

## **RSU #63**

- a. NEPN/NSBA Code:** **JJIBC**
- b. Title:** **Relations with Booster Groups**
- c. Author:**
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- f. Previously Approved:** **11/27/2006**
- g. Policy Expiration:** **Review as Needed**
- h. Responsible for Review:** **Superintendent & Policy Committee**
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- j. References:**

**Policies:** **EFE-Competitive Food Sales**  
**JJI-Philosophy of Athletics**  
**KF-Community Use of RSU 63 Facilities & Equipment**  
**JJE-Fund Raising**

### **k. Narrative:**

The RSU 63 Board of Directors (the Board) recognizes the role of booster groups in assisting the schools in enriching athletic and other extracurricular activities and enabling more students to participate in such activities. For the purpose of this policy, a booster group is a parent and/or community group that is organized for the purpose of providing resources to support a particular sport or activity in the school of district.

- I.** Only those booster groups that have been approved by the Board may use the name or logo of the RSU 63 or its schools. The Superintendent may make recommendations to the Board concerning the approval of groups seeking booster status.
- II.** In order to be approved as a booster group, a group must meet the following criteria:
  - A.** The group must be comprised of adults and high school students rather than students currently enrolled in RSU 63 Pre-k through 8<sup>th</sup> grades;
  - B.** The group must provide details of the structure of the organization including its purpose and goals, the intended use of funds generated, the names of its officers, and its by-laws;
  - C.** The booster group president or designee must make application to the building Principal for all uses of school facilities for fund raising projects, in accordance with the district's facilities use policy and procedures (Policy KF).
  - D.** Use of school facilities by the group will comply with all policies and regulations established by the Board;

- E.** No monies collected by booster group fund raising activities will be deposited directly to student athletic/activity accounts. All monies collected will be processed in accordance with district policies (Policy EFE);
  - F.** All booster group fundraising activities must be approved in advance by the building Principal and Superintendent;
  - G.** No fundraising activities will be conducted within district schools during school hours by a booster group unless approved in advance by the building Principal and Superintendent;
  - H.** All funds raised by a booster group must be used to achieve the stated purposes of the group;
  - I.** The booster group must maintain bank, financial, and tax exempt status separate from the school district. The organization will provide to the Board, annually or upon request, a complete set of financial records or detailed treasurer report;
  - J.** Booster groups may not lawfully use the district's tax exemption for purchases or sales;
  - K.** Booster group gifts should enhance activities for both boys and girls. The Board will consider gender equity and budget implications before accepting booster group donations;
  - L.** Any booster group plan or project that would require expansion, renovation, or construction of school facilities, or would increase maintenance costs for facilities will require Board approval;
  - M.** Any booster group plan to provide awards or recognition to teams or individual students must be approved by the Board before any public announcement is made;
  - N.** Booster groups will not directly pay coaches or officials, purchase equipment, or pay for transportation; and
  - O.** Booster groups will not select coaches, assistant coaches, or activity advisors, or influence the selection of coaches, assistance coaches, or activity advisors.
- III.** The Board reserves the right to revoke the approval of any booster group if it is found that the group's operations and purposes are inconsistent with Board policies.