

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 organizations in the community may wish to contribute additional supplies or equipment to enhance or extend the instructional program.

Gifts should serve a recognized and approved educational objective within the existing policies and purposes of the Board of Education.

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 subject to approval of the Board.

Gifts of a substantial nature presented to the school district must be brought to the attention of the Board for official acceptance and recognition. Other gifts may be acknowledged by the Superintendent or his/her representative.

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. Before approval by the Board, all donors shall consult with the Superintendent and/or his/her designee before gifts are presented to insure their usability, appropriateness, and safety.

Any gift accepted by the Board or its designee 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 and upkeep of any gift it accepts.

There should be no conditions constraining the gift which the Board deems inappropriate, or which are proscribed by law or established public policy.

The Board shall 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.

All gifts accepted by the Hanover Township Board of Education shall be acknowledged by a letter of appreciation.

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

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