



BP 2715 Code of Ethics/Standards of Practice

References:

NWCCU Standard 2.A.23
ORS 244.010 to ORS 244.400
BP 2220 Committees

The Board of Education maintains high standards of ethical conduct for its members. Members of the Board of Education are responsible to:

- Act only in the best interests of the entire community.
- Ensure public input into board deliberations; adhering to the law and spirit of the open meeting laws and regulations.
- Prevent conflicts of interest and the perception of conflicts of interest.
- Exercise authority only as a Board.*
- Use appropriate channels of communication.
- Respect others; acting with civility.
- Be informed about the College, educational issues, and responsibilities of Board membership.
- Devote adequate time to board work, including preparing for Board deliberations by reviewing the agenda and materials prior to meetings.
- Maintain confidentiality of executive sessions.
- Honestly debate the issues affecting the college and our communities and then support Board action as “one-voice” once a decision is made.
- Recognize the roles of the President and the Board Chair to ensure a unified voice in representing the College.

* An individual Board member exercises the authority and responsibility of his/her position when the Board is in legal session. A Board member has the authority to represent the Board when authorized by a specific Board motion or appointment. A Board member has the authority to express personal opinions. When expressing such opinions in public, the Board member must clearly identify the opinion as his/her own.

All Board of Education members are expected to maintain the highest standards of conduct and ethical behavior and to adhere to the Board’s Code of Ethics. The Board of Education will be prepared to investigate the factual basis behind any charge or complaint of Board member misconduct. A Board of Education member may be subject to a resolution of censure by the Board of Education should it be determined that trustee misconduct has occurred. Censure is an official expression of disapproval passed by the Board.

A complaint of Board of Education member misconduct will be referred to an ad hoc committee composed of three Board of Education members not subject to the complaint. In a manner deemed appropriate by the committee and approved by a majority of the



Board; a fact-finding process shall be initiated and completed within a reasonable period of time to determine the validity of the complaint. The committee shall be guided in its inquiry by the standards set forth in the Board of Education's Code of Ethics as defined in policy. The Board of Education member subject to the charge of misconduct shall not be precluded from presenting information to the committee.

The committee shall, within a reasonable period of time, make a report of its findings to the Board of Education for action.

BOARD INSURANCE

The Board of Education will purchase liability insurance and errors-and-omissions insurance to protect its members individually and collectively from claims made against them as a result of official Board actions taken in the course of official duties.

END OF POLICY

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