

Conflicts of Interest

0144.03

A Board member shall not have any direct or indirect fiduciary interest in school district transactions or personnel practices, except to the extent specifically allowed by state law.

1. No Board member shall participate in the making of a contract with the district, in either his/her private or official capacity, in which the Board member has either a direct or indirect pecuniary interest totaling more than \$15,000 per year.
2. In the event a Board member is employed by a corporation or business or has a secondary interest in a corporation or business that furnishes goods or services to the school district, the Board member shall:
 - a. Declare his/her interest
 - b. Refrain from negotiating, bidding for or acting as the agent for the corporation or business
 - c. Refrain from debating or voting upon the question of contracting with the company
3. 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 the Board member's place of employment (or indirect interest) might conflict and to avoid appearances of conflict of interest even though such conflict may not exist.
4. A Board member may serve as a volunteer coach or volunteer supervisor of a co-curricular activity for the District under the following conditions:
 - a. The Board member receives no compensation for serving as a volunteer coach or volunteer supervisor;
 - b. The Board member agrees to abstain from voting on any issue that comes before the Board that substantially and directly concerns the activity that he/she currently coaches or supervises; and
 - c. The Board must receive the results of a criminal background investigation that has been conducted by the Wisconsin Department of Justice or the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

In accordance with WI Statute 120.20, a Board member serving as a volunteer coach or volunteer supervisor is not required to abstain from voting on the school district's annual budget in order to remain in compliance with the conditions listed above.

Legal References: WI Statutes Sections 120.20
946.13 (2) (a)

Cross References: 0144.02, School Board Member's Code of Ethics

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