

Commerce Public Schools

420 D Street

Commerce, Oklahoma 74339

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THE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER'S CREED

As a Member of the School Board

I will recognize the integrity of my predecessors and associates and the merits of their work.

I will be motivated only by a desire to serve the children of my community.

I will recognize that it is my responsibility, together with that of my fellow board members, to see that the schools are properly run - not to run them myself.

I will work through the administrative employees of the board - not over or around them.

I will recognize that school business may be legally transacted only in an open meeting which has been legally called.

I will not "play politics."

I will attempt to inform myself on the proper duties and functions of a school board member.

In Performing the Proper Function of a School Board Member

I will deal in terms of general education policies.

I will function in meeting the legal responsibility that is mine, as a part of a legislative, policy-forming body - not as an administrative officer.

I will consider myself a trustee of public education and will attempt to protect and conserve it.

In Maintaining Desirable Relations With Other Members of the Board

I will respect the opinions of others.

I will recognize that authority rests with the board in legal session - not in individual members of the board.

I will make no disparaging remarks in or out of meetings about other members of the board or of their opinions.

I will recognize that to promise in advance of a meeting how I will vote on any proposition which is to be considered is to close my mind and agree not to think through other facts and points of view which may be presented in the meeting.

I will make decisions in board meetings only after all sides of the question have been presented.

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I will consider unethical and will thus avoid "star chamber" or "secret" sessions of board members held without presence of the school administration.