



## Washington County Board of Education Operating Norms

*Operating Norms should be reviewed and/or revised by the full Board at least at each reorganization following an election.*

As Board Members we pledge to:

1. Make decisions that are in the best interest of students.
2. Respect others by listening to all points of view, communicating openly and honestly, and maintaining confidentiality.
3. Be punctual for Board meetings and notify Board leadership of absence or delay.
4. Be prepared for participation in the collective decision making process.
5. Adhere to Board Communication Processes.
6. Share ideas and information.
7. Seek consensus and honor the majority decision.
8. Discuss differing opinions collectively in order to seek resolution.
9. Respect colleagues votes after a debate has been held and a vote taken.
10. Utilize *Roberts Rules of Order* as guidance in conducting and participating in meetings in accordance with Policy BEDD, entitled "Rules of Order for Meetings (Regular Business Session)." (Training in *Roberts Rules of Order* will be provided upon request.)
11. Limit use of electronic devices during Board meetings to business use.
12. Recognize and celebrate accomplishments.
13. Expand our knowledge of public education and skills in governance through a variety of professional development opportunities and trainings.

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