

**BOARD MEMBER CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Other than receiving a stipend for serving on the Board, a Board member shall not have any direct personal and 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 or her interest and refrain from debating, discussing, 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 or her interest in the public schools and his or her interest in his or 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.

Law Reference: RSA 671:18, *Marsh v. Hanover*, 113 NH 667 (1973) and *Atherton v. Concord*, 109 NH 164 (1968)

Appendix Reference:

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