

### **7230 – Gifts, Grants, and Donations**

The Board of Education accepts its responsibility to provide from public funds sufficient supplies and equipment for an effective instructional program. The Board recognizes, however, that from time to time individuals or organizations (Donor), including parent-teacher organizations (PTO) and the Education Foundation of Millburn – Short Hills, may wish to contribute additional supplies or equipment to enhance or extend the instructional program.

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. Grants of land are subject to the appropriate legal limitations and approvals.

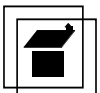
The Board reserves the right to refuse to accept any gift that does not contribute toward the achievement of the goals of this district or any gift the ownership of which would tend to deplete the resources of the district.

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 the Donor or 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.

It is within the Board's exclusive discretion to determine whether and how to recognize or memorialize contributions and donations from the public. Acceptance of a contribution or donation does not create an entitlement, right, or obligation of the Board based on the amount of the contribution to honor the request of a donor to be recognized in a particular manner.

When the contributions or donations are from individuals, recognition can take different forms of public acknowledgement. Consistent with Board Policy 7250, the display of the name of a Donor on Board property does not give the Donor



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any vested right, for a specific period of time or in perpetuity, to have his/her name on Board property or to have a facility named in his/her honor.

Acceptance, recognition and duration of naming rights of those gifts bestowed upon the district through Policy 6162, Corporate Sponsorships, shall be governed by the corporate sponsorship agreement accepted by majority vote of the Board in open public session.

The Superintendent shall:

1. Counsel potential Donors on the appropriateness of contemplated gifts and encourage such Donors to choose as gifts supplies or equipment not likely to be purchased with public funds;
2. Individuals and organizations considering a contribution to the schools shall consult with the Principal and Superintendent before appropriating funds; and
3. Prepare for formal Board consideration and approval fitting means for recognizing or memorializing gifts to the school district, in accordance with Policy 6162, Corporate Sponsorships, and Policy 7250, School and Facility Names.

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

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