

Ball State University Board of Trustees

**Conflict of Interest Policy Regarding Appointments to the
Governing Body of Muncie Community Schools**

This Conflict of Interest Policy applies solely to appointments made by the Ball State University (BSU) Board of Trustees or the President of BSU to the governing body of Muncie Community Schools (MCS).

For purposes of this policy, a family member of a trustee or a family member of the President is not eligible for appointment to the governing body of MCS. A family member means a spouse, a child, a stepchild, or an individual for whom more than fifty (50) percent of his/her support is provided by a trustee or the President.

For purposes of this policy, if an individual seeking appointment to the governing body of MCS has a substantial financial interest directly with a trustee, the trustee with whom the individual has such an interest shall disclose the fact of such interest publicly in the meeting before any discussion or vote on the appointment is undertaken by the Board. Whenever a trustee discloses such an interest, the minutes reporting the action on the appointment shall reflect that a disclosure was made and that the trustee abstained from actively discussing or voting on the matter. A trustee with such an interest may be counted in determining the presence of a quorum at a meeting of the Board. If it is not clear whether or not a financial interest is substantial for purposes of this policy, it shall be the responsibility of the General Counsel of the University to provide the Board with an advisory opinion on the matter.

For purposes of this policy, if an individual seeking appointment to the governing body of MCS has a substantial financial interest directly with the President, the individual shall be required to divest of the interest before the appointment is undertaken by the President. If the interest is not divested, the individual is not eligible for appointment.

For purposes of this policy, receiving compensation through an employment relationship with BSU shall not render an individual ineligible to be appointed to the governing body of MCS by the Board or the President.

This policy applies only to the appointment of MCS governing board members and is not intended to apply to such individuals once they have been appointed. For purposes of this policy, it is anticipated that, once appointed, such individuals, with respect to conflicts of interest and nepotism, will be subject to the policies of MCS.

Certification

The undersigned officer affirms that this Conflict of Interest Policy was approved by the Ball State University Board of Trustees effective the 16th day of May, 2018.


Secretary, Thomas Bracken

May 16, 2018