

Springfield School District 19

Code: **BBFA**
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Orig. Code(s): BBFA

Board Member Conflicts of Interest

Board members will refrain from using their official position to obtain personal financial benefit or avoid financial detriment for themselves or a relative which would not otherwise be available but for holding the official position. A “relative” is defined as a Board member’s spouse, any children of the Board member or Board member’s spouse, and brothers, sisters or parents of the Board member or Board member’s spouse. No Board member or member of his/her household will solicit or receive directly or indirectly during any calendar year any gift or gifts with an aggregate value in excess of \$100 from any single source that could reasonably be known to have a legislative, administrative, regulatory, supervisory or judicial interest in the district.

No Board member will solicit or receive, either directly or indirectly, any pledge or promise of future employment based on any understanding that the Board’s vote, official action or judgment would be thereby influenced.

No Board member will use for personal gain any confidential information gained through his/her official position or association with the district.

A Board member will respect individuals’ privacy rights when dealing with confidential information gained through association with the district.

Individual Board members and the Board as a public entity subscribe to the Code of Ethics for public officials as stated in Oregon law.

A “potential conflict of interest” means any action or any decision or recommendation by a Board member that could result in a financial benefit or avoidance of financial detriment to the Board member or Board member’s relative or for a business with which the Board member or relative is associated, unless otherwise provided by law. An “actual conflict of interest” means any action or any decision or recommendation taken by a Board member that would result in a financial benefit or avoidance of detriment to the Board member or Board member’s relative or for any business with which the Board member or relative is associated, unless otherwise provided by law. When involved in an actual or potential conflict of interest, a Board member must publicly announce the nature of the conflict. Abstaining from a vote does not meet the legal requirement of publicly stating a potential conflict. A Board member may, after declaring his/her potential conflict of interest, either vote or abstain on the issue. A Board member may not vote lawfully if an actual conflict of interest exists as defined in Oregon law, except when the Board member’s vote is necessary to meet a requirement of a minimum number of votes to take official action, but said Board member may not participate as a Board member in any discussion or debate on the issue out of which the actual conflict arises.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 162.015](#) to-162.035

[OAR 199-005-0005](#) to-199-020-0020

[ORS 162.405](#) to-162.425

[ORS 244.010](#) to-244.400

[ORS 332.055](#)

[ORS 659A.006](#)

38 OR. ATTY. GEN. OP. 1995 (1978)

OR. ETHICS COMM'N, OR. GOV'T ETHICS LAW, A GUIDE FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS (2008).

Cross Reference(s):

BBF - Board Member Ethics