

Hudsonville Public Schools

Board of Education

Code of Conduct



The Hudsonville Board of Education members are deeply committed and passionate about the quality of education in Hudsonville Public Schools. Serving the students, families, and communities of Hudsonville, the Board of Education recognizes the importance of embracing, adhering, and committing to a method of behavior, operations, and functioning as a Board. The following statements will define how each board member will govern.

- 1. I will fairly and equally represent all students under the care of Hudsonville Public Schools, recognizing the number one concern is the educational welfare of all students.*
- 2. I will conduct business of the board openly and honestly and avoid any conflict of interest.*
- 3. I understand and recognize that I, alone, have no legal authority but rather our authority which include actions and decisions as a board is by majority vote.*
- 4. I will ensure the decisions of the board are supported and enacted even if I do not personally agree nor possibly voted for the ultimate outcome.*
- 5. I understand my role as a board member centers around hiring and evaluating the superintendent of schools and developing School Board of Education policy.*
- 6. I will conduct my discussions and conversations in a respectful, productive, and cooperative manner. I will listen to understand other perspectives.*
- 7. I will prepare for and attend all possible meetings.*
- 8. I will be committed to the growth and development of my skills as a board member by attending local, state, and national learning sessions when practical.*
- 9. I will respect and adhere to all legal constraints of Michigan and Federal Laws. This includes protecting the confidentiality and privacy of students and employees.*
- 10. I will recognize the integrity and positive contributions of past board members and consider prior work before enacting new policies/regulations.*
- 11. I will provide support for the superintendent and employees of the school district and ensure they are able to perform their responsibilities in a professional manner. If concerns arise, I will direct concerns to the superintendent.*
- 12. I will promote the development of policies that ensure effective management of the District.*

13. I will render all decisions based on the available facts and my independent judgment and avoid undue or prejudicial influence of outside groups.

14. I will refrain from posting personal opinions on Board related topics and issues. I will not post non-publicly available District related information without the knowledge of the Superintendent.

On an annual basis, at the January Organizational Board meeting, each member will be reminded of the agreed upon values and responsibilities and will sign the pledge.

Gregory J. Chank 1-19-2023
Board Member Date

Deann L. Smolen 1-19-23
Board Member Date

N. D. R. D. 1/19/23
Board Member Date

Indira D. 1/19/23
Board Member Date

K. A. Hill 1/19/2023
Board Member Date

M. D. W. 1/19/2023
Board Member Date

Barb Hopewell 1-19-2023
Board Member Date

*Special thank you and appreciation for guidance/reference from Michigan, Ohio, and Illinois School Board Association.