

7230 GIFTS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS

The Board of Education accepts its responsibility to provide from public funds sufficient supplies and equipment and supplement funds, if necessary, for an effective instructional program. The Board recognizes, however, that from time-to-time individuals or organizations in the community 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, except that the Superintendent may accept on behalf of the Board any such gift less than \$500 in value. Grants of land are subject to the appropriate legal limitations and approvals.

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

Any gift, donation or grant 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 and funds 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 or grant, but reserves the right to utilize any gift it accepts in the best interests of the students and the educational program of the district. In no case shall acceptance of a gift or grant be considered to be an endorsement by the Board of a commercial product or business enterprise, ~~or~~ institution of learning or non-profit organization.

The Superintendent shall:

1. Counsel potential donors on the appropriateness of contemplated gifts, donations and/or grants and encourage such donors to choose as gifts supplies or equipment not likely to be purchased with public funds;
2. Require ~~Encourage~~ individuals and organizations considering a contribution to the schools to consult with the Principal or Superintendent before appropriating funds to that end;



POLICY

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3. Report to the Board all gifts/grants/donations that have been accepted on behalf of the Board;
4. Acknowledge the receipt of any gift, donation or grant accepted by the Board; and
5. Prepare fitting means for recognizing or memorializing gifts to the school district, as appropriate.

Educational Foundation

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~~The Township of Union Education Foundation was created for the purpose of soliciting and raising monetary gifts and donations for the school district. This foundation shall be governed by a Board of Directors that shall recommend expenditures of funds in educational areas not ordinarily covered by the school budget and in accordance with criteria in its bylaws. Members of the Board of Education and/or the administration may serve on the Board of Directors of the educational foundation. Policies and regulations on gifts to the district shall apply to funds raised by the foundation.~~

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

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