



SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Southeast Technical College Policy BCB/STC

1. Purpose

Sioux Falls School District school board members and Southeast Technical College take conflict of interest matters seriously and expect all employees and school board members to adhere to their responsibility of reporting conflicts of interest accordingly.

2. General Statement of Policy

A School Board member shall not perform any labor or furnish equipment or supplies for compensation. He/She shall not be interested directly in any contract with the School District which may have remunerative awards to the Board member unless certain conditions allowed by both SDCL 6-1-2 and Ch. 3-23 are met in full. Contracts entered in violation of this policy may be void.

No Board member may participate in discussing or vote on any issue in which the member has a conflict of interest. Each member shall decide if any potential conflict of interest requires such member to be disqualified from participating in discussion or voting. However, no member may participate in discussing or vote on an issue if the following circumstances apply:

- The member has a direct pecuniary interest in the matter before the Board; or
- At least two-thirds of the Board votes that a member has an identifiable conflict of interest that should prohibit the member from voting on a specific matter.

If a member with a direct pecuniary interest participates in discussion or votes on a matter before the Board, that member's vote will be invalidated.

No elective county, municipal or state officer or the holder of any other office, the duties of which are incompatible or inconsistent with the duties of a Board member, shall be eligible for such membership.

In addition to this policy, Board members are required to disclose conflicts, or potential conflicts, in accordance with Board policy AH – Disclosure and Authorization of Contractual Conflicts.

3. Other Related Policies

AH/STC - Disclosure and Authorization of Contractual Conflicts

4. Dissemination of Policy and Training

The policy is located on STC's website under Consumer Information – Southeast Tech Policies

Legal References:

SDCL

6-1-1 Local officer's interest in public purchase or contract unlawful -- Contract void.

6-1-2 Conditions under which contract with local officer permitted -- Contract voidable if conditions not fully met.

6-1-17 Official prohibited from discussing or voting on issue if conflict of interest exists -- Legal remedy.

13-20-2.1 Interest of school district officer or employee in sale of school equipment as misdemeanor – Exception

13-7-3 Public office incompatible with board membership.

Ch 3-23 Conflicts of Interest

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