

- A. Public office is not to be used for the profit, gain or private interest of any individual. It is the intent of this policy to protect the public trust placed in directors of this school district by preventing any situation that would prevent a Board member from devoting himself with complete loyalty and singleness of purpose to the general public interest.
- B. Conflicts of Interest
In order to avoid any real or potential conflict of interest:
1. The Board will not hire any of its members as an employee of the District nor shall the Board approve any compensation for a Board member for services rendered to the District, except for services rendered to the Board as provided by law. Members may be reimbursed for authorized expenses in carrying out Board duties as provided by law.
 2. The Board will not purchase supplies, equipment or personal services from any member of the Board or from a firm, business or corporation in which a Board member has a substantial interest unless such purchases are made on the basis of competitive bids or quotations solicited through public advertising.
 3. In the event of a Board member conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest, the Board member shall disclose the conflict of interest in writing to the Board prior to any debate on the matter.
 4. A Board member who discloses a potential conflict of interest may abstain from voting on the matter disclosed.
 5. A Board member who has a personal or private interest in a matter proposed or pending before the Board shall disclose such interest to the Board, shall not vote on it and shall not attempt to influence the decisions of other board members in voting on the matter.

ADOPTED: May 20, 2008

LEGAL REFS: Colorado Constitution, Article X, Section 13
C.R.S. 22-32-109 (1)(y) (duty of board to adopt bylaws on conflicts of interest)
C.R.S. 24-18-109 through 24-18-111(government rules of conduct)
C.R.S. 24-18-201 (standards of conduct – interests in contracts)
C.R.S. 24-18-202 (standards of conduct – interests in sales)

CROSS REFS: BC, School Board Member Conduct
BCA-E-1, Code of Ethics for School Board Member
BEDF, Voting Method
DJE, Bidding Procedures

NOTE: C.R.S. 22-32-109 (1)(y) which was enacted in 1984 provided that a board of education would be exempt from C.R.S. 18-8-308 (1), the criminal law pertaining to failure to disclose a conflict of interest, if the board filed a copy of its conflict of interest policy with the Colorado Department of Education and received an acknowledgment of receipt of the policy. Although C.R.S. 22-32-109 (1)(y) was not repealed by H.B. 1209 in 1988, for all practical purposes it has been superseded by the new statutory provisions. However, CASB recommends that a board continue to file its conflict of interest policy with the Department of Education to be absolutely certain that the exemption from the criminal statute will continue.