



POLICY SECTION 208: Board Member Conflict of Interest

POLICY

The Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education believes that a Board member is directly responsible to the community. Upon election or appointment to the Board, a member assumes a position of trust and is expected to act accordingly. The Board believes that while there may be no direct conflict of interest in any decision, this policy is meant to avoid the appearance of any conflict of interest when decisions are made.

GUIDELINES

A Board Member is deemed to be in conflict of interest when discussing or voting upon issues affecting himself/herself, a spouse, children, brother, sister, mother or father, in-laws, or such other persons as the Board may by policy determine to be or may be in a particular situation designated as relatives. No Board Member shall have any monetary interest in, or receive or expect to receive, any profit or benefit from any contract, agreement or engagement undertaken, made or entered into, either in his/her own name or in the name of another, with the Board of which he/she is a member.

The Board expects that:

1. The Board member is responsible for declaring themselves to be in conflict of interest. Board members may question another member's potential conflict of interest and request clarification and review.
2. The Board member will make a declaration of conflict of interest prior to the Board discussion of the subject matter.
3. The member, upon making such declaration, shall request the Board Secretary to record the declaration in the minutes of the meeting.
4. The Board Secretary, upon receiving a Board member request, shall record the declaration in the minutes.
5. Upon declaring a conflict of interest, the Board Member shall be excused from the meeting during the discussion of the matter.
6. Whereby reasons of withdrawal from a meeting on account of conflict of interest, the number of Board members remaining must constitute a quorum.