Hickman County Board of Education

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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

In their relationship with community groups, an effort should be made by all employees to make school life a part of community life. Employees should know the community, its influence and its opportunities for students as well as for themselves.

Employees have a right to express their views on any issue, but must in each case make clear that the view expressed is not the official view of the Board or school system.

POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

Employees may, on their own time, campaign for or against any candidate or referendum, but they shall not use ~~the schools, the classroom~~ district owned property or system position for political forum nor engage in any political promotion or solicitation during school hours. District owned property includes, but is not limited to: all buildings, signage, message boards, telephonic equipment, electronic equipment, and email accounts. District-owned property, including school buildings, district offices, and other facilities, shall not be used as a location for filming or recording content intended for political promotion or solicitation. Employees shall not use audio or video messages to engage in any political promotion or solicitation during school hours.[1]

Any employee who intends to campaign for an elective public office which infringes upon a contracted agreement shall present a proposed solution to the Board for consideration. The essential element to be determined by the Board is whether the activities proposed by the employee are consistent with his services to the school system and the best interests of education.

Leave to hold legislative office shall be granted for whatever period may be required but shall be granted without pay.

Cross References

Legal References
1. TCA 49-6-2009

Board-Community Relations 1.500
News Releases, News Conferences & Interviews 1.503 Advertising & Distribution of Materials in Schools 1.806