## POLICY

## RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION

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## 7230 GIFTS, GRANTS AND DONATIONS

The Board of Education recognizes that, from time to time, individuals and organizations may wish to make donations to promote the goals of the school system. The Board may accept or refuse any gift of money, personal property, or land.

Staff members may not accept gifts on behalf of the Board, and prospective donors should be advised to consult the Superintendent or designee. Staff members, however, are encouraged to seek out sources of grants and gifts and to bring them to the attention of the Superintendent or designee, who shall investigate the conditions of such gifts or grants. The Superintendent shall then make a recommendation to the Board regarding advisability of acceptance.

Any gift accepted by the Board shall become the Board's property and is subject to the same controls and regulations as other Board property. The Board shall be responsible for any required maintenance of any gift it accepts.

The Board of Education alone may decide salaries and remuneration of its employees.

While the Board will make every effort to honor the intent of a donor, the Board may use any gift in the best interests of the educational program of the district.

Acceptance of a gift shall not be considered to be an endorsement by the Board of a commercial product, business enterprise, or institution of learning.

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

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