

CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE REVIEW STATEMENT

TO: Lake Tahoe Unified School District

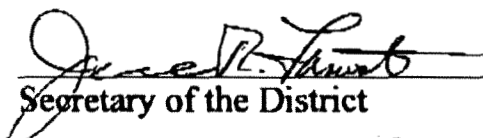
Please select one of the following:

The code reviewing body of the above named Agency has reviewed the agency's Conflict of Interest Code for the year 2008, and find it to satisfy our needs for the coming year.

The code reviewing body of the above named agency has reviewed the agency's Conflict of Interest Code for 2008 and found that revisions are necessary.

Revised Conflict of Interest Code is attached.

Agency will submit revised Conflict of Interest Code within Ninety (90) days.


Secretary of the District
This 22nd day of July, 2008

Lake Tahoe Unified School District Minutes

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

July 22, 2008

Tuesday, 05:00 PM

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Attendees

Wendy David	Board Member	
Dr. Michael Doyle	Board Member	
Dr. Larry Green	Board Member	
Sue Novasel	Board President	
Angela Swanson	Clerk of the Board	
Angie Keil	Executive Assistant to the Superintendent	non-voting
Dr. James Tarwater	Superintendent	non-voting
Debra Yates	Chief Financial Officer	non-voting

Meeting Minutes

Also in attendance: Karen Houser and Christina Grubbs.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Sue Novasel called the meeting of the Board of Education to order at the Education Center Board Room at 5:04 p.m.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

Sue Novasel announced the items to be discussed in closed session.

3. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION (Government Code Section 54954.5)

Sue Novasel adjourned the meeting to closed session at 5:05 p.m.

4. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

Sue Novasel reconvened the meeting to regular open session at 6:15 p.m.

5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Wendy David made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted; Larry Green seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

7. ACTION ON ITEMS FROM CLOSED SESSION

a. Personnel Order No. 0809-01 (Government Code Section 54957 and 54957.1)

(D) (V)

- i. *Hire*: Teachers, substitute teacher, speech pathologist, and instructional assistant.
- ii. *Accept Resignation*: cross-country coach.
- iii. *Accept Change in Employment Status*: teacher
- iv. *Other Personnel Matter*: Principal

Motion made by: Dr. Larry Green

Seconded by: Angela Swanson

CONFLICT OF INTEREST (continued)

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*
- 35239 *Compensation for board members in districts under 70 ADA*

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, especially:*
- 18702.5 *Public identification of a conflict of interest for Section 87200 filers*

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

- 86 *Ops. Cal. Atty. Gen. 138 (2003)*
- 85 *Ops. Cal. Atty. Gen. 60 (2002)*
- 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>*

Bylaw

adopted: February 10, 2004
reviewed: July 11, 2006
revised: July 22, 2008

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South Lake Tahoe, California

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- e. Grant district approval to a contract or contract specifications which require district approval and in which the district is a party
- f. Grant district approval to a plan, design, report, study or similar item
- g. Adopt or grant district approval of district policies, standards or guidelines

A consultant is also an individual who, pursuant to a contract with the district, serves in a staff capacity with the district and in that capacity participates in making a governmental decision as defined in 2 CCR 18702.2 or performs the same or substantially all the same duties for the district that would otherwise be performed by an individual holding a position specified in the district's Conflict of Interest Code. (2 CCR 18701)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

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- (2) 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
- (3) Manufacture or sell supplies, books, machinery or equipment of the type used by the district

2. Persons occupying the following positions are designated employees in Category 2:

Director of Special Education
Human Resource Director
Principals
Assistant Principal

Designated persons in this category must report investments or business positions in or income from sources which:

- a. Are contractors or subcontractors engaged in work or services of the type used by the department which the designated person manages or directs, or
 - b. Manufacture or sell supplies, books, machinery or equipment of the type used by the department which the designated person manages or directs. For the purposes of this category, a principal's department is his/her entire school.
3. Consultants are designated employees who must disclose financial interests as determined on a case-by-case basis by the Superintendent or designee. The Superintendent or designee's written determination shall include a description of the consultant's duties and a statement of the extent of disclosure requirements based upon that description. All such determinations are public records and shall be retained for public inspection along with this conflict of interest code.

A consultant is an individual who, pursuant to a contract with the district, makes a governmental decision whether to: (2 CCR 18701)

- a. Approve a rate, rule or regulation
- b. Adopt or enforce a law
- c. Issue, deny, suspend or revoke a permit, license, application, certificate, approval, order or similar authorization or entitlement
- d. Authorize the district to enter into, modify or renew a contract that requires district approval

CONFLICT OF INTEREST (continued)

Honoraria

Board members and designated employees shall not accept any honorarium, which is defined as any payment made in consideration for any speech given, article published, or attendance at any public or private gathering, in accordance with law. (Government Code 89501, 89502)

The term honorarium does not include: (Government Code 89501)

1. Earned income for personal services customarily provided in connection with a bona fide business, trade or profession unless the sole or predominant activity of the business, trade or profession is making speeches
2. Any honorarium which is not used and, within 30 days after receipt, is either returned to the donor or delivered to the district for donation into the general fund without being claimed as a deduction from income for tax purposes

**APPENDIX
DESIGNATED POSITIONS/DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES**

1. Persons occupying the following positions are designated employees in Category 1:

Board of Education Members
Superintendent of Schools
Chief Financial Officer
Director of Facilities
Director of Purchasing and Child Nutrition

Designated persons in this category must report:

- a. 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.
- b. Investments or business positions in or income from sources which:
 - (1) Are engaged in the acquisition or disposal of real property within the district

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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)

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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 officeholding has existed for at least one year prior to his/her election or appointment
5. That of a nonsalaried 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 noncompensated 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 a 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.

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Incompatible Activities

Board of Education 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

The district's conflict of interest code shall be comprised of the terms of 2CCR 18730 and any amendments to it adopted by the Fair Political Practices Commission, together with a district attachment specifying designated positions and the specific types of disclosure statements required for each position.

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 October 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, the changed code 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)

Statements of economic interests submitted to the district by designated employees in accordance with the conflict of interest code shall be available for public inspection and reproduction. (Government Code 81008)

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)