



Book	Policy Manual
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Purpose

The Board believes that naming facilities, i.e., buildings, wings, rooms, athletic fields, playgrounds, is a matter of great importance and one that deserves thoughtful attention.

Authority

The final responsibility for the selection of a name for a Penn-Delco School District facility shall rest solely with the Board of School Directors.

Guidelines

Procedure

Ordinarily, an existing facility will not be renamed unless the current name becomes obsolete or inappropriate. A new facility will be named as soon as possible after its construction is funded. The naming of District facilities shall be by majority vote of the Board (five (5) of nine (9) members).

When considering names for school facilities, the Board will select one (1) that will have current as well as future meaning to students and citizens and that will enhance the education, morale, and values of the school. School and/or facility names normally will be selected from one (1) of the following categories:

1. The geographical area of the school.
2. A person, provided one (1) of the following criteria is met:
 - a. The person was an employee of the Penn-Delco School District or a member of the Board of Education and the person's contribution to the public schools is readily recognizable as outstanding and of significance to the system as a whole.
 - b. The person is worthy or recognition because of significant contribution or public service on a national, state, or local level.

- c. The person is of exemplary moral character; has made an outstanding contribution to education, humanity, or community; has displayed outstanding leadership; or was a person of historical significance.

The person's active employment, Board membership, or public service for which recognition is being given ended at least ten (10) years prior to July 1 of the year in which the action is being considered or the person has been deceased for at least five (5) years.

3. Major contributors to the District without whom new facilities would not have been possible.

Portions of facilities may be named after individuals using the same criteria or recognition of individuals as described above and may be marked on an appropriate sign or plaque commemorating that individual's contribution.

Prior to the naming of any facility (or portion thereof) after an individual, members or representative groups of the community designated by the Board shall be afforded the opportunity to provide input prior to a decision by the Board.

The Superintendent may recommend an exception to these policy stipulations for instances that may serve as a memorial for current employees who became deceased during a time of active employment with the district, and who has also made a positive and uncommonly significant impact on the district students, or as an honor to a retiring employee who has made an extraordinary, impact on the district through exceptional, long-term service. Use of exceptions to this policy shall be considered only in very rare circumstances and requires a majority vote of the board for consideration.