

Policy

Glen Ridge Board of Education

7230 GIFTS, GRANTS AND DONATIONS

The Board accepts its responsibility to provide from public funds sufficient supplies and equipment for an effective instruction program; it recognizes, however, that from time to time individuals or organization in the community may wish to contribute additional supplies or equipment to enhance or extend the instructional program.

Only the Board of Education may accept for the school district any bequest or gift of money, property or goods, except that the Superintendent may accept on behalf of the Board any such gift of less than \$500.00 in value.

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

Any gift accepted by the Board or the Superintendent shall become the property of the Board, may not be returned without the approval of the Board, and is 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.

The Board will make every effort to honor the intent of the donor in its use of the gift, but reserves the right to utilize any gift it accepts in the best interest of 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.

The Chief School Administrator shall:

1. Counsel potential donors on the appropriateness of contemplated gifts and encourage such donors to chose as gifts supplies or equipment not likely to be purchased with public funds;

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.

Staff members are encouraged to seek out sources of grants and gifts, and bring them to the attention of the Superintendent, who shall investigate the conditions of such grants and make recommendations to the Board regarding the advisability of seeking them.

The authority for a Board of Education to expend public funds is derived from the constitutional mandated to "provide for the maintenance and support of a thorough and efficient system of free public schools." The donation of moneys to any private organization, regardless of the merits of that organization's purpose, is not within the authority of the Board and is, therefore, prohibited.

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

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