

941.1 MEMORIALS AND DEDICATIONS

Memorial Requests

From time to time there may be a desire to honor a deceased student or employee of the School District of Auburndale. Any individual or group considering honoring a deceased member of the school community shall place their request in writing and submit this request to a building principal (or appropriate supervisor) who will consult with the family of the deceased. Should the justification of the memorial be considered proper and appropriate, the school administration shall develop a proposal to be presented the Auburndale Board of Education.

An administrative approved proposal may be placed on a School Board agenda for consideration. The proposal shall contain all details of the memorial plan along with any financing. The School Board shall examine the entire plan and long-term impact. Should the District approve the plan, the School Board would reserve the right to modify or cancel the memorial at any time. This memorial may be marked with a permanent stone and/or plaque indicating the name and relevant information of the person to be memorialized.

Other types of memorials may be considered for approval, using the same process indicated above.

Dedication Requests

In the case of a proposal to dedicate a room, athletic field, gym, or any other property to the memory of an individual or group based on that individual's or group's merit and contributions to the school district, a request and proposal must be presented to the School District in writing. The School Board shall examine the request, consider the merit, and consider the entire community's desires on the proposal.

Due to the permanent outcome and importance of consideration of a proposal of this huge magnitude, no final positive decision will be made until at least one year after the initiation of the proposal. The purpose of the longer deliberation on a positive decision for the dedication would be to provide the School District a longer period to examine the proposal.

At a later date, when the possible strong emotion or pressures that may have existed at the time of the original request have subsided, a sound and definitive decision can be finalized.

Monetary Donation/Dedication Request

In the case where a large monetary donation (\$5,000 or more) is made with the proposal to construct or dedicate a room, athletic field, gym, or any other property to the memory of an individual or group, the school board shall take appropriate action to accept or deny the donation. All present costs, future costs, and worthiness of the dedication shall be considered. Should the need and circumstances warrant immediate action, there shall be no one year waiting period.

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