

## **INTERNAL BOARD POLICIES**

### **Code of Cooperation for Individual Board Members**

The following code of cooperation facilitates the board's governance of the school district under the laws of the State of Michigan. It is also recommended for effective governance that individual board members visit and familiarize themselves with district-wide instructional and support services operations.

Individual school board members will:

1. Respect one another and members of the community;
2. Value other opinions;
3. Share information and concerns with one another;
4. Be honest when expressing either their opinions or those of community members;
5. Offer solutions when they have concerns;
6. Use frank, open, and respectful discussion to handle disagreements within the board;
7. Articulate the board's stance to the community;
8. Be clear when expressing opinions outside a board meeting that the opinion(s) are personal and not that of the board of education.
9. Conduct decision-making in open meetings.
10. Base decision-making pertaining to student discipline solely upon information provided by the administration and the affected student(s)/parents; discuss or deliberate the substance of such cases only at the appropriate time (i.e., board hearing); and re-direct any communication from community members regarding such cases to the superintendent.

Reference: Revised School Code 289, 1996

Policy

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