

Conflict of Interest

A Bethany Board of Education (Board) member shall not have any direct pecuniary interest in a contract with the Bethany Public School District (District) nor shall furnish directly any labor, equipment, or supplies to the District.

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 District, the Board member shall declare the interest and refrain from debating or voting upon question of contracting with the company.

It is not the intent of this bylaw to prevent the District from contracting with corporations or businesses because a Board member is an employee of the firm. The bylaw is designed to prevent placing a Board member in a position where the Board member's interest in the District and the Board member's interest in the Board member's place of employment (or other indirect interest) might conflict and to avoid appearances of conflict of interest even though such conflict may not exist.

The Board will not employee or accept application from any teacher or other employees on a permanent basis if such teacher or other employee is a member of the Board or is the father, mother, brother, sister, wife, husband, domestic partner, son, daughter, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, sister-in-law or brother-in-law of any member of the Board. Any provision contrary to the provisions of this bylaw will result in the Board member's vacancy.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes § 7-479
 Connecticut General Statutes § 10-156e
 Connecticut General Statutes § 10-232
 Public Act 05-10
 Kerrigan v. Commissioner of Public Health, 289 Conn 135, 957 A. 2d 407 (2008)
 Obergefell v. Hodges, 576 U.S. (2015)

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