



Robbinsville Board of Education

POLICY

Section: PROPERTY

Policy 7230.01: Gifts, Grants and Foundations

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The Robbinsville Board of Education encourages assistance to the schools by individual citizens and organizations. The assistance may be in the form of services, monetary gifts, materials, and equipment.

The board reserves the right to refuse to accept any gift that does not contribute to the achievement of district goals or could deplete the resources of the district.

Any gift accepted by the board or the chief school administrator 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 use 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 of business enterprise or institution of learning.

Grants

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

Educational Foundation

An educational foundation shall be created for the purpose of soliciting and raising monetary gifts and donations for the school district. The 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 shall have the opportunity to serve on the board of the educational foundation. Policies and regulations on gifts to the district shall apply to funds raised by the foundation.

The Robbinsville Education Foundation (the "Foundation") and Robbinsville PTA/PTSA each raise money to fund projects and programs for the Robbinsville School District, consistent with the respective by-laws and policies of each of these organizations. While each organization is independent of the board and of each other, each works cooperatively with the administration and board and welcomes participation of the administration, board and community.

The Foundation or PTA/PTSA shall have the authority to designate the place, purpose and use of the gift or grant donated to the district. The gift/grant will remain so designated for a period of three years. At the end of the three year period and board shall consult with the donor entity and may request a change or alternate designation for the gift/grant. The board shall assume the authority to re-designate unused

gift/grant allocations at the end of the three year period. Consent of the donor entity to alter the designation of the gift/grant while requested shall not be required after the end of the three year period.

Specific requests or applications for gifts/grants by teachers, group of teachers or teaching teams may be made to the Foundation and PTA/PTSA. All gifts/grants awarded shall be reviewed by the building principal and/or chief school administrator in accordance to this policy. The gifts/grants shall remain designated for the specified purpose for a period of three years, or until the funded activity has been discontinued or concluded. At the end of the three year period or following the discontinuation of the funded activity (at or prior to three years) for any reason, the board shall consult with the donor and may request a change or alternate designation for the gift/grant. The board shall assume the authority to re-designate unused gift/grant allocations. Consent of the donor entity to alter the designation of the gift/grant while requested shall not be required after the end of the three year period or following the discontinuation of the funded activity.

Legal References:	N.J.S.A. 18A:633.1 through – 33.12	Incentive Grants	
	N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-15.1	Payment	services; funds received
	N.J.S.A.18A:20-4		from a bequest, legacy or gift Acceptance and use of gifts
	N.J.S.A.18A:20-11 through – 16		Property devised in trust
	N.J.S.A. 18a:29a-1 Through -7		Governor’s Annual Teacher Recognition Act
	N.J.S.A. 18A:71A-1 etseq.		Authority Structure and General Provisions
	N.J.S.A. 18A:71B-1 etseq.		Student Financial Aid
	N.J.S.A.18A:71C-1 etseq.		Student Loans
	N.J.S.A.6A:26-7.4		Approval of land acquisition

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