

BUSINESS

Naming Schools or School Facilities

The Board of Education believes that naming a school/and or school facility is a matter of great importance and one which deserves the most thoughtful attention. In regard to this policy, school facilities may include, but are not limited to, gymnasiums, auditoriums, library media centers, outdoor athletic fields, and classrooms. Two-thirds vote of the Board of Education will be required to initiate the process to name schools or school facilities. The Board will not be influenced in its decision by personal prejudice, favoritism, political pressure, or temporary popularity in choosing a name.

It shall be the general policy of the Board of Education to name schools or school facilities for persons who have attained prominence locally and/or nationally in the fields of education, science, art, statesmanship, political science or community achievement, and have contributed significantly to the Regional District 13 schools.

The general procedure for selecting a name for a school or school facility shall be as follows:

1. No school or facility can be named after any person until a minimum of five years has passed either after the person's death or after the person has attained prominence in his or her field.
2. The Board, upon receipt of a request, or by its own motion, shall determine by a two-thirds vote whether or not to initiate the process to name a school or school facility.
3. After such determination has been made, the Board shall appoint a committee composed of one Board of Education member from Middlefield, one Board of Education member from Durham and community representation.
4. Said committee shall receive a list of names for said school or school facility, including all supporting documentation for the recommended names from those individuals and/or groups which have presented the names for consideration. The committee shall record the names of all individuals and/or groups and the names each has presented.
5. Said committee shall submit to the Board of Education all proposed names, the record of the individuals and/or groups presenting the names and all supporting documentation, along with the committee's recommendation(s) for consideration by the Board.
6. The Board of Education shall then make the final selection of the name from the list of names submitted by the committee. The Board, however, reserves the right not to select any of the names submitted.

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