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Board of Trustees	1.07
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1.07 Code of Ethics for Trustees	

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The Board of Trustees of Kishwaukee College, recognizing the serious responsibilities of persons placed in a position of trust for the educational development of individuals of this District, does adopt the following Code of Ethics for Trustees:

As members of the Kishwaukee College Board of Trustees, representing all the individuals of the College district, we recognize:

- That the public expects our first and greatest concern to be in the best interest of each and every one of these people without distinction of who they are or what their background may be
- That the future welfare of this community, state and nation, depends in the largest measure upon the quality of education we provide in the College to fit the needs of the learner
- That we must take the initiative in helping people of this community to have all the facts about their College, to the end we may readily provide the finest possible College program, College staff, and College facilities
- That legally the authority of the Board is derived from the State, which ultimately controls the organization and operation of the college district which determines the degree of discretionary power left with the Board and the people of this community for the exercise of local autonomy
- That we must not neglect personal obligation to the community and legal obligation to the State nor surrender these responsibilities to any other person, group, or organization

In view of the foregoing consideration, it shall be our constant endeavor to:

- Devote time, thought, and study to the duties and responsibilities of a community college Board member so that we may render effective and creditable service work with fellow Board members in a spirit of harmony and cooperation in spite of difference of opinion that may arise.
- Base decisions upon all available facts in each situation
- Vote with honest conviction in every case, un-swayed by partisan bias of any kind; thereafter, to abide by and uphold the final majority decision of the Board
- Remember at all times that as individuals we have no legal authority outside the meetings of the Board, and to conduct our relationships with the College staff, the local citizenry, and all media of the community on the basis of this fact



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- Resist every temptation and outside pressure to use our position as community college Board members to benefit either ourselves or any individual or agency apart from the total interest of the community college district, including and not limited to the employment or tasking of College faculty, staff and/or students for other than College business during scheduled college work time, on or off campus
- Recognize that it is as important for the Board to understand the educational program of the community college as it is to plan for the business of the college operation
- Bear in mind under all circumstances that the *primary function* of the Board is to establish the policies by which the community college is to be administered – remembering that the administration of the educational program and the conduct of college business shall be left to the employed President of the College and his/her staff – and also remembering that there is a gray line between policy making and policy implementation which should not be crossed
- Keep confidential all information and discussion conducted during Closed Sessions