



BOARD MEMBER CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Regional School Unit-24 (RSU) Board (RSUB) members shall not have any direct or indirect pecuniary interest (as defined by law) in a contract with the RSU, nor shall he/she furnish directly any labor, equipment, or supplies to the unit.

In the event that an RSUB member is employed by, or has a secondary interest in, a corporation or business which furnishes goods or services to the RSU, that RSUB member shall declare his/her employment and/or interest and refrain from debating, commenting or voting upon any item concerning that corporation or company that comes before the RSUB and/or any of its Committees.

It is not the intent of this policy to prevent the RSUB from contracting with corporations or businesses because an RSUB member is an employee of the firm. This policy is designed to prevent the placing of RSUB members in a position where their interest in RSU schools and their interest in their places of employment (or other indirect interest) might conflict, and to avoid appearances of conflict of interest even though such conflict may not exist.

RSUB members may not, during the time they serve on the RSUB and for one year after the member ceases to serve on the RSUB, be appointed to any civil office of profit or employment position which has been created or the compensation of which has been increased by the action of the RSUB during the time the member serves on the Board.

A member of the RSUB or spouse of a member may not be an employee in any public school within the jurisdiction of the RSUB to which the member is elected.

A member of the RSUB or spouse of a member may not serve as a volunteer when that volunteer has a primary responsibility for a curricular, cocurricular or extracurricular program or activity and reports directly to the Superintendent, Building Administrator (BA), athletic/activities director (AD) or other RSU Administrator in any school within the jurisdiction of the RSUB to which the member is elected.

Volunteer activities of a member of the RSUB or member's spouse, other than in roles that are prohibited by this section, may be prescribed by policies developed and approved by the RSUB.

For the purposes of this policy, the following statutory definitions apply:

- A. "Employee" means a person who receives monetary payment or benefits, no matter the amount paid or hours worked, for personal services performed for the RSU.
- B. "Volunteer" means a person who performs personal services for the RSU without monetary payments or benefits of any kind or amount.

Legal Reference: 17 MRSA § 3104
20-A MRSA §§ 1002 et seq.; 1051
30-A MRSA §§ 2251; 2604 et seq.

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