

# WARREN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## RESOLUTION NO.: 15-12-01

### A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION PRINCIPLES FOR GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP

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

**WHEREAS**, the actions taken by the Board ultimately have both short and long-term impact in the classroom.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of School Directors collectively and individually will...

1. Advocate earnestly by promoting public education as the keystone of democracy; engage the community by seeking input, building support networks, and generating action; and championing public education by engaging members of local, state, and federal legislative bodies.
2. Lead responsibly by preparing for, attending, and actively participating in board meetings; working together in a spirit of harmony, respect, and cooperation; participating in professional development, training, and board retreats; and collaborating with the Superintendent as the Team of Ten.
3. Govern effectively by adhering to an established set of rules and procedures for board operations; developing, adopting, revising, and reviewing policy; aligning decisions to policy; differentiating between governance and management, and delegating management tasks to administration; allocating finances and resources; and ensuring compliance with local, state and federal laws.
4. Plan thoughtfully by adopting and implementing a collaborative comprehensive planning process, including regular reviews; setting annual goals that are aligned with the comprehensive plan; and developing a financial plan that anticipates both short and long-term needs; and formulating a master facilities plan conducive to teaching and learning.
5. Evaluate continuously by utilizing appropriate data to make informed decisions; using effective practices for the evaluation of the superintendent; assessing student growth and achievement; and reviewing effectiveness of the comprehensive plan.
6. Communicate clearly by promoting open, honest, and respectful dialogue among the board, staff, and community; encouraging input and support for the District from the school community; protecting confidentiality; and honoring the sanctity of executive sessions.
7. Act ethically by never using the position for improper benefit to self or others; acting to avoid actual or perceived conflicts of interest; recognizing the absence of authority outside of the collective board; respecting the role, authority, and input of the superintendent; balancing the responsibility to provide educational programs with being stewards of community resources; and abiding by the majority decision.

**ADOPTED** as a Resolution of the Warren County School District Board of School Directors this 7th day of December, 2015.

ATTEST: (seal)

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Board Secretary

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Board President