

Hermiston School District 8R

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Site Acquisition Procedure

The Board is responsible for providing appropriate building sites for the future needs of the district. District needs are defined as providing school facilities and land for student enrollment growth, providing fields for athletics and activities and providing facilities for management and maintenance operations.

To this end, the Board may purchase or lease real property on a contracted basis when the period of time allowed for payment does not exceed five years. Negotiations with persons, businesses or public entities regarding proposed purchase, liquidation or exchange of public investments shall typically take place in executive session. Final Board action, however, shall be made in open public session.

No Board member or district employee in a position of authority to administer land sales may be involved in the process of land acquisition or disposal that could be to their financial or personal benefit. Were this to occur, a conflict of interest must be declared as described in ORS 244.120.

When the Board cannot acquire property through purchase or trade, using “eminent domain” action may be another means of acquiring property. This would be employed only when all other reasonable means have failed.

The Board’s purpose for purchasing, selling or trading real property is for the best benefit of students and the management of the district. It is not the position of the Board to be actively involved in real estate matters that do not directly benefit the district’s educational mission.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 197.295 - 197.314](#)

[ORS Chapter 294](#)

[ORS 328.542 - 328.565](#)

[ORS 332.155](#)

[ORS 332.182](#)

[ORS 244.120](#)