

The function of the Board is to evaluate, discuss and, deliberate such matters as are brought before the Board. This is an obvious Board function. However, during the course of such deliberations, Board members will strive to treat each other with respect and in a professional manner.

A Board member is a representative of all the citizens in the North Lake School District. Each individual is responsible for serving the best interests of the community and its students, utilizing all available resources toward that end. The oath of office requires each Board member to uphold the statutes and constitutions of the United States and State of Wisconsin; but in addition to that, Board members shall:

- * Maintain that the first priority is that of provider and guardian of the educational opportunities for the students in the District
- * Act only when in an official Board session; except an officer may take actions necessary to fulfill his/her duties
- * Attend all meetings and be prepared at those meetings to act on issues before the Board. Be prepared to contribute to the discussion, while keeping an open mind during the deliberations. Once the decision is made, be willing to support and promote its implementation.
- * Avoid all conflicts of interest; both pecuniary and nonpecuniary.
- * Assume that responsibilities for overall management and control of the property and affairs, including the development of policies, belong to the School Board while the responsibilities of the day-to-day operation of the school belong to the administration. Together, the Board and the administration must work to continually identify the needs, goals, and priorities of the District.
- * Be responsive to the public, maintaining open communication lines with citizens in the community, informing them of the educational needs of the District, as well as on actions of the Board and accomplishments of the District's educational program.
- * As a local legislator, work under state and federal statutes. Communicate with state and federal legislators concerning the problems and needs involved in providing a quality education.
- * Consider the Board's role as the District's employer, making sure the District has able and well-qualified employees who will serve in the best interest of the students. This should include providing for staff development and evaluation.
- * Refrain from making disparaging remarks in public about school personnel or other Board members.
- * Encourage open and frank discussions with all Board members and the district administrator in executive sessions of the Board, as per Wisconsin Statutes, and ensure that all information discussed in such sessions be kept confidential, except as otherwise required by statute.
- * Take no action that will compromise the Board or administration, and respect the confidentiality of information that is privileged under applicable statute.