

Bylaws of the Board

Conflict of Interest

Board members shall comply with laws regarding conflict of interest and attempt to avoid situations which might have even the appearance of a conflict. Two areas of Board operations must be approached with particular care to prevent any real or seeming conflict of interest — purchasing and personnel hiring. Therefore:

1. No member of the Board shall have any direct monetary interest in contracts with the school district, nor shall he/she furnish directly any labor, equipment, or supplies to the district. However, the district may contract with corporations or businesses in which a Board member is an employee. In such instances the member must declare his/her association with the firm and refrain from debating or voting on any related votes.
2. The following rule shall govern conflict of interest in the employment of staff and members of the Board of Education: a spouse, minor child, Board of Education member dependent, or persons related otherwise by blood or marriage to a Board of Education member must be appointed by the Board of Education and may be employed only following full disclosure of the relationship by the Board of Education member in a public meeting and sufficient vote of appointment without counting the vote of the related Board of Education member.

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.

