

## **The Vanguard School**

### **POLICY: Vanguard BCA-E-1 – Code of Ethics for School Board Members**

**POLICY ADOPTED: 6-6-17**

An elected or appointed member of The Vanguard School Board of Directors will:

- Attend all regularly scheduled Board meetings insofar as possible and become informed concerning the issues to be considered at those meetings.
- Endeavor to make policy decisions only after full discussion at publicly held Board meetings.
- Render all decisions based on the available facts and independent judgment and refuse to surrender that judgment to individuals or special interest groups.
- Encourage the free expression of opinion by all Board members and seek systematic communications between the Board and students, staff, and all elements of the community.
- Work with other Board members to establish effective Board policies and to delegate authority for the administration of the school to the Executive Director.
- Communicate to other Board members and the Executive Director expressions of public reaction to Board policies and school programs.
- Remain informed about current educational issues by individual study and through participation in programs providing needed information, such as those sponsored by state and national school boards associations.
- Support the employment of those persons best qualified to serve as school staff and insist on a regular and impartial evaluation of all staff.
- Avoid being placed in a position of conflict of interest and refrain from using any Board position for personal or partisan gain.
- Take no private action that will compromise the Board or administration and respect the confidentiality of information that is privileged under applicable laws.
- Remember always the first and greatest concern must be the educational welfare of the students attending the school.

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