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FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The Board believes that any educational program is influenced significantly by the environment within which it functions. The development of a quality educational program and school facilities that help to implement it must be complementary.

It is this Board's goal to provide the facilities needed for the number of students in the District; to provide the kind of facilities that will best support and accommodate the educational program and to develop a long-range planning and evaluation program.

The Board recognizes that capital outlay funds are limited and that it must establish priorities in order to make the best use of the school building funds. The Board's first objective will be to develop a plan that eliminates any overcrowding. Whenever possible, the cultural, as well as educational, needs of the community will be considered in planning facilities expansions.

Architects employed by the Board will be expected to plan for simplicity of design; sound economics (including low, long-range maintenance costs); efficiency in energy consumption; low insurance rates; high educational utility and flexibility.

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LEGAL REFS.: ORC 153.65 through 153.71

3313.76; 3313.77 3318.01 et seq. OAC 3301-35-03

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FACILITIES PLANNING

The Board is responsible for the regular operation and orderly development of its physical plant. For this reason, the Board concerns itself with both short- and long-range planning as it relates to the properties of the District.

The Board follows a long-term building program to serve as a guide for capital improvements. This program is subject to systematic study, revision and extension. The respective construction projects are acted upon individually when proposed for implementation.

The Board building program is designed to provide adequate facilities to conduct educational programs for all students residing in the District. The building program is based upon specific Board policies which have been, and continue to be, modified to conform to changes in the curriculum, availability of construction funds, technological needs, changes in enrollments and the results of annual evaluation of facilities. The Board establishes priorities using these and other relevant factors.

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3315.10; 3315.18; 3315.181

Chapter 3318

OAC 3301-35-03; 3301-35-06

CROSS REFS.: FA, Facilities Development Goals

<u>File</u>: FD (Also KBE)

TAX ISSUES

The Board will examine financial needs in advance of any levy or bond elections. The Board will provide the public with information on school building needs and on levy and bond elections; however, it will not use District funds to promote approval of school-related tax issues. To promote community support, a citizens' committee for better schools may be formed.

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LEGAL REFS.: Ohio Const. Art XII, Sections 2,5

ORC Chapter 133 3311.21

3313.37; 3313.375

3315.07 3501.01 Chapter 5705 5748.01 et seq.

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SITE ACQUISITION PROCEDURE

When the Board determines that a particular piece of land should be acquired for school purposes, it authorizes the Superintendent to discuss the purchase of the property. He/She may acquire information about the property from a qualified appraiser and advice about the purchase from an attorney. If an agreement is reached, the Board authorizes the Superintendent to acquire the property at the agreed-upon price.

If the Board is unable to reach an agreement with the property owners, appropriation proceedings may begin. The amount of compensation to be awarded to the owners of the land is deposited in escrow with the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas when the action is filed.

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LEGAL REFS.: ORC 163.01 through 163.22

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CROSS REF.: KH, Public Gifts to the District

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CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS BIDDING AND AWARDS

Upon the approval of working drawings and specifications by the Board and state agencies, the Board solicits bids to be submitted at the office of the Board on or before a specified time. Each bid is accompanied by either a bond for the full amount of the bid or a cashier's check or letter of credit equal to 10% of the total bid. The advertisement states that the Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to re-advertise the project, if necessary.

The architect or authorized individual takes the responsibility for preparing the advertisements, bid forms, bid bond forms, performance and payment bonds and forms of agreement between the Board and the successful bidder(s). Upon receipt of bids, they are opened publicly and entered into the minutes of the Board. The architect or other authorized individual assists the Board and District personnel in analyzing the bids. The Board attorney or other authorized individual's advice on awarding the contract is of particular value with respect to legal aspects of the contract provisions regulating alterations, extras, nonperformance, damages and security bonds.

School districts are exempt from paying prevailing wage rates on construction work.

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LEGAL REFS.: ORC 9.33 through 9.333

Chapter 153 Chapter 1305 3313.37; 3313.46 3318.01 et seq. Chapter 4703

OAC generally 4101 (Ohio Building Code)

CROSS REFS.: DJC, Bidding Requirements

FD, Tax Issues (Also KBE)

NAMING NEW FACILITIES

The Board is responsible for the naming/renaming of all Board-owned facilities.

The Board considers facilities to include, but not be limited to, buildings, athletic fields, stadiums, gymnasiums, libraries and multi-purpose rooms. In selecting a name, the Board may consider individuals, geographical locations, general features of the area in which the school or facility is located and other names that are deemed appropriate by the Board. If the facility is named for an individual, that individual must have made an outstanding contribution to the community, county, state or nation.

The Board directs the Superintendent to establish a committee composed of administrators, parents, community members, employees and, when applicable, students to suggest names. The Board will not be influenced in its decision by personal prejudice or favoritism, political pressure or temporary popularity in choosing a name. Although the Board considers all recommendations, final authority rests with the Board.

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NAMING NEW FACILITIES

The Board directs the Superintendent to form and chair a committee to suggest names for the facility. In making the determination the committee considers individuals, geographical locations, general features of the area in which the school or facility is located and other names that, in the judgment of the Board, are deemed appropriate.

The Board directs the Superintendent to appoint to the committee two administrators, two parents, two community members, two staff members and two students.

- 1. Committee members are encouraged to seek input from other members of the school community.
- 2. Nominations must be presented to the committee in a brief, two-paragraph statement containing biographical/historical data and reasons justifying the choice.
- 3. Within two months, the committee submits at least five nominations to the Superintendent in order of preference.
- 4. After approving the nominations, the Superintendent forwards them in order of preference to the Board.
- 5. The Board reviews the suggested names and either decides on a name or recommends to the committee additional names.
- 6. A majority vote of the Board will decide the name.

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