

Existing bylaw, number 9270 adopted 10/17/11, appropriate as written, except for update to legal reference.

Bylaws of the Board

Conflict of Interest

Board members shall comply with laws regarding conflict of interest and attempt to avoid situations which might have even the appearance of a conflict and avoid actions that might embarrass themselves or the Board. Two areas of Board operations must be approached with particular care to prevent any real or seeming conflict of interest - purchasing and personnel hiring. Therefore:

No member of the Board of Education or employee shall have any direct monetary interest in contracts with the school system nor shall he/she furnish directly any labor, equipment or supplies to the district. However, the district may contract with corporations or businesses in which a Board member is an employee. In such instances, the member must declare his/her association with the firm and refrain from debating or voting on any related votes.

No member of the Board of Education may be employed for compensation by the Woodbridge School District.

The following rules shall govern conflict of interest in the employment of staff and members of the Board of Education:

1. No spouse, including a domestic partner of a civil union, minor child or dependent of a Board of Education member shall be appointed to a full-time position in the Woodbridge School District.
2. Persons related otherwise by blood or marriage to a Board of Education member may be employed following full disclosure of the relationship by the Board of Education member in a public meeting and sufficient vote of appointment without counting the vote of the related Board of Education member.
3. A spouse or child of a Board of Education member may be employed for limited term or short-term employment on a competitive basis among persons who are eligible.

All members and employees of the Board of Education are prohibited from accepting gifts other than of minimal value as defined by current IRS regulations from any person(s) doing or planning to do business with the school system.

This policy should not be construed so as to prohibit an employee or member of the Board of Education who is a candidate for any office (including re-election to the Board of Education) from receiving campaign contributions that he/she would otherwise be legally entitled to accept.

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Conflict of Interest (continued)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

7-479 Conflict of interest (municipal employees).

10-156e Employees of boards of education permitted to serve as elected officials; exception.

10-225 Salaries of Secretary and Attendance Officers

10-232 Restrictions on employment of members of the board of education.

Kerrigan v. Commissioner of Public Health, 289 Conn 135, 957 A. 2d 407 (2008)

Obergefell v. Hodges, 576 U.S. – (2015)

Bylaw adopted by the Board:

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Woodbridge, Connecticut