Section D:

Fiscal Management

Knox County Board of Education Policy

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Donations, Gifts, and Bequests

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The Director of Schools is authorized to accept donations, gifts, and bequests to the school system and may designate others to accept donations, gifts, and bequests for particular schools on behalf of the Board.¹

In instances where the Director of Schools or the Director's designee doubts the appropriateness or usefulness of an offered donation, gift, or bequest, the donation, gift, or bequest may be declined or the matter referred to the Board.

In accepting donations, gifts and bequests, the following guidelines shall be followed:

- 1. Unless otherwise expressly specified in writing, all property contributed, given, or otherwise placed on school premises shall become school system property subject to the same controls and regulations that govern the acquisition and use of other school-owned property.
- 2. Individuals or organizations who desire to donate services, supplies or equipment shall consult with the Director of Schools or the Director's designee regarding the feasibility of accepting such donations.
- 3. Any proposed donation of services, supplies, or equipment that may involve material initial or ongoing financial commitments from general school funds shall be presented by the Director of Schools' office to the Board for consideration and approval.
- 4. Any donation, gift, or bequest twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) or greater shall be reviewed and approved by the Board of Education prior to receipt.

Legal Reference:

1. T.C.A. § 49-6-2006(a).

Cross References:

- Knox County Board of Education Policy D-230 Purchasing.
- Knox County Board of Education Policy G-170 Staff Gifts and Solicitations.

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