



**SAMPLE BOARD RESOLUTION FOR PRINCIPLES FOR GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP**

*Note: Boards may adopt the Principles as a Board Policy (011), a Board Resolution **or** by motion at a public board meeting*

**WHEREAS**, Pennsylvania school boards are committed to providing every student the opportunity to grow and achieve; and

**WHEREAS**, our actions, as elected and appointed board members, ultimately have both short- and long-term impact in the classroom.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that we will...

**LEAD RESPONSIBLY**

- Prepare for, attend and actively participate in board meetings
- Work together with civility and cooperation, respecting that individuals hold differing opinions and ideas
- Participate in professional development, training and board retreats
- Collaborate with the superintendent, acknowledging their role as the 10th member of the board and commissioned officer of the commonwealth

**ACT ETHICALLY**

- Never use the position for improper benefit to self or others
- Avoid actual or perceived conflicts of interest
- Recognize that school directors do not possess any authority outside of the collective board
- Accept that when a board has made a decision, it is time to move forward collectively and constructively

**PLAN THOUGHTFULLY**

- Implement a collaborative strategic planning process
- Set annual goals that are aligned with comprehensive plans, recognizing the need to adapt as situations change
- Develop a comprehensive financial plan and master facilities plan that anticipate short- and long-term needs
- Allocate resources to effectively impact student success

**EVALUATE CONTINUOUSLY**

- Make data-informed decisions
- Evaluate the superintendent annually
- Conduct a board self-assessment on a recurring basis
- Focus on student growth and achievement
- Review effectiveness of all comprehensive and strategic plans

**COMMUNICATE CLEARLY**

- Promote open, honest and respectful dialogue among the board, staff and community
- Acknowledge and listen to varied input from all stakeholders
- Promote transparency while protecting necessary confidential matters
- Set expectations and guidelines for individual board member communication

**ADVOCATE EARNESTLY**

- Promote public education as a keystone of our commonwealth
- Engage the community by seeking input, building support networks and generating action
- Champion public education by engaging local, state and federal officials

**GOVERN EFFECTIVELY**

- Establish and adhere to rules and procedures for board operations
- Develop, adopt, revise and review policy routinely
- Align board decisions to policy, ensuring compliance with the PA School Code and other local, state and federal laws
- Remain focused on the role of governance, effectively delegating management tasks to the administration

ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS OF THE \_\_\_\_\_

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BOARD SECRETARY

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BOARD PRESIDENT