

Intermediate District 287

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DISTRICT POLICY

POLICY SERIES: Board Officers & Operations

SUBJECT: Board Member conflict of interest

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BOARD REVIEWED DATE: October 2012

BOO240 Board Member Conflict of Interest

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that Board decisions are based on the best interests of the District rather than an individual Board member's actual or perceived financial or personal gain.

I. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

It is the policy of the Board to define its priorities, adopt its policies, make its decisions, and dedicate District resources based solely on the best interests of the District as a whole, and the students and member districts served by its programs. It is the policy of the Board to ensure that all members are educated concerning possible conflicts of interest and how to avoid them.

II. GENERAL PROHIBITIONS

- A. All Board members shall avoid even the appearance of a conflict of interest because even though such conflict may not exist, it creates the appearance of impropriety. Board members with an actual or perceived conflict of interest shall not participate in Board discussions or vote on Board actions related to that interest.
- B. A Board member who is authorized to take part in any manner in making any sale, lease, or contract in his or her official capacity shall not voluntarily have a personal financial interest in that sale, lease, or contract or personally benefit financially from it.
- C. The District may not employ any person related by blood or marriage to a Board member, within the fourth degree as defined in civil law, except by a unanimous vote of the full Board.

IV. REPORTING AND DETERMINATION

The determination as to whether a conflict of interest exists is to be made by the Board. Any Board member who has reason to believe that he or she has an actual or potential conflict of interest, or that another member has an actual or potential conflict of interest, shall notify the Board immediately. The Board member(s) shall cooperate as necessary for the Board to make its determination and shall abide by the decision of the Board.