

CENTRAL UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Policy

BP 3315 (a)

Conflict of Interest

Governing Board members shall not engage in any employment or activity, which is inconsistent with, incompatible with, in conflict with or inimical to the Board member's duties as an officer of the district. (Government Code 1126)

Conflict of Interest Code

Together with a district attachment specifying designated positions and the specific types of disclosure statements required for each position, the District's conflict of interest code shall include the terms of California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Section 18730 and any amendments adopted by the Fair Political Practices Commission

Upon direction by the code reviewing body, the Board shall review the district's conflict of interest code in even-numbered years. If no change in the code is required, the district shall submit by July 1 a written statement to that effect to the code reviewing body. If a change in the code is necessitated by changed circumstances, the district shall submit an amended code to the code reviewing body. (Government Code 87306.5)

When a change in the district's conflict of interest code is necessitated by changed circumstances such as the creation of new designated positions, amendments or revisions shall be submitted to the code reviewing body within 90 days. (Government Code 87306)

When reviewing and preparing conflict of interest codes, the district shall provide officers, employees, consultants and members of the community adequate notice and a fair opportunity to present their views. (Government Code 87311)

If a Board member or designated employee determines that he/she has a financial interest in a decision, as described in Government Code 87103, this determination shall be disclosed. The member shall be disqualified from voting unless his/her participation is legally required. (2 CCR 18700)

Financial Interest

Board members and designated employees shall not be financially interested in any contract made by the Board or in any contract they make in their capacity as Board members or designated employees. (Government Code 1090)

A Board member shall not be considered to be financially interested in a contract if his/her interest includes, but is not limited to, any of the following: (Government Code 1091.5)

1. That of an officer who is being reimbursed for his/her actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of an official duty
2. That of a recipient of public services generally provided by the public body or board of which he/she is a member, on the same terms and conditions as if he or she were not a member of the board
3. That of a landlord or tenant of the contracting party if such contracting party is the federal government or any federal department or agency, this state or an adjoining state, any department or agency of this state or an adjoining state, any county or city of this state or an adjoining state, or any public corporation or special, judicial or other public district of this state or an adjoining state unless the subject matter of such contract is the property in which such officer or employee has such interest as landlord or tenant in which even

his/her interest shall be deemed a remote interest within the meaning of, and subject to, the provisions of Government Code 1091

4. That of a spouse of an officer or employee of the district if his/her spouse's employment or office holding has existed for at least one year prior to his/her election or appointment
5. That of a non-salaried member of a nonprofit corporation, provided that such interest is disclosed to the Board at the time of the first consideration of the contract, and provided further that such interest is noted in its official records
6. That of a non-compensated officer of a nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation which, as one of its primary purposes, supports the functions of the nonprofit board or to which the school Board has legal obligation to give particular consideration, and provided further that such interest is noted in its official records
7. That of a person receiving salary, per diem, or reimbursement for expenses from a governmental entity, unless the contract directly involves the department of the government entity that employs the officer or employee, provided that such interest is disclosed to the Board at the time of consideration of the contract, and provided further that such interest is noted in its official records
8. That of an attorney of the contracting party or that of an owner, officer, employee or agent of a firm which renders, or has rendered, service to the contracting party in the capacity of stockbroker, insurance agent, insurance broker, real estate agent, or real estate broker, if these individuals have not received and will not receive remuneration, consideration, or a commission as a result of the contract and if these individuals have an ownership interest of less than 10 percent in the law practice or firm, stock brokerage firm, insurance firm or real estate firm

In addition, a Board member or employee shall not be deemed to be interested in a contract made pursuant to competitive bidding under a procedure established by law if his/her sole interest is that of an officer, director, or employee of a bank or savings and loan association with which a party to the contract has the relationship of borrower or depositor, debtor or creditor. (Government Code 1091.5)

A Board member shall not be deemed to be financially interested in a contract if he/she has only a remote interest in the contract and if the remote interest is disclosed during a Board meeting and noted in the official Board minutes. The affected Board member shall not vote or debate on the matter or attempt to influence any other Board member to enter into the contract. Remote interests are specified in Government Code 1091(b); they include, but are not limited to, the interest of a parent in the earnings of his/her minor child. (Government Code 1091)

A Board member may enter into a contract if the rule of necessity or legally required participation applies as defined in Government Code 87101.

