

**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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