

POLICIES PERTAINING TO OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Conflicts of Interest:

Board members shall follow the abstention, voting, and affidavit filing requirements of Chapter 171 of the Texas Local Government Code, if applicable, when there is a transaction before the board involving real estate or a business entity in which a board member has a substantial interest.

Interested Transactions:

A school board member shall make known to other members of the board the material facts as to relationship or interest regarding a contract or transaction with that board member, or with any business entity as to which the board member is an officer or director or in which the board member has some financial interest.

Nepotism:

The school board and/or school officers shall not hire or appoint relatives to school positions compensated from public funds when such relatives are within the degrees of consanguinity and/or affinity forbidden under Chapter 100 of the Texas Administrative Code, Sections 100.1111 to 100.1116

Disclosure of Campaign Contributions and Gifts:

The school board, board member, school, or employee who proposes to enter into a contract with or applies for a grant, contract, or charter which may be granted by the State Board of Education shall disclose whether, at any time in the preceding four years, the person, corporation, or other legal entity has made a campaign contribution to a candidate for or a member of the State Board of Education. Disclosure shall be made in writing to the commissioner of education 14 calendar days prior to consideration by the board or any committee of a contract, grant or charter. In the same manner, any benefit conferred on a candidate for or member of the State Board of Education during the preceding four years shall be disclosed. A benefit need not be disclosed if the aggregate value of benefits conferred on a member of the State Board of Education during the preceding four years does not exceed \$50. This requirement applies whether or not the board, board member, school, or employee is required to report the expenditure to the Texas Ethics Commission.

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