

Harrisburg School District	NEPN Code: BBFA
Policy Manual	

BOARD MEMBER CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Public office is a trust created in the interest of the common good and for the benefit of the people. As public officials holding the respect and trust of the community, board members will not use the office for personal advantage.

A board member will not have any direct pecuniary interest in a contract with the school district; nor furnish directly any labor, equipment or supplies to the district; unless the amount involved is less than three thousand dollars (\$3,000).

Each member shall decide if any potential conflict of interest requires disqualification from participation in board discussion or action. No board member may participate in discussion or vote on any issue in which the member has a conflict of interest if the following circumstances apply:

1. The member has a direct pecuniary interest in the matter before the Board; or
2. At least two-thirds of the Board votes that a member has an identifiable conflict of interest that should prohibit the member from voting on a specific matter.

Legal References: SD Constitution, Art. III, Sec. 23 (Private and special laws prohibited)
SD Constitution, Art. VIII, Sec. 17 (Interest in sale of school equipment prohibited)
SDCL 3-16 (Malfeasance, misfeasance and nonfeasance in office)
SDCL 6-1-1 (Local officer's interest in public purchase or contract unlawful)
SDCL 6-1-2 (Conditions which contract with local officer permitted)
SDCL 6-1-17 (Prohibition from discussion or voting on issue if conflict of interest exists)
SDCL 13-7-3 (Public offices incompatible with board membership)
SDCL 13-20-2.1 (Interest in sale of school equipment unlawful)
SDCL 13-43-1 (Employment of brd memb. in same district prohibited)

Cross References: BBBA: Board Member Qualifications
BCC: Appointed Board Officials
GBCA: Staff Conflict of Interest

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