

Business/Non-Instructional Operations

Gifts to the School

Because all gifts and/or donations to the school system become the property and responsibility of the school district, the Board shall have knowledge of and recognize gifts received.

The New Milford Board of Education is grateful for gifts and donations given to the school system, whether such gifts and donations are solicited or unsolicited and whether they are made in the form of money, services, programs, equipment or other items of value. The Superintendent of Schools shall be authorized to accept, on behalf of the Board, gifts to the District of up to a cumulative value of one thousand dollars (\$1,000), and shall notify the Board of such gifts at the next regular Board meeting. The Board shall authorize the acceptance of all gifts to the District valued at one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more; as well as gifts that shall likely involve future cost to the District regardless of value.

When gifts and donations are accepted, the Board of Education shall have care and custody of such items, and they shall be expended or used at its discretion; however, should the donor restrict the use of a gift or donation, the Board shall honor the restriction or return the property to the donor.

The following rules shall apply to all gifts or donations:

1. Individuals, groups, or corporations wishing to give a gift or donation to the New Milford Schools shall direct their offer in writing or in person to the Office of the Superintendent. This rule shall not apply to traditional or online fundraising campaigns (i.e. crowdfunding) as long as the campaign complies with the Board's fundraising policies.
2. Receipt of gifts and donations by the Superintendent shall be acknowledged in writing by the Superintendent's secretary; receipt of gifts and donations by the Board of Education shall be acknowledged in writing by the Board Secretary or Assistant Secretary.
3. The New Milford school system shall not be inappropriately influenced or constrained due to gifts and/or donations from an individual, group or corporate donor.

Donation of Teaching Services

In accordance with Connecticut General Statutes § 10-21c, the Board may solicit and accept teaching services donated by business firms for qualified private sector specialists to teach in areas with a demonstrated shortage of certified teachers in those fields, as identified by either the State Board of Education or by the Labor Commissioner in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes § 4-124w. A private sector specialist shall neither be permitted to work more than one-half of the maximum classroom hours of a full-time certified teacher, nor will a private sector specialist have sole responsibility for a classroom. No certified teacher may be terminated, transferred, or reassigned due to the utilization of any private sector specialist. The Board shall annually review the need for private sector specialists. The Board's acceptance of any donated teaching services will be subject to applicable collective bargaining agreements.

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Donation of Technology

If a donation of technology includes new computers or used computers that are less than two years old at the time of the donation, the Board of Education may accept such donation in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes § 10-228b.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
 10-21c. Donation of teaching services by private sector
 specialists 10-76c. Receipt and use of money and personal
 property
 10-228b. Tax credits for donation of computers to
 schools 10-237 School activity funds

(cf. 1324 – Fundraising in and For the Schools)

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