



**Policy: Board Member – Conflict of Interest**  
**Policy Number: BC**  
**Policy Category: Board Governance and Operations**

**Background:**

The Public Schools Act Part 7 Section 36 confirms that School Division Board members must minimize any potential conflict of interest situation.

**Policy:**

The Hanover School Division supports the rights of its Board members to be involved in community projects and activities as citizens of the community. This balanced with the recognition that Board members also participate in Divisional activities making decisions affecting students, employees and the public.

Recognizing that Board members have knowledge of a wide range of confidential information, members are expected to place the students, employees and public interests first in carrying out their duties with their personal interests remaining subordinate.

A conflict of interest exists when an act to further the economic well-being of a school board member or their personal interest has a negative effect on the Division or raises a reasonable question of conflict with their duties and responsibilities in the Division.

The Board expects all Board members to conduct themselves in accordance with the provisions of the Public Schools Act with respect to disclosure of any conflict of interest situations, either real or perceived.

The Board expects its members to adhere to the laws regarding conflicts of interest and to avoid actions that may be detrimental to themselves or the Board.

Board members shall familiarize themselves with the conflict of interest provisions of The Public Schools Act, its regulations, and any guidelines approved by the Board, and be responsible to fulfill any obligations therein.

Further guidelines with respect to conflicts of interest may be found in the HSD Administrative Procedures Manual under P-BF – Board Member Code of Conduct.

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Date of last Review:	April 2nd, 2019
Reference(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Public Schools Act <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Part 7 - Section 35 Trustee Code of Conduct</li> <li>- Part 7 - Section 36 – Conflict of Interest</li> </ul> </li>   <li>● HSD Administrative Procedures Manual <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- BFA – Appendix A- Address a Breach of Trustee Code of Conflict</li> </ul> </li>   <li>● HSD Policy Manual <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- BF – Board Member Code of Conflict</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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