

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 furnish directly and 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 of 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 interest in public schools and their interest in their places of 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 employed as a full-time employee in any public school within the school department.

Legal Reference: TITLE 20 A MRSA SEC. 100 ET. SEQ.  
TITLE 17 MRSA SEC. 3104  
TITLE 30 MRSA SEC. 2251  
TITLE 20A MRSA SEC. 1051  
TITLE 30A MRSA SEC. 2604 ET SEQ.

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