



**TO:** Matthew L. Blomstedt, Ph.D.  
Commissioner of Education

**FROM:** Margaret Worth

**SUBJECT:** POLICY REVIEW INFORMATION ITEM

**Proposed Board Action:**

STATE BORD POLICY, B18, "Political Activities/Use of Resources."

**Background Information:**

Pursuant to the four-year review schedule implemented by the State Board Policy Committee, State Board Policy B18 is submitted for review.  
Pursuant to Bylaws B8 and B5, this policy may be revised, rescinded or referred to the State Board Policy Committee for review. If the Committee, the Board President or any Board member believes that action is necessary in connection with this Policy, an appropriate motion may be placed on the Agenda for a future Board meeting.  
B18 will remain in effect indefinitely until revised or rescinded.

**Estimated Cost:**

N/A

**Supporting Documentation Included:**

State Board Policy Statement B18, "Policital Activities/Use of Resources."

**For Additional Information on this item:**

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Political Activities/Use of Resources

No member of the State Board of Education shall use or authorize the use of personnel, resources, property, or funds under his or her official care and control other than in accordance with prescribed constitutional, statutory, and regulatory procedures or use such items, other than reimbursement provided by law, for personal financial gain.

Any use of public resources by a State Board member which is incidental or de minimus shall not constitute a violation of this policy.

No member of the State Board of Education shall use or authorize the use of public resources for the purpose of campaigning for or against the nomination or election of a candidate or the qualification, passage, or defeat of a ballot questions, except as provided in Neb. Rev. Stat. 49-14,101.02.

Violators of this policy shall be subject to a vote of censure by the Board. This policy, however, does not otherwise prohibit or impair the expression of individual opinions.

Board Action History

- 6/1/81 – Prior KIA  
(Prohibited uses of resources and votes of censure, Prior versions not available.)
- 12/7/84 – Prior 1311.1 DO  
(Same as KIA)
- 12/8/95 – Prior B18  
(Same as 1311.1 DO, but only applies to Board members, not staff.)
- 9/7/06 – B18  
(Revision of entire text except for last paragraph.)
- 10/8/09 – B18  
(Clarified that incidental or de minimus use of state resources is not a violation of Policy B18, consistent with LB 626 [Laws, 2009])

Cross-References

- 49-14,101.01
- 49-14,101.02
- 49-14,101.03
- State Board Policy D12 and Bylaws B20 and B21