

165 BOARD MEMBERS CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

A Board member shall not use his or her position on the School Board to obtain financial gain or anything of substantial value for the private benefit of himself/herself or immediate family.

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 School District, the Board member shall declare his/her 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 district from hiring a Board members' spouse or immediate family member or 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 family or place of employment (or other indirect interest) might conflict. The purpose is to avoid appearances of conflict of interest, even though such conflict may not exist.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Wisconsin Statutes, Section 946.13 (Private Interest in Public Contract Prohibited)

CROSS-REFERENCE: Wisconsin Statutes, 161 (Board Member Authority and Responsibilities)

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