Community Relations

Naming Schools and School Facilities

It shall be the prerogative of the Board of Education to determine the need and appropriateness for naming any school or any outdoor or indoor facility of a school including, but not limited to, library/media centers, laboratories, gymnasiums, swimming pools, athletic fields and other installations on the grounds of a school.

Schools and school facilities shall normally be named for geographical landmarks or, when named for persons, they shall be named for persons who have attained prominence locally or nationally, important names in education, science, art, statesmanship or military achievement; early pioneers of the community or the State of Connecticut; or outstanding presidents of the United States. When it is proposed to name a school or school facility for a recently deceased person, it shall normally be the practice of the Board of Education to defer action for a period of not less than six months. When a school or school facility has been named for a person, the name shall remain in perpetuity unless there is a compelling reason to do otherwise.

When the Board of Education determines, at its own initiative or in response to a proposal from the public, that it is appropriate to consider the naming of a school or a facility of a school, the following procedure for selecting a name shall be followed, except as the Board may otherwise direct in special circumstances:

1. The Board shall appoint a committee composed of not more than ten members who shall include two citizens from the immediate community served by the particular school; one representative from each of the following groups at the school: teachers, administrators, and parents; two students and one member of the Board of Education.

2. Unless the Board shall expressly charge the committee with additional duties, the responsibility of the naming committee shall be limited to recommending one or more names to the Superintendent for consideration by the Board of Education.

3. The Board, at its discretion, may ask for the recommendation of additional names before making a final determination.

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