

**Qualities of Effective School Board Members**

 **• A conviction that public education is important**

 **• Able to make decisions**

 **• Loyalty to the democratic process**

 **• Time and energy to devote to board business, including board development opportunities**

 **• Able to accept the will of the majority**

 **• Respect for district staff**

 **• Able to communicate well with others**

 **• Courage**

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