

**SURRY SCHOOL BOARD POLICY
SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNANCE**

BCA: School Board Member Ethics and Conflict of Interest

Board Member Ethics

Each school board member shall attend regularly scheduled board meetings, insofar as possible, and work respectfully with other members and the administration on behalf of the district. Each school board member shall endeavor to be informed about community and educational issues, render impartial decisions only after full discussion at public board meetings, and respect the confidentiality of information that is privileged under applicable law. Each school board member understands that no individual member has the authority to speak or act for the entire board, except as specifically designated to do so by board action and recognizes that final board actions will be supported by all members of the school board.

Board Member Conflict of Interest

As elected officials, school board members owe a duty of loyalty to the public in protecting the school district's interests. Therefore, the Board declares that a conflict of interest is a personal and economic interest that is immediate, definite, and demonstrable and which is or may be in conflict with the public interest. A board member who has a personal or private interest in a matter proposed or pending before the Board will disclose such interest to the Board, will not deliberate on the matter, will not vote on the matter, and will not attempt to influence other members of the Board regarding the matter. It is not the intent of this policy to prevent the district from contracting with corporations or businesses with which a Board member is an employee. The policy is designed to prevent placing a Board member in a position where his interest in the public schools and his interest in his place of employment (or other indirect interest) might conflict, and to avoid appearances of conflict of interest even though such conflict may not exist.

Legal Reference: RSA 95:1

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