## BOARD OF TRUSTEES POLICY 2715: Code of Ethics/Standards of Practice

The members of the Board of Trustees of the MiraCosta Community College District pledge to perform their duties in accordance with their oath of office. They are committed to serving the educational needs of all residents of the MiraCosta Community College District, and to carrying out their duties and responsibilities in accordance with

- E. Being aware that they are responsible to all residents in the MiraCosta Community College District and not solely to those who elected them, and exercising the authority delegated to them by the voters with as much care and concern for the least influential as for the most influential members of the community.
- F. Resisting every temptation and outside pressure to use their positions as community college board members to benefit either themselves or any other individual or agency apart from the total welfare of the MiraCosta Community College District.
- G. Recognizing that it is as important for the board to review and understand the educational program of the college as it is to plan for the business of the college operation.
- H. Bearing in mind under all circumstances that the board is legally responsible for the effective operation of the MiraCosta Community College District, that its primary function is to establish the policies by which the MiraCosta Community College District is to be administered, and that it shall hold the superintendent/president and his staff responsible for the administration of the educational program and the conduct of college business.
- I. Welcoming and encouraging the active involvement of students, employees, and residents in the MiraCosta Community College District with respect to establishing policy on current college operations and proposed future developments, and for considering their views in board deliberations and decisions.
- J. Thoroughly understanding that all matters discussed or disclosed during a lawfully held closed session are confidential and that all notes, minutes, recordute bft

resolved in this manner, the board will constitute an ad hoc ethics committee consisting of one member appointed by the board president and one by the board vice president, neither appointee to be the president or vice president. The committee will initiate a thorough, fact-finding process regarding the complaint, including an interview with the member in question, and report its findings and recommendations to the board. The board will then consider the committee's findings. If the board determines the member has not violated Board Policy 2715, Code of Ethics/Standards of Practice, that concludes the process. If the board determines a violation has occurred, the board may sanction the member in a manner it deems appropriate.