

Bylaws of the Board

Conflict of Interest

Under no circumstances shall the spouse, or any family member, of a Board of Education member be employed by the Board, except that if such spouse or family member were employed prior to the election of the Board member, such employment may be continued. No Board member shall be employed in the school system.

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

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 system, 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 bylaw to prevent the school system from contracting with corporations or businesses because a Board member is an employee of the firm. The bylaw 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.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

7-479 Conflict of interest (municipal employees).

10-156e Employees of boards of education permitted to serve as elected officials; exception.

10-232 Restrictions on employment of members of the board of education.

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