

Board of Education

Board Member Oath and Conduct

The Board adopts the Illinois Association of School Boards' "Code of Conduct for Members of Board of Educations." A copy of the Code shall be displayed in the regular Board meeting room. The Board will also adopt an agreement, signed by every member of the Board, which will guide the Board on specific issues and behavior relevant to the District. This agreement may be changed or reaffirmed annually at the Board's organizational meeting on July 1.

Each School Board member, before taking his or her seat on the Board, shall take the following oath of office:

I (name) do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of member of the Board of Education of the City of Peoria School, District Number 150, in accordance with the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and the laws of the State of Illinois, to the best of my ability,

I further swear (or affirm) that:

I shall respect taxpayer interests by serving as a faithful protector of the School District's assets;

I shall encourage and respect the free expression of opinion by my fellow Board members and others who seek a hearing before the Board, while respecting the privacy of students and employees;

I shall recognize that a Board member has no legal authority as an individual and that decisions can be made only by a majority vote at a public Board meeting; and

I shall abide by majority decisions of the Board, while retaining the right to seek changes in such decisions through ethical and constructive channels.

The Board President will administer the oath in an open Board meeting; in the absence of the President, the Vice President will administer the oath. If neither is available, the Board member with the longest service on the Board will administer the oath.

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CROSS REF.: 1:30 (School District Philosophy), 2:20 (POWERS AND Duties of the School Board), 2:50 (Board Member Term of Office), 2:210 (Organization School Board Meeting).

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