

The school board abides by the state law concerning conflicts of interest, Title 17, Section 3104 in addition to locally adopted policy on conflict and bidding procedures.

State Law - Title 17, section 3104

No trustee, superintendent, treasurer or other person holding a place of trust in any state office or public institution of the State shall be pecuniary interested directly or indirectly in any contracts made in behalf of the State or of the institution in which he holds such place of trust, and any contract made in violation hereof is void. This section shall not apply to purchases of the State by the Governor under authority of Title 1, Section 814.

Conflict of Interest, Contracts

A board member shall not have any direct or indirect pecuniary interest (as defined by law) in a contract with the school department, nor shall he furnish directly any labor, equipment, or supplies to the department, unless competitive costs have been sought from a variety of businesses.

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 schools, the board member shall declare his secondary interest and refrain from debating or voting upon the question of contracting with the company.

It is not the intent of the policy to prevent the school department from 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 interest in the public schools and his interest in his place of employment (or other indirect interest) might conflict and to avoid appearances of conflict of interest even though such conflict may not exist.

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