***School Board Member Code of Ethical Conduct***

As a member of the local board of education, acknowledging that my actions must be centered on the educational welfare of all students, I shall adhere to the following ethical standards:

* Be fair, just and impartial in all of the decisions as a school board member
* Come to every meeting prepared for the work to be undertaken at that session
* Accord other members, parents and the community with respect
* Seek involvement in my decision making by those I have been elected to represent
* Uphold all laws, regulations and final court orders pertaining to schools and related processes
* Be honest with my colleagues, district personnel, my constituents and other interested parties
* Respect the professional expertise of district staff in the management of our schools
* Ensure the prudent and accountable use of the district’s resources and finances
* Listen to other points of view with an open mind
* Pursue opportunities to improve my knowledge of educational issues and board skills
* Refuse to surrender my judgment to any individual or group at the expense of the district
* Keep confidential any information that is privileged under Kentucky law or board policy
* Recognize the scope of my role as a board member and that of the board as a whole
* Work collaboratively with fellow board members to adopt and apply board policies
* Refer issues requiring administrative action to the appropriate school or district authority
* Refrain from actions which would encroach on the assigned responsibilities of school personnel
* Avoid conflicts of interest as well as any public appearances of conflicts with my office
* Express my personal opinion but upon final board action accept the will of the majority
* Make no promise or take individual steps that may impede the ethical performance of my duties.

*Adopted and endorsed by KSBA Board of Directors, September 2013*