

**SUBJECT: BOARD MEMBER CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

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**POLICY: 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 any 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/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.

A Board member may not, during the time the member serves on the Board and for one year after the member ceases to serve on the Board, be appointed to any civil office of profit or employment position which has been created or the compensation of which has been increased by the action of the Board during the time the member serves on the Board.

No member of the Board or spouse of a member shall be an employee of Regional School Unit #73.

Legal Reference: TITLE 20A MRSA § 1002 ET SEQ.; § 1051  
 TITLE 17 MRSA § 3104  
 TITLE 30A MRSA § 2251; § 2604 ET SEQ.

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