While most special district boards are comprised of individuals from different backgrounds and experiences, individual special district board members can be more effective when they exhibit:

* A thoughtful, sincere and deliberate approach to the position.
* Understanding of the issues, knowing that their decisions have a tremendous impact on the community.
* A constructive attitude toward teamwork.
* Understanding that they have no legal authority as an individual board member.
* The willingness to spend the time necessary to be well-informed on issues.
* The ability to represent the entire community and not surrender to special interest groups or partisan political groups.
* The temperament to respond accordingly and appropriately through challenging events remembering that public actions and words of members of the board will impact the district, its image and integrity.
* The willingness to listen respectfully to the opinions and concerns of colleagues and constituents.
* The willingness to express one’s own opinion and participate in discussions openly and honestly.
* Encouragement and respect for the free expression of opinion by colleagues.
* The maturity to respect the confidentiality of privileged information, taking no private action that would compromise the board or staff.
* The willingness to model continuous learning, taking advantage of professional development opportunities.
* The willingness to abide by and support the board adopted operating procedures.