

CHETEK-WEYERHAEUSER ARES SCHOOL DISTRICT

Adopted: 3-24-03

BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICIES

Revised:

Witnessed by Clerk: _____

GP-10 Board Member Conflict of Interest

Board members are expected to avoid conflicts of interest involving any matter pending before the board. A conflict of interest is deemed to exist when a member is confronted with an issue in which the member has a personal or pecuniary interest or an issue of circumstance that could render the member unable to devote complete loyalty and singleness of purpose to the public interest.

Accordingly:

1. If a Board member has a personal or private interest in any matter pending before the Board, the member shall disclose such interest to the Board, shall not vote on the matter and shall not attempt to influence the decisions of other Board members.

If the Board lacks a quorum without the member's participation, the member may vote if his participation is necessary to enable the Board to act (statutes 19.59 and 946.13). If a member votes under such circumstances, the member shall state for the record the fact and nature of the potential conflict of interest.

2. The Board shall not enter into any contract with any of its members or with a firm in which a member has a financial interest, except upon prior full disclosure to the board.
3. A Board member is expected to avoid conflict of interest in the exercise of the member's fiduciary responsibility. Accordingly, a Board member may not:
 - a. Disclose or use confidential information acquired during the performance of official duties as a means to further the Board member's own personal financial interests or the interests of a member of the Board member's immediate family.
 - b. Accept a personal gift of any value or economic benefit which would tend to improperly influence a reasonable person, or which the Board member knows or should know is primarily for the purpose of a reward for official action.
 - c. Engage in a substantial financial transaction for private business purposes with a person whom the Board member directly or indirectly supervises.

Monitoring Method: Internal report

Monitoring Frequency: Annually