

Business / Non-Instructional Operations

Naming of Existing Facilities

The naming of existing facilities, herein defined in this policy as school buildings, portions of buildings, or school grounds, is the responsibility of the Board of Education. A majority vote of the board will be required to formally name existing facilities. It shall be the prerogative of the Board of Education to establish the need and appropriateness for naming any such facility. This policy notwithstanding, it is the intent of the Board that naming existing facilities is a rare occurrence.

In the event that the Board of Education wishes to consider the merits of naming an existing facility, the Board shall direct the Superintendent to establish a committee. The committee will be comprised of the respective building Principal, two staff members, one board representative, one parent, one community member, and students, if deemed appropriate by the Superintendent. The committee's first charge will be to develop criteria to guide deliberations. The criteria/guidelines will be submitted to the Superintendent for his/her review. Once approved by the Superintendent, the committee may convene its work. Eventually the committee will make a recommendation to the Superintendent who will in turn present the recommendation to the Board of Education. The Superintendent shall be prepared to discuss the merits of the committee's recommendation with the Board.

If an existing facility is proposed to be named after an individual, that person shall have attained local or national prominence via significant contributions in any field of endeavor. Such contributions or the significance of their place in history shall be clearly established beyond the generation of the contribution. Individuals so recognized shall no longer be active in his/her career. Further, the individual for whom a portion of a school building or school grounds is to be named must be shown to have broad-based, long-term impact to the community. Historical perspective should be exercised. Nominations whose claims are parochial, of recent date and untested by the passage of time, or based on personal enthusiasm will be avoided. Unless there is a compelling reason to do otherwise, said name will remain in perpetuity.

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