**Hancock Central School 2160-E**

 **SCHOOL BOARD CODE OF ETHICS EXHIBIT\***

 *As a member of the Board of Education, I will strive to improve public education, and to that end I will:*

Attend all Board meetings insofar as possible, and become informed concerning the issues to be considered at those meetings;

Recognize that I should endeavor to make policy decisions only after full discussion at publicly held Board meetings;

Render all decisions based on the available facts and my independent judgment, and refuse to surrender that judgment to individuals or special interest groups;

Encourage the free expression of opinion by all Board members, and seek systematic communications between the Board and students, staff, and all elements of the community;

Work with other Board members to establish effective Board policies and to delegate authority for the administration of the schools to the Superintendent of Schools;

Communicate to other Board members and the Superintendent expressions of public reaction to Board policies and school programs;

Maintain familiarity with educational issues through study and participation in programs providing needed information, such as those sponsored by state and national school boards associations;

Support the employment of those persons best qualified to serve as school staff, and insist on a regular and impartial evaluation of all staff;

Avoid being placed in a position of conflict of interest, and refrain from using my Board position for personal or partisan gain;

Take no private action that will compromise the Board or administration, and respect the confidentiality of information that is privileged under applicable law; and

Remember always that my first and greatest concern must be the educational welfare of the students attending the public schools.

Board Member Signature Date

Adopted: 09/13/1993