

School Board

Board Member Conflict of Interest

Each member of the Board of Education is expected to adhere to all state laws pertaining to conflict of interest, including Section 10-9 of the Illinois School Code. Also, each Board member must be alert to situations that may give the appearance of a conflict of interest or that might embarrass him/her or the Board as a whole.

No Board member will have an interest in any contract made by the Board, under penalties provided in the Illinois School Code, unless such interest is specifically permitted by statute.

Two areas of Board operations that must be guarded with particular care are purchasing and the hiring of personnel. Therefore:

1. No Board member will have any direct pecuniary interest in a contract with the School District, nor furnish directly any labor, equipment, or supplies to the District. (It is not the intent of this policy to prevent the District from contracting with corporations or businesses because a Board member is an employee; however, should such a contract be let, the Board member is expected to declare his/her association with the firm and refrain from debating or voting on the question.)
2. No one in the immediate family of any Board member will be employed in any continuing capacity by the school system. However, this does not mean that a current employee must resign his/her position if a family member is elected to the Board.

Each year, all Board members will file a "Statement of Economic Interests" as required in the Illinois Government Ethics Act of 1972.

LEGAL REF.: Illinois School Code, Sec. 10-9 (105 ILCS 5/10-9);
Illinois Governmental Ethics Act, Sec. 1-101 *et seq* (5 ILCS 420/10-101 *et seq*);
Illinois Governmental Ethics Act, Sec. 4A-105 (5 ILCS 420/4A-105).

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