

Series 9000 - Bylaws of the Board

0. Role of Board and Members (Powers, Purposes, Duties)

A. Statement of Integrity

As members of the Board of Education, our priority is to advance student achievement in our district. We must work effectively as a Board and with others in the community to successfully address the educational welfare of students and promote the mission and goals of Suffield Public Schools. Board of Education members will, within the parameters of their role:

- Create and nurture a safe and respectful environment for all students, teachers, staff and administrators
- Promote and render decisions of the educational welfare of students based on judgment of available facts, while avoiding influence from individuals, special interests, or personal agendas
- Embrace a diversity of perspectives among Board members and be tolerant of members who may not share the same perspective
- Facilitate and participate in ongoing communication between the Board, Superintendent, staff, parents, students and community
- Foster an environment where community members feel comfortable expressing their ideas during public comment or other channels of communication
- Refrain from using a position on the Board for personal and/or partisan gain
- Declare a conflict of interest, if one arises, and excuse oneself from related discussion and action on that issue
- Attend and be prepared for Board meetings

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