

BOARD MEMBER CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- 1.0 A Board of Education member will not have any direct or indirect pecuniary interest, as defined by law, with the school department, nor will he/she furnish directly any labor, equipment, or supplies to the department.
- 2.0 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 will declare his/her secondary interest and refrain from debating or voting upon the question of contracting with the company.
- 3.0 It is not the intent of this policy to prevent the school department from contracting with corporations or businesses because a Board member is an employee of the firm, nor to prevent a Board member from exercising their legislative responsibilities. This 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.
- 4.0 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.
- 5.0 A member of the Board or spouse of a member may not be an employee in the Scarborough Public School System.
- 6.0 A member of the Board or spouse of a member may not serve as a volunteer when that volunteer has a primary responsibility for a curricular, co-curricular or extracurricular program or activity and reports directly to the Superintendent, principal, athletic/activities director, or other school administrator.
- 7.0 Definitions: For the purposes of this policy, the following statutory definitions apply:
 - 7.1. "Employee" means a person who receives monetary payment or benefits, no matter the amount paid or hours worked, for personal services performed for a school administrative department.
 - 7.2. "Volunteer" means a person who performs personal services for a school administrative unit without monetary payments or benefits of any kind or amount.

Legal Reference: 20-A MRSA §§1001; 1002 et seq.; 1051
17 MRSA § 3104
30-A MRSA §§ 2251; 2604 et seq.

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