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In accordance with RI Gen. Laws § 16-12-2, no member of the Newport School Committee shall, for so long as he or she continues in office as a member of the School Committee, be eligible or employed as the superintendent or to teach as principal, supervisor, or assistant in any Newport school supported entirely or in part by public money.

No member of the School Committee shall sell supplies or other materials to the Newport Public School Department directly or indirectly and no member of the School Committee shall have any direct or indirect financial interest with any contractor, individual or corporation engaged in Newport school department work.

The School Committee recognizes that its members and all employees of the Newport Public School Department are subject to Rhode Island Code of Ethics, RI Gen. Law § 36-14-1 et seq., which prohibits Committee members and school employees from having any interest that is in conflict with the discharge of their public duties.

The law provides that a person subject to the Code of Ethics has an interest which is in substantial conflict with the proper discharge of his or her duties or employment in the public interest and of his or her responsibilities as prescribed in the laws of this state, if he or she has reason to believe or expect that he or she or any person within his or her family or any business associate, or any business by which the person is employed or which the person represents will derive a direct monetary gain or suffer a direct monetary loss, as the case may be, by reason of his or her official activity.

The law also provides that a person subject to the Code of Ethics does not have an interest which is in substantial conflict with the proper discharge of his or her duties in the public interest and of his or her responsibilities as prescribed by the laws of Rhode Island, if any benefit or detriment accrues to him or her or any person within his or her family or any business associate, or any business by which the person is employed or which the person represents, as a member of a business, profession, occupation, or group, or of any significant and definable class of persons within the business, profession, occupation, or group, to no greater extent than any other similarly situated member of the business, profession, occupation, or group, or of the significant and definable class of persons within the business, profession, occupation or group.

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In compliance with RI Gen. Law § 36-14-6: No member of the school committee will participate in discussion of or voting on matters that constitute a conflict.

References

RI General Laws §16-2-9.1

RI General Laws § 36-14-1 et seq.

RI General Laws § 16-12-2

RI General Laws § 36-14-6 (2) (b)

Commissioner's Decision: Therese Lusignan et al. v. E. Providence School Committee

Conflict of Interest Statement

History: BBFA

Adopted: