

Trustee Conflict of Interest

A trustee may not:

1. use the trustee's official power to further the trustee's own interests;
2. have a pecuniary interest directly or indirectly (except a remote interest) in any contract or other transaction pertaining to the maintenance or conduct of the school district. A "remote interest" means:
 - the trustee is a nonsalaried employee of a nonprofit corporation; or
 - the trustee is an employee or agent of a contracting party where the compensation of the trustee as an employee or agent consists entirely of fixed wages or salary; or
 - the trustee is a landlord or tenant of a contracting party; or
 - the trustee is a holder of less than one percent (1%) of the shares of a corporation or cooperative or a contracting party; AND
 - the trustee discloses such remote interest to the board of trustees.
3. accept any reward or compensation for services rendered as a trustee except as expressly provided by law;
4. accept and award contracts involving the school district to businesses in which a trustee or person related to him by blood or marriage within the second degree has a direct or indirect interest except when the procedures set forth in Idaho Code 18-1361 or 1861A are followed;
5. be involved in the election of a relative related by affinity or consanguinity within the second degree and shall be absent from the meeting while such employment is being considered and/or determined;
6. enter into a contract in the trustee's individual capacity, the effect of which is to create a personal interest which may conflict with the officer's public duty;
7. enter into a contract with the trustee's district;
8. accept a bribe in the way for money, a promise, gift, or any other form of personal advantage or engage in a substantial financial transaction for the trustee's private business purpose with a person whom the trustees inspects or supervises in the course of official duties;
9. use public funds or property to obtain a pecuniary benefit for himself;
10. solicit, accept, or receive a pecuniary benefit as payment for services, advice, assistance, or conduct customarily exercised in the course of the trustee's official business;

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11. use or disclose confidential information gained in the course of or by reason of the trustee's official position or activities in any manner with the intent to obtain a pecuniary benefit for the trustee or any other person or entity in whose welfare the trustee is interested or with the intent to harm the district;
12. appoint or vote for the appointment of any person related to him by blood or marriage within the second degree to any clerkship, office, position, employment, or duty, when the salary, wages, pay, or compensation of such appointee is to be paid out of public funds or fees of office.

Relation by blood within the second degree includes grandparents and grandchildren. Laterally, it included brothers and sisters.

Legal source:	<u>Idaho Code</u> 33-507	"Limitation upon authority of trustees."
	<u>Idaho Code</u> 18-1359	"Use public position for personal gain."
	<u>Idaho Code</u> 18-1361	"Self-interest contracts-Exception."
	<u>Idaho Code</u> 18-1362A	"Noncompensated appointed public servant-relative of public servant-exceptions."
	<u>Idaho Code</u> 59-201	"Officers not to be interested in contracts."
	<u>Idaho Code</u> 59-202	"Officers not to be interested in sales."

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