

Board Member Conflict of Interest

A Board member shall not have any direct personal and pecuniary interest in a contract with the School District nor shall he or she furnish directly any labor, equipment, or supplies to the District for recompense.

In the event a Board member is employed by a corporation or business or has a secondary interest in a corporation or business which furnishes goods or services to the School District, the Board member shall declare his or her interest and refrain from debating, discussing, or voting upon the question of contracting with the company.

It is not the intent of this policy to prevent the District from contracting with corporations or businesses because a Board member is an employee of the firm. The policy is designed to prevent placing a Board member in a position where his or her interest in the public schools and his or her interest in his/her place of employment (or other indirect interest) might conflict, and to avoid appearances of conflict of interest even though such conflict may not exist.

Any Board member shall be able to raise a concern related to a perceived or real conflict of interest on the part of another Board member. The conflict shall be identified and brought before the Board for discussion.

Nepotism

The Board may employ any teacher or other employee if such teacher or other employee is the father, mother, brother, sister, wife, husband, son, daughter, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, sister-in-law, or brother-in-law of the Superintendent or any member of the Board. However, if a conflict of interest arises, the Board member shall declare his/her interest and refrain from debating, discussing, or voting on a nomination or other issue.

Legal References:

Marsh v. Hanover, 113 NH 667 (1973) and

Atherton v. Concord, 109 NH 164 (1968)

RSA 95:1, Public Officials Barred From Certain Private Dealings

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