

Policy Code: 9300 »Naming «»Facilities «

The Lee County Board of Education welcomes and encourages all private gift support to the school district from individuals and other private philanthropic foundation(s) within the community or beyond whose purposes are to support and enhance public education in Lee County through private gift support.

All gifts, including gifts of cash and securities, real property or gifts-in-kind are acceptable after the Superintendent has determined that: reasonable safety and health criteria are met; economic feasibility has been considered; the district has the staff capability for using and maintaining the gift as intended by the donor; the donor's wishes and expectations for the use of the gift are functionally and aesthetically compatible with existing programs and facilities; that final approval by the Board of Education is in order.

Gifts intended for the school district for naming purposes will require a standard gift agreement, provided by the district which can be supplemented by the donor if necessary.

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The Board of Education will submit the Superintendent the names of persons who they wish to serve on a particular naming committee. The Superintendent and the Board of Education chairman, will appoint a "naming committee" from the list submitted by the Board members, preferably not to exceed fifteen members made up of at least two each from the following: faculty, staff, parents, citizens and Board members, who will consider the appropriateness of the donor's gift offer and naming request and make its recommendation to the Board of Education for approval. This committee will be comprised of individuals whose names will be submitted by the Board specifically for that purpose.

A facility may be named to honor a living or deceased individual whose history, good name and life accomplishments are judged worthy and beyond repute, and whose reputation is considered by the Board of Education to reflect honorably upon the students, staff, school district and community. The name may be that of a prominent citizen, educator, philanthropic group or entity to be honored or memorialized by the donor.

To qualify for naming a facility, the monetary sum of at least one quarter of the current estimated building project costs or replacement value will be required. In the event local, state or federal funds have (already) been provided to cover the costs of a new building or project proposed for naming, the superintendent will recommend alternative uses for the gifting sum which reflects priority capital needs of the district, which are agreeable to both the donor and the Board of Education.

To name a new auditorium or athletic facility, or portion of a new building, project or facility (lobbies, classrooms, departments, court yards, etc.), a donation of at least one quarter of the pro rata new cost for that portion or unit of the new school will need to be made and distributed to the school district under the same arrangements and Board approval as mentioned above.

Gifts to name unnamed existing facilities by complete or partial renovation must equal at least one quarter or more of the estimated project costs provided the project is approved by the Board for reconstruction and has the matching funds identified to enable completion of the project in a timely fashion.

The Lee County Board of Education reserves the right, in lieu of private gifts, to name from time to time facilities, both new and existing, to honor and memorialize individuals whose lives and community endeavors have made a significant impact on the quality of life in Lee County and especially in public education.

Legal References: [G.S. 115C-36](#), [-47](#)

Cross References:

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Attachment: [Exhibit 9300-E: Donor Gift Agreement](#)

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