## Idaho State Board of Education GOVERNING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

SECTION: I. GENERAL GOVERNING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

SUBSECTION: G. Conflict of Interest December 2008

## 1. Policy

Members of the Board and administrators and employees of the institutions and agencies serve a public interest role and have a clear obligation to conduct all affairs of the institution, school and agency in a manner consistent with that role. All decisions of the Board, administrators, and employees are to be made solely on the basis of a desire to promote the best interests of the institution, school or agency and the public good.

## 2. Procedure

- a. The policy of the Board requires that in the event the Board, administrators, or employees must consider any transaction for an institution, school or agency that also involves (a) a member of the Board, an administrator, or employee or (b) a member of his or her immediate family or close relative ("immediate family" means the employee's spouse, parent, step-parent, guardian, brother, sister, mother-in-law, father-in-law, child, or stepchild; "close relative" means the employee's grandmother, grandfather, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, first cousin, or grandchild.), or (c) an organization with which a member of the Board, an administrator, or employee is affiliated, such Board member, administrator, or employee, at the first knowledge of such transaction, must disclose such real or potential conflict. Board members disclose to the Board and administrators and employees disclose to his or her supervisor.
- b. Such disclosure is further required of Board members, administrators, or employees concerning all relationships and business affiliations that reasonably could give rise to a conflict of interest involving an institution, school or agency. For the purpose of this procedure, affiliation is understood to exist if the Board member, administrator, employee, or a member of the family is:
  - (1) an officer, director, trustee, partner, employee, or agent of such organization; or
  - (2) either the actual or beneficial owner of more than five percent (5%) of the voting stock or controlling interest of such organization; or
  - (3) has any other direct or indirect dealings with such organization from which he or she knowingly benefited (e.g., through receipt directly or indirectly of cash or other property in excess of \$500 a year exclusive of dividends or interest).
- c. Board members, administrators, and other employees who have a real or potential conflict of interest in any matter before the Board or the institution, school or agency administration will comply with all applicable statutes and rules governing conflicts of interest including, but not limited to, the Bribery and Corrupt Influences Act, Idaho Code §18-1351 et. seq. and the Ethics in Government Act of 1990, Idaho Code §59-701 et. seq.