

# BOARD OF EDUCATION

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 35 (LANGLEY)

POLICY MANUAL

Policy No. 0001

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As an Elected Trustee on the Board of Education:

I will devote time, thought and study to my duties and responsibilities so that I may render effective and creditable service.

I will recognize that the expenditure of school funds is a public trust, and I will endeavour to see that all such funds shall be expended efficiently, economically, and for the best interest of the students.

I will endeavour to work with my fellow Trustees in a spirit of harmony and cooperation in spite of differences of opinion that may arise during debate. I will observe proper decorum and behaviour; encourage full and open discussions in all matters with my fellow trustees; treat them with respect and consideration; and I will not withhold or conceal from them any information or matter with which they should be concerned.

I will base my personal decision upon all available facts in each situation; vote my honest conviction in every case, unswayed by partisan bias and thereafter, abide by and uphold the final majority decision of the Board.

I will not use the schools or any part of the school program for my own personal advantage or for the advantage of my friends. I will do everything possible to maintain the integrity, confidence, and dignity of the office of School Trustee and I will resist every temptation and outside pressure to use my position as a Trustee to benefit either myself or any other individual or agency.

I will remember at all times that as an individual I have no legal authority outside the meetings of the Board, unless the Board has so delegated. My relationships with the school staff, the local citizenry, and the media will be conducted on the basis of this fact.

I will not communicate the confidential business of the Board outside of a school board meeting or a committee meeting thereof.

I will always bear in mind that the primary function of the Board is to establish the policies by which the schools are to be administered, and that the daily administration of the educational program and conduct of school business shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent of Schools.

I will endeavour to understand the needs and aspirations of the entire school system and do my best to support effective educational programs for the students.