The Rye Neck Union Free School District Board of Education consists of six members elected by district residents at the election and budget vote held in May of each year. Members elected to the board of education typically serve three-year terms. Under the New York State Education Law, the board of education is charged with establishing policies to provide the framework for the operation of the district, for overseeing the annual budget, and for appointing and evaluating the superintendent, who as the Chief School Administrator implements the district's policies.

The Rye Neck Union Free School District Board of Education is elected by and responsive to the taxpayers of the Rye Neck community. The Board welcomes questions and comments from community members and encourages its residents to attend and participate at board of education and committee meetings as outlined in the <u>Board Introduction</u>.

The Members of the Rye Neck Board of Education strive to uphold the <u>New York State School</u> Board Association's Code of Ethics for School Boards and School Members.

In addition to the responsibilities listed in the Code of the Ethics, New York Education Law § 1709 identifies the powers and duties of the board of education of every union free school district here.

In the event of a potential conflict of interest or appearance of impropriety, the board member will follow the following procedure to recuse himself/ herself:

- 1. Disclose to the Board the potential conflict of interest or appearance of impropriety along with all material facts within 30 days of any new relationship;
- 2. Inform the Board of his/ her intention to recuse himself/ herself; and
- 3. Abstain from voting

Recusal includes, but is not limited to, any form of pre-decision communications (including e-mails), informal or formal discussions, and voting on the matter. Upon disclosure, the superintendent will advise the appropriate staff and school officers that they are prohibited from communicating with that board member about said matter. When those communications take place in a public meeting, the board member will leave the board meeting while the other board members complete their discussion, consideration and vote. The minutes of the public meeting will include a record that the board member recused themselves from discussion and consideration and that they abstained from voting.