1	<b>Charlo Public School Dist</b>	rict		
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3	THE BOARD OF TRUST	TEES		1425
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5	Abstentions From Voting			
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7	Section 20-3-323(2), MCA, requires the minutes of each Board meeting to include the voting			
8	records of each trustee present. As a general rule trustees should vote on all issues, unless			
9	casting a vote would be a violation of law. Under Montana law, instances in which it would be			
10	unlawful or inappropriate for a trustee to cast a vote on a particular issue include but are not			
11	necessarily limited to situat	ions when the Board is	considering hiring the relative of a truste	e.
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13			om voting to avoid the appearance of	
14	impropriety or the appearance of a perceived conflict. If a trustee abstains from voting, the			
15	abstention should be recorded in the minutes and may include an explanation of the reasons for			
16		discourages abstentions	s, unless the reasons are substantiated as	
17	provided herein.			
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19	Legal References:	§ 2-2-105, MCA	Ethical requirements for	
20			public officers and public employees	
21		§ 2-2-121, MCA	Rules of conduct for public officers an	d
22			public employees	
23		§ 2-2-302, MCA	Appointment of relative to office of tru	ist or
24			emolument unlawful – exceptions –	
25			publication of notice	
26		§ 20-1-201, MCA	School officers not to act as agents	
27		§ 20-3-323, MCA	District policy and record of acts	
28		§ 20-9-204, MCA	Conflicts of interests, letting contracts,	and
29			calling for bids	
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31	Policy History:			
32	Adopted on:			

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