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CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Evansville Community School District Board of Education shall avoid conflicts of interest related to their roles and responsibilities associated with the District. A conflict of interest is generally defined as a conflict between the private interests of a Board member and their official responsibilities or duties to the District.

Therefore, 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 District, the Board member shall declare that interest and refrain from debating/discussing or voting upon the question of contracting with the company.

Further, a Board member may not use the public position or office to obtain financial gain or anything of substantial value for the private benefit of self or immediate family, or for an organization with which s/he is associated.

Each individual Board member shall be responsible for identifying and taking appropriate action with respect to his/her own conflicts of interest. However, the presiding officer of any Board or committee meeting, or the Board or committee by motion, may request that an individual Board member avoid participating in a matter due to a belief that a conflict of interest exists that, either under applicable law or Board policy, requires the Board member to abstain from participation. If the Board member refuses to avoid participating in the matter notwithstanding the request, the request and the refusal shall be expressly identified and recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

Legal Reference: Sections 19.42 Wisconsin Statutes (Definitions)
19.59 (Codes of Ethics for Local Government Officials, Employees and Candidates)
946.12 (Misconduct in Public Office)
946.13 (Private Interest in Public Contract Prohibited)