

School Board Member Conflict of Interest

A board member shall not have any direct or indirect pecuniary interest (as defined by law) in a contract with the school unit, nor shall he/she sell directly any labor, equipment, or supplies to the unit.

In the event that 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 schools, the board member shall declare his or her secondary interest and refrain from debating or voting upon the question or contracting with the company.

It is not the intent of this policy to prevent the school unit from contracting with corporations or businesses because a board member is an employee of the firm. The policy is designed to prevent the placing of board members in a position where their employment (or other indirect interest) might conflict, and to avoid appearances of conflict of interest even though such conflict may not exist.

No member of the board or spouse of a member shall be hired as a full-time employee in any public school within the school district.

Legal Reference: TITLE 20A MRSA Section 1002 ET. SEQ.
 TITLE 17 MRSA Section 3104
 TITLE 30 MRSA Section 2251
 TITLE 20-A MRSA Section 1051
 TITLE 30-A MRSA Section 2604

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