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BOARD POLICY

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No school Director or the superintendent may be beneficially interested, directly or indirectly, in any contract made by, through, or under the supervision of the Director or superintendent, in whole or in part, or which may be made for the benefit of his or her office, or accept, directly or indirectly, any compensation, gratuity, or reward in connection with such contract from any other person beneficially interested therein, except as provided below:

- Any contract, purchase of materials, or activity paid for from school funds if the total volume received by the Director, superintendent, or his or her business does not exceed \$1,500.00 in any calendar month. The District will maintain a list of all contracts covered under this paragraph and the list will be available for public inspection and copying;
- An individual Director may be designated as clerk and/or purchasing agent at the prevailing hourly wage;
- The spouse of a Director or the superintendent may be employed as a substitute teacher on the same terms and at the same compensation as other substitute teachers in the District. The Board must find that the number of qualified substitute teachers in the District is insufficient to meet the anticipated needs for short-term and one-day substitute teachers, and the Board must ensure that substitute teachers are assigned to available positions in a fair and impartial manner;
- Prior to approval of the employment of a Director or spouse of a school Director or superintendent, the Board shall be advised of the number of other individuals who are qualified for and interested in the position(s) to be filled. The District will not discriminate in any way against any applicant for a certified position or any certificated employee on the basis of a family relationship with a school Director or the superintendent, except where covered by chapter 42.23 RCW. All employment decisions will be made on the basis of choosing the applicant that furthers the best interest of the District;
- If a person is employed by the District under contract as a classified or certificated employee before his or her spouse becomes a Director or superintendent, the contract may be renewed for further employment, provided that the terms of the contract are commensurate with the pay plan or collective bargaining agreement operating in the District for that position; or

- The Director or superintendent has only a remote interest in a contract and the extent of the interest is disclosed prior to Board action and recorded in the official minutes prior to formation of the contract.

A Director may not vote on the authorization, approval, or ratification of a contract in which he or she is beneficially interested and to which one of the exemptions described above applies.

Whenever a Director, or his or her spouse or dependent, is employed by the District, the Director will refrain from participating in or attempting to influence any Board action affecting the employment status of the Director, spouse, or dependent. Actions affecting employment status include, but are not limited to, hiring, establishing compensation and fringe benefits, setting working conditions, conducting performance evaluations, and considering or imposing discipline and termination.

The superintendent will maintain a log of any contract subject to this policy and annually or when a new Director assumes office, will inform the Board of the existence of all such contracts.

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Cross References

Policy 6230 Relations with Vendors

Legal References

RCW 28A.405.250 Certificated employees, applicants for certificated position, not to be discriminated against –
Right to inspect personnel file
RCW 28A.635.050 Certain corrupt practices of school officials – Penalty
RCW 42.23.030 Interest in contracts prohibited – Exceptions
RCW 42.23.040 Remote interests