

202.1.2 Conflict of Interest

Policy

The Board expects that the actions of trustees will be perceived to be in the best interests of the District, and shall, at no time, be seen to be for personal gain. It is incumbent upon a Trustee to declare any conflict of interest, verbally or in writing, prior to any discussion and be absent during any discussion of that particular issue.

Definitions

For the purposes of this policy, pecuniary interest is defined in the School Act as “an interest in a matter that could monetarily affect

- the person,
- a corporation, other than a distributing corporation, in which the person is a shareholder, director or officer,
- a distributing corporation in which the person beneficially owns voting shares carrying at least 10% of the voting rights attached to the voting shares of the corporation or of which the person is a director or officer,
- a partnership or firm of which the person is a member, or
- a corporation, partnership, firm, government or person that employs the person.”

The School Act further states that “the pecuniary interests

- of the spouse or adult interdependent partner, children, or parents of a person, or
- of the parents of the spouse of a person

that are known to the person or of which the person reasonable should know shall be deemed to be the pecuniary interests of the person.”

Regulations

1. Upon orientation, all trustees shall be advised of the requirement to comply with the Conflict of Interest policy.

The Board delegates to the Superintendent the authority to develop the procedures necessary to implement this policy.

References

Alberta School Act:	Sections 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91
District Policies:	202.1 Trustee Code of Conduct, 400.2.1 Employee Conflict of Interest
Other:	Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act