

Code of Conduct for Board Members

It is the policy of the Bethany Board of Education that a member of the Board will:

1. adhere to all Board policies, rules and regulations;
2. conduct himself or herself in a fair and impartial manner;
3. refrain from interfering with the implementation of a Board policy decision by the administration;
4. refrain from interfering with the duties of any school district official; and
5. refrain from divulging to anyone any aspect of matters considered and discussed in executive session.

Each member of the Board shall act in complete accordance with the provisions and tenor of this policy. Should any member of the Board fail to so act, such failure shall constitute cause for censure or other such action as deemed appropriate by the Board.

Procedures for Censure

Prior to any vote to censure a Board member for cause:

1. The Board may review the performance and/or conduct of the Board member in open or executive session (as determined by the Board and the Board member) prior to taking any formal action;
2. If the Board determines that formal action is necessary, the Board member shall be provided with reasonable notice of the Board's intent to consider possible censure (such notice to be given in writing after being authorized by Board vote at a prior meeting of the Board);
3. A vote to censure a Board member shall only take place at a regular meeting or a special meeting called for that purpose;
4. Such censure may be enacted for cause by a majority vote of all Board members.

Legal References: Connecticut General Statutes § 10-220

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