance public education, giving to the children of this District educational facilities and services that are as complete as it is possible to provide.
- III. Have a general knowledge of education mandates, goals and objectives of the system, both provincially and within the district.
- IV. Express honest and thoughtful opinions frankly in Board meetings in an effort to have all decisions made for the best interest of the children and the schools.
- V. Recognize that the expenditures of public funds is a public trust and will see that such expenditures are done efficiently, economically and for the best interest of students in the District.
- VI. Conduct board business in the spirit of openness, cooperation and trust working harmoniously with other Board members without trying either to dominate the Board or neglect his/her share of the work.
- VII. Be accessible to the public and devote the necessary time, thought, and study to the Board's duties, responsibilities, and committee work in order to render effective and creditable service.
- VIII. Vote and act in Board meetings impartially for the good of the District and to keep in confidence that which is confidential.
- IX. Make an effort to attend all board, Committee and external agency meetings to which he/she is appointed. As a courtesy, will notify the Chair and Superintendent of Schools and/or Secretary-Treasurer of any absences.
- X. Be cognizant of legislation and policy concerning conflict of interest and abstain from discussing or voting on issues where such conflict exists.
- XI. Recognize the integrity of predecessors and associates and the merit of their work.