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Rolland B's "TEN COMMANDMENTS" FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

- 1. Thou shall Start by proclaiming that a critical part of your organization's mission is, or will be, achieving excellence in civic and history education to prepare graduates for "informed, authentic, and engaged citizenship."**
- 2. Thou shall Cherish the inherently non-partisan nature of your position and consider the community's greater good over partisan or ideological interests.**
- 3. Thou shall Honor your Oath of Office, in words and deeds.**
- 4. Thou shall Oppose and outlaw all forms of discrimination.**
- 5. Thou shall Look into legal considerations because they matter; but don't forget to give due weight to equally important moral and ethical concerns.**
- 6. Thou shall Behave as a policymaker -focused on the BIG picture- not as a micromanager meddling in administrative trivia.**
- 7. Thou shall Own your mistakes promptly, a mark of humility, and then strive to learn from them.**
- 8. Thou shall Agree to disagree without being disagreeable, knowing that on matters of principle or cherished values, you must take a resolute stand even if you do so all alone on solitary ground.**
- 9. Thou shall Remember that as trustees, you are charged with the colossal challenge -and the opportunity- to produce young men and women with the 'civic knowledge, civic skills, and civic dispositions' necessary for responsible citizenship.**
- 10. Thou shall Dedicate your time, energy, and effort to 'the unfinished work ... the great task remaining before us' of producing young adults equipped and prepared to help perpetuate the idea of an everlasting American democracy, the galvanizing idea that 'government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.'**

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