

BOARD MEMBER CONFLICT OF INTEREST

A Board member shall not have any direct pecuniary interest in a contract with the school district, nor shall he or she furnish directly any labor, equipment, or supplies to the district.

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/her interest and refrain from debating 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/her interest in the public schools and his/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.

NEPOTISM

To ensure the opportunity of the Board to hire the most qualified applicants, the Board will consider candidates who are related to a Board member or the Superintendent. However, in due recognition of conflict of interest, the related Board member should declare his/her interest and refrain from debating, discussing, or voting on the nomination or other issue of said relative.

Statutory-Regulation References:

*Marsh v. Hanover, 113 NH 667 (1973) and
Atherton v. Concord, 1009 NH 164 (1968)
RSA 671:18*

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