

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

The Board and individual members follow the letter and spirit of the law regarding conflicts of interest.

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

A Board member may have a private interest in a contract with the Board if all of the following apply:

- A. The subject of the public contract is necessary supplies or services for the district;
- B. The supplies or services are unobtainable elsewhere for the same or lower cost, or are being furnished to the district as part of a continuing course of dealing established prior to the Board member's becoming associated with the district;
- C. The treatment accorded the district is either preferential to or the same as that accorded other customers or clients in similar transactions; and
- D. The entire transaction is conducted at arm's length, with full knowledge by the Board of the interest of the Board member, member of his/her family, or his/her business associate, and the Board member takes no part in the deliberations or decision with respect to the public contract.

The law specifically forbids:

- A. The Prosecuting Attorney or a city attorney from serving on a board;
- B. A member from serving as the school dentist, physician or nurse;
- C. A member from being employed for compensation by a board;
- D. A member from having, directly or indirectly, any pecuniary interest in any contract with a 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, 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 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 a board 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.