BP 2710 Conflict of Interest

References:
NWCCU Standards 2.D.3
ORS 244.010 to ORS 244.047
Previous BP 105

Board of Education members and employees shall adhere to state laws relating to financial conflict of interest and government ethics. Board of Education members shall declare actual and potential conflict of interest on the record prior to taking any action when an actual or potential conflict of interest exists. This shall be made by the member during the meeting at which any official action related to such conflict of interest shall be proposed or taken and prior to participating in any related discussion or official action thereon, whether by vote or by abstention.

A "potential conflict of interest" means any transaction where a person acting in a capacity as a public official takes any action or makes any decision or recommendation, the effect of which would be to the person's private pecuniary benefit or detriment. There is not a "potential conflict of interest" where the transaction would effect to the same degree a class of persons consisting of all inhabitants of the state, or a smaller class of persons consisting of an entire industry, occupation, or group to which the Board member is associated, or in which the member is engaged.

The Board member need not announce a potential conflict of interest more than once during the meeting. When a Board member announces a potential conflict of interest, it shall be recorded in the minutes of the Board. Notice of the potential conflict and how it was disposed of may, at the request of a majority of the Board or upon request of the member giving notice of the potential conflict, be provided to the Oregon Government Ethics Commission.

Board of Education members are encouraged to seek counsel from the college's legal advisor or the Oregon Government Ethics Commission in every case where any question arises.
Taking a seat on the Board by an employee of the College shall automatically serve to terminate that individual's employment with the College.

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