

**EDUCATIONAL POLICIES OF  
JEFFERSON VILLAGE SCHOOL**

**POLICY:  
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March 5, 2018**

### **ABSTENTIONS**

An abstention is a non-expression and cannot be considered a vote in favor of or against a motion.

Each member of a public body has the duty to express a choice or preference by voting on the issues, but can legally abstain from doing so when there is a statutory or ethical conflict of interest. Not to vote is to abstain.

Abstentions are intended for situations where a member may have a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in the matter being voted on.

Legal Reference: 30 MRSA § 2605 et seq.

Cross Reference: BCB - Committee Member Conflict of Interest  
BEDF - Voting Method

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