

Barre Town Supervisory District Policy Manual

**TITLE: School Board Member Conduct    CODE: BC**

STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES

Actions of the Board and/or Individual Members

It is the policy of the Barre Town School Directors that action taken at regular Board meetings and other action pertaining to the school will avoid conflict of interest in accordance to Title 16, § 557 and § 558.

1. Gratuity or compensation prohibited

A. A member of the state board, a supervisory union board, a school board, the commissioner, or any person employed by them shall not solicit or receive directly or indirectly any gift or compensation for recommending or voting on any finding, ruling, decision, or report, or voting to procure any service, thing or supply purchased with public funds. A violation of this provision shall be subject to 13 V.S.A. § 1106(b)

B. Nor shall a member of any such board receive directly or indirectly anything of value by contract or otherwise, from the school district or supervisory union he or she serves unless it is received:

1. as a result of a contract accepted after a public bid in accordance with law.
2. in public recognition of service or achievement.
3. as regular salary or expenses allowed by law for official duties performed as a member of such board.
4. for employment according to the provisions of section 558 of this title.

C. No school board member or supervisory union board member shall vote on any contract or purchase in which he or she has a direct or indirect interest.

D. A person who violates subsection (B) or (C) of this section shall be fined not more than \$1,000.00 and shall be incapable of holding elective or appointed office in this state for two years next ensuing.

2. Eligibility for election to a school board; employment of school board members

A. A legal voter in a school district shall be eligible for election to a school board; however, a member of a school board may not be regularly employed by the school district or by a school district within the same supervisory union or by the same supervisory union during the board member's term of office. This section shall not apply to a school board member in office on the date of passage, but shall apply to any subsequent terms of office held by such person.

B. The commissioners may waive the provisions of this section for employment of a specific individual as a substitute teacher, coach or supervisory of extra-curricular activities for a period not to exceed one year, which may be renewed, in circumstances in which the school district or supervisory union is unable to hire another qualified person through no fault of its own.

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