Even if there is no prohibited or remote interest, a Board member shall abstain from voting on personnel matters that uniquely affect a relative of the Board member. A Board member may vote, however, on collective bargaining agreements and personnel matters that affect a class of employees to which the relative belongs. "Relative" means an adult who is related to the person by blood or affinity within the third degree, as determined by the common law, or an individual in an adoptive relationship within the third degree. (Education Code 35107)

A relationship within the third degree includes the individual's parents, grandparents and great-grandparents, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, brothers, sisters, aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews, and the similar family of the individual's spouse unless the individual is widowed or divorced.

Gifts

Board members and designated employees may accept gifts only under the conditions and limitations specified in Government Code 89503 and 2 CCR 18730.

The limitations on gifts do not apply to wedding gifts and gifts exchanged between individuals on birthdays, holidays and other similar occasions, provided that the gifts exchanged are not substantially disproportionate in value. (Government Code 89503)

Gifts of travel and related lodging and subsistence shall be subject to the prevailing gift limitation except as described in Government Code 89506.

A gift of travel does not include travel provided by the district for Board members and designated employees. (Government Code 89506)

Conflict of Interest Code

In addition to, and supportive of, the provisions of this policy, the District's Code of Conduct/Conflict of Interest policy shall comprise the terms of the California Code of Regulations, Title 2, section 18730, and any amendments to it duly adopted by the Fair Political Practices Commission, together with attachments specifying designated positions and disclosure categories.

Each Board member and persons holding a designated position, as identified in Appendix A, shall adhere to the District's Code of Conduct/Conflict of Interest Code adopted pursuant to the provisions of Government Code 87300. Annual Statements of Economic Interest shall be filed with the District's designated filing officer no later than April 1. Assuming Office statements shall be filed within 30 days after taking seat on the Board or appointment to a designated position. Leaving Office statements shall be filed within 30 days after leaving the Board or designated position. Statements of Economic Interest are subject to public inspection. The District shall make and retain a copies and forward originals to the Kings County Superintendent of Schools. The designated filing officer for the District is the Superintendent. The filing location is the Central Union School District, 15873 18th Avenue, Lemoore, California 93245.

APPENDIX A

Designated Positions

1. Persons occupying the following positions are designated because they make or participate in making decisions that may have an anticipated material effect on their financial interests. Therefore, they must disclose their financial interests as defined in Category 1, Appendix B.

Governing Board Members
Superintendent of District
Director of Business Services
Assistant Superintendents

APPENDIX B

Required Disclosures

Designated persons must report:

1. Interests in real property located entirely or partly within district boundaries, or within two miles of district boundaries or of any land owned or used by the District. Such

interests include any leasehold, beneficial or ownership interest or option to acquire such interest in real property.

2. Investments or business positions in or income from sources which:
 - a. are engaged in the acquisition or disposal of real property within the District.
 - b. are contractors or subcontractors which are or have been within the past two years engaged in work or services of the type used by the District, or
 - c. manufacture or sell supplies, books, machinery or equipment of the type used by the District.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

1006 Qualifications for holding office
35107 School district employees
35230-35240 Corrupt practices
35233 Prohibitions applicable to members of governing boards

GOVERNMENT CODE

1090-1098 Prohibitions applicable to specified officers
1125-1129 Incompatible activities
81000-91015 Political Reform Act of 1974, especially:
82011 Code reviewing body
82019 Definition of designated employee
82028 Definition of gifts
82030 Definition of income
87100-87103.6 General prohibitions
87200-87210 Disclosure
87300-87313 Conflict of interest code
87500 Statements of economic interests
89501-89503 Honoraria and gifts
91000-91014 Enforcement

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2

18110-18997 Regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission

COURT DECISIONS

Thorpe v. Long Beach Community College District, (2000) 83 Cal.App.4th. 655
Kunec v. Brea Redevelopment Agency, (1997) 55 Cal.App.4th 511

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

82 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 83 (1999)
81 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 327 (1998)
80 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 320 (1997)
69 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 255 (1986)
68 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 171 (1985)
65 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 606 (1982)

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

Fair Political Practices Commission: <http://www.fppc.ca.gov>