

Conflicts of Interest

Code #165.01

The Tri-County Area School District Board of Education recognizes that conflicts of interest are to be avoided if the public's confidence in the Board, and the District's operations as a whole, is to be maintained. The intent of this policy is to preclude the possibility that a Board member may be placed in a situation where his/her personal interests may affect his/her judgment on matters relating to District operations. The following applies to School Board Members:

1. No Board member may be employed by the District in any capacity. However, this prohibition shall not be construed to prevent a Board member from volunteering to coach or supervise an athletic or extracurricular activity in conformance with Wisconsin Statutes and Board policies.
2. No Board member shall participate in the making of a contract with the District, in either his/her private or official capacity, in which the Board member or employee has a pecuniary interest, either direct or indirect, which, in the aggregate totals more than \$15,000.00 per year.
3. If a Board member has a pecuniary interest, either direct or indirect, in a matter before the Board, the Board member shall abstain from discussion, consideration, action, or voting on the matter regardless of the monetary amount involved.
4. No Board member shall accept any gift or favors of any value that is intended to influence him/her in the discharge of his/her duties. This provision shall not prohibit contributions to the election campaign of a candidate for the Board.
5. No Board member shall use confidential District information concerning the affairs of the District for personal gain for him/herself or others.

Legal Reference: Sections 120.20, 946.12 and 946.13, Wisconsin Statutes.
Common-law Doctrine of Incompatibility of Offices

Cross Reference: 553.1, School Volunteers/Helpers

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