

SECTION 167 MEMBER CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Board desires its members not only to adhere to all laws regarding conflict of interest, but to be alert to situations which have the appearance of a conflict of interest and to avoid actions that might embarrass themselves or the Board.

Three areas of Board operations must be guarded with particular care in order that there be no real or seeming conflict of interest. These are purchasing and hiring of personnel. Therefore:

- No member of the Board will have any direct pecuniary interest in a contract with the school district, nor furnish directly any labor, equipment, or supplies to the district. 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. However, in such instances the member may be expected to declare an association with the firm and refrain from debating or voting on the question.
- No member of the immediate family or any member of the Board will be employed in any capacity (not to exceed 600 hours per year) by the school system. This will not be construed as necessitating the resignation of any employee should a member of his or her immediate family be elected to the Board.
- No member should, within six months following the termination of office..., obtain employment in which they would take direct advantage, unavailable to other, of matters with which they were directly involved during their term of office.

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