

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WAUZEKA-STEUBEN**

**BOARD MEMBER CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

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

A member of the Board in his/her private capacity may not enter into negotiation for any contract if, in his/her capacity as a public official, s/he is authorized or required to take part in the awarding of the contract. Nor shall the Board member in his/her capacity as such officer or employee, participate in the making of a contract in which s/he has a private pecuniary interest, direct or indirect, nor perform in regard to that contract some function requiring the exercise of discretion on his/her part.

Private pecuniary interest is understood to include but is not limited to a personal contract with the Board or the contract of a spouse or family member with the Board. In situations which negotiation for a contract or action requiring Board exercise of discretion in regard to a contract in which a Board member's spouse or family member is a party, said Board member shall abstain from such action.

This policy does not prevent the issuance of contracts in which any single public officer or employee is privately interested which do not involve receipts and disbursements by the Board aggregating more than \$5,000 in any year.

In the event a Board member is employed by a corporation or business, which furnishes goods or services to the District, the Board member shall declare his/her association with the organization and refrain from debating or voting upon the question of the contract. 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 or owner of the firm.

This policy is designed to prevent placing a Board member in a position where his/her interest in the public school and interest in his/her place of employment or the employment of a spouse or family member might conflict, and to avoid appearances of conflict of interest even though such conflict may not exist.

**Legal References:**     **Wisconsin State Statutes §§ 19.59 (a-g)**

**Cross References:**

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