

*From the IASB website: Although most school boards traditionally marked the seating of new members with some form of ceremony, there was no official oath of office required for school board members until [Public Act 94-0881](#) was enacted into law in 2006. This law requires that school board members, before taking their seats on the board, take an official oath that is in substantially the form presented below.*

## Oath of Office

"I, *(name of member)*, do solemnly swear that I will faithfully discharge the duties  
of the office of member of the Board of Education  
of Millburn Community Consolidated School District 24  
in accordance with the Constitution of the United States,  
the Constitution of the State of Illinois,  
and the laws of the State of Illinois, to the best of my ability.

"I further swear that:

"I shall respect taxpayer interests  
by serving as a faithful protector of the school district's assets;

"I shall encourage and respect the free expression of opinion  
by my fellow board members and others who seek a hearing before the board,  
while respecting the privacy of students and employees;

"I shall recognize that a board member has no legal authority as an individual  
and that decisions can be made only by a majority vote at a public board meeting;

and "I shall abide by majority decisions of the board,  
while retaining the right to seek changes in such decisions  
through ethical and constructive channels."