La Grande School District 1

Public Gifts to the District

Gifts which may enhance and extend the work of the schools may be accepted by the district. It will be the district’s general policy to direct those who desire to make a contribution to consider equipment or services that are not likely to be acquired from public fund expenditures.

1. Tangible property contributed to the schools becomes the property of the district and is subject to the same controls and regulations that govern the use of other district-owned property.

2. Contributions of property or services that may involve major costs for installation or maintenance, or initial or continuing financial commitments from district funds, will be presented by the superintendent for Board consideration and approval.

3. Because of differences in economic resources available to the various schools, the purchase of equipment on a matching fund basis, (part of the cost provided by an individual or organization and part by the Board of Education from public funds) shall not be encouraged.

4. Individuals or organizations desiring to contribute property will meet with school officials regarding the acceptability of such contributions in advance of the solicitation of funds or the making of budgetary appropriations.

5. Any groups planning to raise money for a gift to a school or the educational system will first consult with the principal and superintendent regarding what kind of gift should be made. The superintendent will develop guidelines for accepting gifts. Such guidelines will include a concern for fairness and equity among schools.

6. All gifts will be subject to the provisions of Board policy.

Parent Organization Gifts

Gifts made to the schools become the property of the Board of Education. Their use shall be regulated by the individual school under the direction of the superintendent or designee.

1. Cooperative planning of teachers, administrators and parent organization representatives shall be the accepted method in determining what gifts shall be made. Final determination of the acceptability of the gift shall be made by the superintendent on behalf of the Board. This favorable action should be requested before the money is raised for the gift.

2. Such items as books, clothing, health items, necessary educational materials for needy children, food for needy children, miscellaneous items of small cost and recreational items do not need prior superintendent approval.
3. To guide the parent organizations in determining desirable gifts to the schools, it is suggested that priority lists of needed and desirable equipment, supplies or services be kept by all parents organization units.

4. A parent organization gift to one school does not preclude the purchase of such equipment, supplies or services for other schools by the Board.

Gifts accepted by the district shall be used for the purpose for which they were donated.

In accepting gifts, the Board will be aware of the requirement that there should not be significant differences among the various school facilities.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 294.338  ORS 332.107
ORS 332.075  ORS 332.385

Cross Reference(s):

GBI - Gifts and Solicitations
IIA - Instructional Resources/Instructional Materials