Naming of Schools & Facilities

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The Board of Education shall select a school name based on recommendations generated by the School Naming Committee.

School Naming Committee

The Board encourages community participation in the process of selecting names.

A School Naming Committee comprised of community members, staff, parents/guardians, and where appropriate students, shall be assembled to review name suggestions and submit recommendations for the Board's consideration.

Criteria for Screening School Names

The naming of a school after living or deceased persons or historical figures shall be avoided.

The name adopted for a new school shall not be so similar to the name of any existing district school as to result in confusion among members of the community. Similarly, no new school shall be named the same as another school in the area governed by the San Joaquin County Office of Education.

Recognizing that the ethnic and cultural composition of a local school community will change, and that names will be permanent, the name selected should have broad acceptance in a multicultural society.

Before adopting a proposed new school name, the Board shall receive a Board report on recommendations generated by the School Naming Committee to ensure members of the public will be given an opportunity to provide additional input.

No corporate donors shall be able to purchase naming rights at any district school or facility.

Naming of District Facilities

The naming of buildings, parts of buildings, athletic fields, aquatic centers, libraries, or other structures/facilities may be done in recognition of the contributions of (living or deceased) students, staff members or community members.

A committee shall be formed consisting of the school's ASB president, students, staff, and, if appropriate, parents.

The school site committee's proposed name recommendation will require the express written approval of the Superintendent.

The Superintendent will apprise the Board of the selected structure/facility name and adherence to the naming procedures followed, as required of this Board policy.

Memorial Requests

The Superintendent's Cabinet shall consider requests for planting commemorative trees, placing benches or plaques, etc. in memory of deceased students or staff members on district property.

Policy Reference Disclaimer:
These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the Board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

Legal References:

STATE
EDUCATION CODE
35160 Authority of governing boards
MANAGEMENT RESOURCES
WEBSITES
CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services https://legalservices.csba.org/

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