

with one (1) voice once a decision or policy is made.

**2H** **Statement of Ethics** *(Revised October 4, 2007)*

**2H1** Standards of Practice--The members of the Board of Trustees shall comply with the legal and ethical requirements of the State of California. In fulfilling their roles as members of the Board, they shall: *(Added April 20, 1995)*

- Hold the educational welfare of the students of the District as their primary concern,
- Maintain confidentiality on District matters as appropriate,
- Base individual decisions on available facts, and uphold the final decisions of the Board,
- Take no action as a member of the Board for personal gain, and
- Conduct personal relationships with District staff and members of the community based on the fact that they have no legal authority outside the meetings of the Board.

**2H2** Violations of Standards *(Added October 4, 2007)*

**2H2A** Charges by any person that a Board Member has violated laws and regulations governing Board behavior or the Board's Statement of Ethics will be directed to the Chancellor. The Chancellor shall deliver the charges to the Board President or Vice President for appropriate action.

**2H2B** Charges filed will be investigated in a manner that provides professional assessment and confidentiality.

**2H2C** If the alleged behavior violates Board Policy on ethical conduct the Board President or Vice President shall alert the Board Member in question regarding the violation of policy and seek corrective action.

**2H2D** If further action is deemed necessary, the Board President or Vice President may appoint an ad-hoc committee of the Board officers to examine the matter and recommend a course of action to the Board.

The Board may discuss the violation at the Board meeting and affirm its policy expectations, and/or the Board may move to censure the Trustee.

**2H2E** If alleged behavior violates laws governing Board behavior, the President or Vice President of the Board and Chancellor are authorized to consult with legal counsel and refer the matter to appropriate authorities as provided by law.

**2I** **Conflict of Interest Statement**--Each member of the Board of Trustees must file a conflict of interest statement as determined by law and the Board of Trustees'