

Branchburg Township
Board of Education
Ethics Training

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Legal Powers of Board Members

- Participate in discussion and votes at duly convened Board meetings
- Consult with Superintendent on Board-related business
- Fulfill other roles delegated by Board

Basic Principles

Board members may not use their official position to secure unwarranted financial gain or other benefits for themselves, their family members, relatives or others.

Basic Principles

Board members may not attempt to administer the schools, but must limit their activities to oversight functions as members of a deliberative body.

Basic Principles

Board members may not make unauthorized promises or commitments that may be perceived as binding the Board or otherwise may undermine the Board's interests.

Social Media

- No prohibition on use of social media, but
- If the post relates to Board business must include a disclaimer

Basic Principles

Board members may not disclose confidential information to others outside the Board circle.

Basic Principles

Board members should refer complaints or concerns to the Superintendent to resolve, and not attempt to “fix” operational issues on their own.

Appearance of Impropriety

- Whether a reasonable observer would believe a violation may have occurred
- Actual conduct or intentions not controlling

Advisory Opinions

- Volunteer Activities
- Negotiations and Personnel Matters
- Board Member Outside Interests

Any questions?

