

BOARD MEMBER ETHICS

As a member of The Pembina Trails School Division Board, Trustees will strive to improve public education and to that end will:

1. Adhere to the provisions of Procedural By-Law No. 1.
2. Become informed concerning the issues to be considered at Board or Committee meetings.
3. Recognize that authority rests solely with the whole Board assembled in a public meeting and a trustee has no legal status outside a Board meeting.
4. Render all decisions based on the available facts and one's independent judgment and refuse to surrender that judgment to individuals or special interest groups.
5. Encourage the free expression of opinion by all board members, while at the same time respecting formal decisions and resolutions of the Board.
6. Communicate to other board members and the superintendent expressions of public reaction to Board policies and school programs.
7. Become informed about current educational issues by individual study and through participation in programs providing needed information, such as those sponsored by local and national school boards associations.
8. Support school personnel in the performance of their duties.
9. Support administrative procedures in the best interest of the school division, while recognizing that the responsibility of the Board is to make policy and to give direction, and that the day-to-day administration of the division is the responsibility of the Superintendent and staff.
10. Act, both privately and publicly, in a way that reflects positively upon the school division, its administration and fellow board members.
11. Respect the strict confidentiality of all privileged information and, after receiving confidential information,

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take no action which might compromise in any way the Board, the Division or any of its employees or students.

12. Refrain from using the position of trustee for personal gain or the pursuit of personal interest and avoid any situation(s) which might suggest a conflict of interest or the appearance of impropriety in the performance of a trustee's responsibilities.
13. Remember always that a trustee's first and greatest concern must be the educational welfare of all students attending our public schools.

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