

### **BOARD MEMBER CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The Board and individual members will follow the letter and spirit of the law regarding ethics and conflicts of interest, including the provisions of O.R.C. Chapter 102 and O.R.C. §§3313.33 and 2921.42.

A Board member will not have any direct or indirect pecuniary interest in a contract with the District; will not furnish directly any labor, equipment or supplies to the District; nor be employed by the Board in any capacity for compensation.

In the event a Board member is employed by a corporation or business which furnishes goods or services to the District, the Board member will declare the association with the organization and refrain from debating or voting upon the question of the contract. It is not the intent of this policy to necessarily 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 Board members in positions in which personal interest in the public school and place of employment might conflict and to avoid appearances of conflict of interest, even though such conflict may not exist.

The law specifically forbids:

- A. The Prosecuting Attorney or a city attorney from serving on the Board of Education;
- B. A Board member from serving as the school dentist, physician, or nurse;
- C. A member from being employed for compensation by the Board;
- D. A member from having, directly or indirectly, any pecuniary interest in any contract with the Board;
- E. A member from voting on a contract with a person as a teacher or instructor, if he/she is related to that person as father, mother, spouse, brother or sister;
- F. A member from authorizing, or employing the authority or influence of his/her office to secure authorization of, any public contract in which he/she, a member of his/her family or his/her business associates have an interest;
- G. A member from having an interest in the profits or benefits of a public contract entered into by, or for, the use of the school district; and
- H. A member from occupying any position of profit during his/her term of office or within one year thereafter, in the prosecution of a public contract authorized by him/her or the Board of Education of which he/she was a member at the time of authorization of that contract.

### Board Member Ethics

All Board members must adhere to the “Code of Ethics” adopted by the Ohio School Boards Association, and comply with Ohio’s Ethics Laws as interpreted by the Ohio Ethics Commission.

LEGAL REFS: O.R.C. §§102.01 et seq.; 2921.01; 2921.42; 3313.13; 3313.33

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