

CODE OF ETHICS/CONDUCT FOR PEYTON SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Peyton School District residents elected or appointed to the School Board serve the community and state by overseeing the most important function of public education. To that end, it is appropriate to provide a proper and appropriate “Code of Ethics/Conduct” for School Board members in performing this important service to communities and the youth of the Peyton School District. We therefore resolve:

1. Not to be coerced into decisions by pressure groups. Rather, we will listen to all points of view and try to make decisions based on all available data.
2. To strive to identify our own personal biases and prejudices and to keep them from influencing our decisions.
3. In the consideration of financial matters, such as budget approval, school construction, salaries, and purchase, we will attempt to maintain a balance between fiscal responsibility and a commitment to quality education.
4. To attempt to differentiate between decisions that should rightfully be made by the administrators and those that should be made by the School Board, keeping in mind that the school board’s functions are legislative and evaluative, that is, to make policies and monitor their implementations.
5. To remember that a School Board functions only as a total Board in a legal meeting. Individually we will not attempt to exercise authority as individuals and will not make unauthorized commitments on behalf of the Board.
6. If individually we should be a member of the minority of any vote, we will support the majority opinion. We will not speak outside of Board meetings against any majority decision which was reached in good faith.
7. That if contacted by a parent or other citizen about a school problem, we will point out how important it is to follow a proper “chain of command”.
8. We will respect the confidentiality of information disclosed in executive sessions of the Board.
9. That we will vigorously support School Board policies.

10. Even though we may have been elected by our friends and neighbors, we will view ourselves as representatives of the entire School District and will not be influenced by partisanship. We will consistently support what is best for the total School District.

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