SCHOOL BOARD

Board Member Conflict of Interest

No School Board member shall: (1) have a beneficial interest directly or indirectly in any contract, work, or business of the District unless permitted by State or federal law; or (2) solicit or accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from contractors, potential contractors, or parties to agreements or contract with the District. Situations in which the interest is not substantial or the gift is an unsolicited item of nominal value must comply with State law and Board policy 2:105, Ethics and Gift Ban.

School Board members must annually file a "Statement of Economic Interests" as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. Each School Board member is responsible for filing the statement by May 1 with the county clerk of the county in which the District’s main office is located.

Federal and State Grant Awards

No Board member shall participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by a federal award or State award governed by the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) (30 ILCS 708/) if he or she has a real or apparent conflict of interest. A conflict of interest arises when a Board member or any of the following individuals has a financial or other interest in the entity selected for the contract:

1. Any person that has a close personal relationship with a Board member that may compromise or impair the Board member’s fairness and impartiality, including a member of the Board member’s immediate family or household;
2. The Board member’s business partner; or
3. An entity that employs or is about to employ the Board member or one of the individuals listed in one or two above.

50 ILCS 708/, Grant Accountability and Transparency Act
50 ILCS 105/3
105 ILCS 5/10-9
2 C.F.R. §200.318(c)(1).

CROSS REF.: 2:105 (Ethics and Gift Ban), 4:60 (Purchases and Contracts), 5:120 Employee Ethics; Conduct; and Conflict of Interest)