

NAMING OF FACILITIES

The Jefferson Davis Parish School Board believes naming a school is a matter of great importance. The Board shall not be influenced in its decision by personal prejudice or favoritism, political pressure, or temporary popularity in choosing a name.

No school, school building, or other public building shall be named after any living person. However, a street that is maintained by the School Board and that is not a state or federal highway, or any existing athletic facilities at a school within the Board's jurisdiction may be named in honor of a living person.

Any facility, including any portion of the facility thereof, or street that is maintained by the School Board and is not a state or federal highway which has been previously renamed shall not be eligible for a name change again for a minimum of 50 years, unless otherwise required by applicable law or court order.

The Superintendent shall be responsible for soliciting names from staff, students, and the community and shall prepare procedures to follow in naming school properties. These procedures may include a timetable for the naming process in order to lessen any community or factional pressures that may build up when a selection is delayed or seems uncertain.

PROCEDURE FOR NAMING OF FACILITIES

- (1) A *Letter of Recommendation for Consideration* containing signatures of at least fifty (50) Registered Voters of that School Board Election District will be presented to the Superintendent within fourteen (14) days of the beginning of the solicitation of those names.
- (2) Once a *Recommendation for Consideration*, with the correct number of verified signatures is received by the Superintendent it will be publicized by the High School of record for one week through a combination of the following: the School's Website, School Messenger Phone Notifications, Parent Newsletters, Local Newspaper Articles or the school of record's Marque Announcement Sign.
- (3) The Building and Grounds Committee will meet within ten (10) days of the completion of the publicity period during a predetermined publicized committee meeting to solicit public input. A maximum of ten (10) persons on each side for or against, drawn from registered voters showing their voting card at attendance, shall be allowed two (2) minutes per person to voice their concern or support of the name being recommended for consideration.
- (4) The Building and Grounds Committee, based upon the public input, shall recommend to the Board to accept or deny this recommendation at the next regularly held monthly School Board Meeting.

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