

Policy

Egg Harbor Township Board of Education

7000 Property

7230 Gifts, Grants, Donations and Naming

The Board of Education accepts its responsibility to provide from public funds sufficient resources for an effective instructional program. The Board recognizes, however, that in a time of scarce resources, it is necessary to encourage and accept support from individuals or organizations in the community to enhance or extend instructional facilities and programs.

Gifts

The Board may accept by resolution duly passed at a public meeting any gift or grant of land, with or without improvement, and of money or other personal property.

The Board reserves the right to refuse to accept any gift that does not contribute toward the achievement of the goals of this district or any gift the ownership of which would tend to deplete the resources of the district. The Board shall not provide public moneys for the purchase of any school property on a matching fund basis.

Any gift accepted by the Board shall become the property of the Board, may not be returned without the approval of the Board, and shall be subject to the same controls and regulations as are other properties of the Board. The Board shall be responsible for the maintenance of any gift it accepts, subject to any joint agreement with another governmental body.

The Board will respect the intent of the donor in its use of a gift, but reserves the right to utilize any gift it accepts in the best interests of the pupils and the educational program of the district. In no case shall acceptance of a gift be considered to be an endorsement by the Board of a commercial product or business enterprise or institution of learning.

Naming

The Board may accept by resolution duly passed at a public meeting, funds given to name a building, structure, or area, subject to the following conditions;

1. An arrangement to name a building, structure, or area will only be accomplished through a written agreement, signed by the Board and the party donating funds. In order to name a building, structure, or area, the party donating funds must promise to pay an amount equivalent to at least 50% of the cost or value of the building, structure, or area.

2. The Board reserves the right to reject funds offered to name a building, structure, or area, if the Board finds the offer to be contrary to the vision, mission, and values of the Egg Harbor Township School District;

3. The Board reserves the right to revoke the naming of a building, structure, or area, should the Board determine that the naming party does not reflect the vision, mission, and values of the Egg Harbor Township School District. The unilateral and unappealable power of the Board to revoke such naming will be clearly spelled out in the written agreement.

4. To the extent any naming opportunity is considered a concession, as that term is defined by law, or any gift or bequest is subject to the Public School Contracts Law, the Board shall comply with all applicable rules, regulations and procedures promulgated pursuant to the Public School Contracts Law.

5. Nothing in this policy shall be deemed to restrict or prevent the Board from naming a building, structure or area in honor of any individual deemed appropriate by the Board to receive such recognition.

The Superintendent shall:

1. Counsel potential donors on the appropriateness of contemplated gifts.
2. Encourage individuals and organizations considering a contribution to the schools to consult with the Principal or Superintendent before appropriating funds to that end;
3. Report to the Board all gifts that have been accepted on behalf of the Board;
4. Acknowledge the receipt of any gift accepted by the Board; and
5. Prepare fitting means for recognizing or memorializing gifts to the school district.
6. Publish regulations setting forth the terms and conditions of naming agreements.

N.J.S.A. 18A:20-4; 18A:20-11 et seq.

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