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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 761
OWATONNA, MINNESOTA

901 COMMUNITY EDUCATION

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to convey to employees and to the general public the important role of community education within the school district.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

The school board affirms a strong commitment to the community education program. The school board welcomes, and strongly encourages use of school buildings and activity areas by the community when not used for regularly scheduled elementary and secondary programs. The school administration should strive to accomplish the following objectives:

- A. Maximum use should be made of public school facilities within the school district service area.
- B. Educational needs and interest of area residents should be determined periodically.
- C. Community resources and expertise of residents should be utilized to develop a vibrant, well-rounded community education program.
- D. Area residents should be encouraged to actively participate in program opportunities.
- E. A licensed director of community education shall be employed to assume full responsibility for the program through the superintendent of schools and/or the superintendent's designee.

III. COMMUNITY EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

- A. The council shall assist in promoting the goals and objectives of the program.
- B. The membership of the community education advisory council shall represent a cross section of the community and serve as a liaison between the community and the Board of Education.
- C. The Council membership shall annually be appointed by the board of education.

- D. Bylaws of the community education advisory council shall provide the framework for the organization including criteria pertaining to membership, officers' duties, frequency and structure of meetings and such other matters as deemed necessary and appropriate.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 121.88 (Community Education Programs; Advisory Council)
Minn. Stat. § 123.36 (Schoolhouses and Sites; Access for Noncurricular Purposes)
Minn. Stat. § 124.2713 (Community Education Revenue)

Cross References: Policy 902 (Use of School District Facilities and Equipment)