

## **Bylaws of the Board**

### **Role of the Board and Its Members**

#### **Statement of Integrity**

The East Granby Board of Education is committed to the highest ethical standards essential in governing its school system. As Board of Education members, our goal is to improve the education of our children and to advocate for them and their best interests. Board members must be working effectively together and with others in the community to successfully reach this goal. A Board of Education that operates with integrity will be a more effective Board. Students, colleagues, constituents, and others in the community should be considered in every decision.

To this end, as a Board of Education with integrity, we will:

1. Understand that our first and greatest concern is to create a safe nurturing environment for educational welfare of all students, and that every decision must be based on this understanding;
2. Render every decision based solely on our judgment of the available facts and not surrender judgment to individuals, special interests, or our own personal agendas;
3. Attend all Board meetings insofar as possible, and be prepared to discuss and/or act upon all agenda items;
4. Be responsible for becoming informed on any and all issues coming before the Board;
5. Seeks to facilitate ongoing communication between the Board and students, staff, parents and the community;
6. Conduct our meetings and foster an environment where all members of the community can express their ideas;
7. Declare a conflict of interest when it arises and excuse ourselves from related discussion and action on that issue;
8. Refrain from using our position on the Board for personal or partisan gain;
9. Conduct a yearly self-evaluation and set annual goals;
10. Support all decisions by the Board to the community once a decision has been reached.

(cf. 9000 - Role of Board and its Members)

(cf. 9271 - Code of Ethics)

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