

**Darien Public Schools
Darien, Connecticut**

POLICY

**Series 9100
Legal Status of the Board**

Policy 9140

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

1. A Board member shall not have any direct pecuniary interest in a contract with the school district, nor shall he or she furnish directly any labor, equipment, or supplies to the district.
2. 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 school district, the Board member shall declare his interest and refrain from debating or voting upon the question of contracting with the company.
3. It is not the intent of this policy to prevent the district from contracting with a corporation or business because a Board member is an employee of the firm. The policy is designed to prevent placing a Board member in a position where his or her interest in the public schools and his or her interest in his or her place of employment (or other indirect interest) might conflict and to avoid appearances of conflict of interest even though such conflict may not exist.
4. No member of the Board of Education shall be employed by the Board in any position within the school system. If any member of the Board is employed contrary to the provisions of this bylaw, the office to which he or she was elected or appointed shall become vacant.
5. The Board will not employ any teacher or other employee if such teacher or other employee is the father, mother, brother, sister, wife, husband, son, daughter, son-in-law, sister-in-law, or brother-in-law of the Superintendent or any member of the Board. This provision shall not apply to any person within such relationships who has been regularly employed by the Board prior to the relative's election to Board membership or employment as Superintendent.

Legal Reference:

Connecticut General Statutes

10-232 Restrictions on employment of members
 of the Board of Education

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