

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR TRUSTEES

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As a Member of the Thetford Academy Board of Trustees, I will strive to improve education at the Academy, and to that end I will:

Remember always that my first and greatest concern must be the educational welfare of the students attending Thetford Academy.

Attend all regularly scheduled board meetings insofar as possible, and become informed concerning the issues to be considered at those meetings;

Recognize that I should endeavor to make policy decisions only after full discussion at publicly held board meetings;

Act only as a member of the board and not assume authority as an individual in school matters.*

Render all decisions based on the available facts and my independent judgment, and refuse to surrender that judgment to individuals or special interest groups;

Encourage the free expression of opinion by all board members, and seek systematic communications between the board and students, staff, and all elements of the community;

Work with other board members to establish effective board policies and to delegate authority for the administration of the schools to the Head of School;

Communicate to other board members and the Head of School expressions of public reaction to board policies and school programs;

Inform myself about current educational issues by individual study and through participation in programs providing needed information;

Support the employment of those persons best qualified to serve as school staff, and insist on a regular and impartial evaluation of all staff;

Avoid being placed in a position of conflict of interest, and recuse myself should conflict of interest become apparent;

Take no private action that will compromise the board or administration, and respect the confidentiality of information that is privileged under applicable law.

based on National School Boards Association & *Vermont School Boards Association Codes of Ethics