

PASS CHRISTIAN PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	<i>Descriptor Code:</i> BH	<i>Approved</i> 2/13/2014
SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER CONDUCT/CODE OF ETHICS	<i>Rescinds Policy</i>	<i>Revised</i>

The Board of Trustees of the Pass Christian School District firmly believes that its primary objective and responsibility is to act in the best interest of every student in the district. The Board of Trustees of the Pass Christian School District recognizes that it is the responsibility of the Board to set the direction for the school district, to provide a structure by establishing sound policies for the district, to ensure accountability and to provide community leadership on behalf of the district and public education.

In order to maximize Board effectiveness and public confidence in district governance, members of the Board of Trustees of the Pass Christian School District are expected to govern responsibly and hold themselves to the highest standards of ethical conduct. Therefore, the Board of Trustees of the Pass Christian School District hereby adopts the following Board Member Code of Ethics and each member of the Board of Trustees of the Pass Christian School District is hereby directed to sign a copy of the Code of Ethics. The Board Member Code of Ethics for the Board of Trustees of the Pass Christian School District are as follows:

As a member of the Board of Trustees of the Pass Christian School District I will strive to improve public education, and to that end I will:

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

Conduct all operations of the Board openly, with trust and integrity;

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

Work with other board members to establish effective board policies and govern within these board-adopted policies;

Delegate authority for the administration of the schools to the superintendent;

Communicate to other board members and the superintendent expressions of the public regarding school programs and progress as well as board policies;

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

At all times avoid conflict of interest or the appearance thereof;

At all times refrain from using my position as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Pass Christian School District for personal and/or partisan gain;

Take no private action that will compromise the board or the administration;

Respect the confidentiality of information that is privileged under applicable law by keeping confidential matters confidential;

All matters discussed in executive session are deemed to be confidential and should be kept confidential; furthermore, all matters that are agreed by the Board to be kept confidential should and shall be kept confidential;

Obey the laws of Mississippi and the United States;

Recognize that an individual board member has no authority to speak or act for or on behalf of the entire board;

Express personal opinions but, once the board has acted; accept the will of the majority;

Act with dignity, and understand the implications of demeanor and behavior; and,

Remember always that my first and greatest concern must be the educational welfare of the students attending the schools of the Pass Christian School District.