

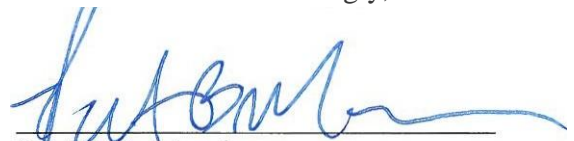


school official, or school employee knows, or has reason to know ... [i]s doing business with ... the school system or the Board." It is undisputed that does business with the Board; however, it is also undisputed that has no involvement in the procurement of electricity or other services or commodities from . The Ethics Regulation provides several exceptions to the prohibition against the acceptance of gifts including where a "specific gift or class of gifts which the Ethics Panel exempts from the operation of the Ethics Policy and/or Ethics Regulation upon a finding, in writing, that acceptance of the gift or class of gifts would not be detrimental to the impartial conduct of the business of the school system or Board and that the gift is purely personal and private in nature." It is the opinion of the Ethics Panel that the award to falls within this exception.

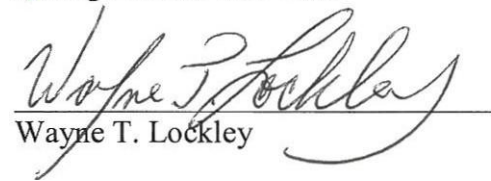
It is clear that the award to was provided solely in recognition and gratitude for years of service to the students within the Tri-County region rather than for any other purpose. acceptance of the award "would not be detrimental to the impartial conduct of the business of the school system or Board." Accordingly, may retain the award.

March 29, 2012

Date



Patrick B. Murphy,  
Acting Ethics Panel Chair



Wayne T. Lockley

(recused)

Bernadette Lewis