

## BOARD MEMBER CONFLICT OF INTEREST

A Board member shall not have any direct personal and pecuniary interest in a contract with the 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 District, the Board member shall declare his interest and refrain from debating, discussing, or voting upon the questions 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/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.

A conflict of interest shall be identified if a relative (i.e. son, daughter, father, mother, sister, brother, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, sister-in-law, or brother-in-law) of a Board member is employed by the District. In such instances the Board member shall declare his/her interest and refrain from debating, discussing, voting, or attempting to influence the outcome of a vote on the respective matter.

**Statutory-Regulation Reference:**

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

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