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The Board of Education recognizes and appreciates the financial support received from federal and State funding sources and from local taxpayers. The Board desires to expand revenue sources for the financial needs of the school district and encourages financial support to the school district from non-school sponsored organizations. A "corporate sponsor", for the purposes of this Policy, is a non-school sponsored person and/or organization that offers to provide support to the school district through financial or material means in exchange for recognition and/or acknowledgement.

The Board believes school-community relationships based on sound principles and community input can contribute to maintaining and improving high quality education programs and facilities. Corporate sponsorship activities that are consistent with the goals and objectives of the school district may be evaluated and recommended to the Board of Education for implementation within the district by the Superintendent. This Policy shall be administered to protect the school district's name, students, and/or staff against exploitation.

Corporate Sponsorship Proposals

A potential corporate sponsor may submit a written corporate sponsorship proposal to the Superintendent or the Board may initiate sponsorships from corporate sponsors. An organization's sponsorship activity shall include financial support to a Stafford Township Arts Center (STAC) event or activity. No student or staff member will be required to participate in surveys and/or focus groups as a condition of a corporate sponsorship.

In appreciation for such sponsorship, the school district will appropriately acknowledge the organization's contribution to the school district or the event or activity. The acknowledgment may include a public address announcement at an event or activity, signage at the event or activity or on school grounds, or through other reasonable means. Posting of signs identifying the sponsor shall not be considered the district's endorsement of the product or service of a company.

The Board reserves the right to terminate the sponsorship at any time. Therefore, all corporate sponsorship proposals must include provisions for such termination, which may include the return of any funding, goods, and/or services provided to the district.

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The corporate sponsorship proposal shall include the specific sponsorship event or activity, the proposed time period/duration of the event or activity, the requested acknowledgement, and the terms of termination in the event the Board decides to terminate such corporate sponsorship. The return of any benefits provided to the district as a result of the Board's termination will be limited to and in accordance with the provisions of the written corporate sponsorship proposal approved by the Board.

Board Approval of Corporate Sponsorship Activities

All corporate sponsorship proposals must be approved by the Board upon recommendation of the Superintendent.

In the event there are competing proposals for the same or similar sponsorship, the Board President will designate an Ad Hoc Board Committee to review the Superintendent's recommendation to the Board. All corporate sponsorship proposals recommended by the Superintendent will be discussed at a public Board meeting with the proposal being included on the Board Meeting agenda in accordance with Bylaw 0164 – Conduct of Board Meetings.

Duration of Corporate Sponsorship Activities

A corporate sponsorship shall not exceed twelve (12) months in duration and will not be approved by the Board in excess of twelve (12) months. At the conclusion of this approved period, and if the sponsor desires to continue the sponsorship, an updated sponsorship proposal must be prepared by the sponsor and submitted to the Superintendent for approval by the Board for up to another twelve (12) month period. There shall be no expectation a corporate sponsorship will be renewed beyond the Board approval dates. There shall be no limit to the number of times the Board approves the updated sponsorship proposal.

Acceptance of Corporate Sponsorships

Any sponsored or donated material, equipment, personal property or other benefit derived by the district through corporate sponsorships will be held to the same standards used for district purchases. Corporate sponsorship proposals that provide gifts, grants, and donations to the school district shall be accepted in accordance with the provisions of Policy 7230 – Gifts, Grants and Donations.

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Applicable Laws

All corporate sponsorship proposals presented and approved by the Board shall be consistent with all district collective bargaining agreements, competitive bidding and purchasing laws, district policy and regulations, and all applicable federal and State laws, administrative codes, rules, and regulations.

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