



## Turtle River School Division

### BOARD POLICY #7 Conflict of Interest

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Trustees will at all times act in the best interest of the School Division, fulfilling their responsibilities and obligations as elected officials, in a manner that inspires confidence and trust in the integrity, objectivity and impartiality of the Board.

Trustees will abide by the provisions of all federal, provincial and local legislation, including but not limited to, that identified in the Introduction to the Board Policy Manual as well as Board Policies, Operating Procedures and Bylaws. For purposes of this policy, trustees will be governed by legislation set out in Sections 36-39 of The Public Schools Act which specifically lays out the procedures and sanctions available for dealing with conflict of interest.

#### Definition

A conflict of interest exists when an individual trustee's financial interests, or those of family members or close personal associates, interfere with or compromise the trustee's ability to act objectively in the best interests of the School Division and the constituents it serves. Such conflict can be **real, potential or perceived**.

In addition to the provisions of The Public Schools Act concerning monetary conflicts of interest, trustees are also considered to be in conflict of interest in the following situations:

- When they appropriate financial or other resources for personal use (e.g., information, equipment, supplies, transportation, training, staff time) outside normal business unless specifically authorized by the Board.
- When they use division-assigned email accounts and/or division logos while campaigning for election.