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SCHOOL BOARD COMMUNICATION

Title:	Approval of Board Member Conflict of Interest Ruling		
Date:	February 21, 2012	Item Number:	11d.
From:	Joe Arness, President Board of Education 		
Attachments:			

☐ Action Needed ☐ For Discussion ☐ Information ☐ Other: _____

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Board members Crawford and Holt have declared a potential conflict of interest and requested Board guidance relative to those conflicts. Clearly, under State law and Board Policy, a conflict exists in both cases where Mr. Holt is married to a member of the certified bargaining unit and Mrs. Crawford's son is a member of the classified bargaining unit. Both State law and Board policy indicate that Board members with such circumstances are barred from voting on any item which would provide a financial benefit to their family members. They are also prohibited from participating in the deliberations with respect to those items.

The question here, then, is whether they may participate in formulating District strategy and proposals for the negotiations process. Given that they have disclosed a potential conflict, and given that they will not be casting any votes on the question prior to the final approval of the finished contract, it is my interpretation that they will be allowed to participate fully in the steps leading up to the deliberations regarding the final document when it is presented.

This approval presupposes that both individuals (as all other Board members) will abide by the confidentiality requirements which are necessarily imposed upon the executive sessions in which the Board participates.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the recommendation to allow Mr. Bill Holt and Mrs. Sammy Crawford to participate fully in the steps leading up to the deliberations regarding the final collective bargaining agreement but not allow them to vote on the final document.
