

## **RELATIONS WITH BOOSTER AND PARENT GROUPS**

RSU 19 recognizes the role of booster and parent groups in assisting the schools, enriching athletic and other extracurricular and co-curricular activities, and enabling more students to participate in such activities. For the purpose of this policy, a booster or parent group is a parent and/or community group that is organized for the purpose of providing resources to support a particular sport, activity or sports program at large and also supports the school in recognizing student accomplishments in athletics and school and activities.

Only those booster/parent groups that have been approved by the Board may use the name and or logo of the RSU 19 or its schools. The Superintendent may make recommendations to the Board concerning the approval of groups seeking booster status.

In order to be approved as a booster/parent group, a group must meet the following criteria:

- A. The group must be comprised of adults, not students.
- B. The group must provide details of the structure of the organization including its purpose and goals, the intended use of funds generated and the names of its officers and its bylaws.
- C. A booster/parent president or designee must make application to the building Principal for all uses of school facilities for fund raising projects, in accordance with the Board's facilities use policy and procedures.
- D. Use of school facilities by the group will comply with all policies and regulations established by the Board and, as applicable, the Maine Principals Association.
- E. No monies collected by booster/parent group fund raising activities will be deposited directly to student athletic/activity accounts. Payment for equipment, transportation, salary positions, etc., shall be paid to the District Office.
- F. All fundraising activities must be approved in advanced by the building principal and the Superintendent must be notified.

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- G. No fundraising activities will be conducted within the school during school hours by the group.
- H. All funds raised by the group must be used to achieve the stated purposes of the group.
- I. The group must maintain bank, financial and tax exempt status separate from the school. The organization will provide to the Board an annual report of support given to the program(s).
- J. Booster/parent groups may not lawfully use the school's sales tax exemption for purchases or sales.
- K. Booster/parent group gifts should enhance activities for both boys and girls. The Board will consider gender equity and budget implications before accepting booster group donations.
- L. Any booster/parent group plan or project that would require expansion, renovation or construction of school facilities or would increase maintenance costs for facilities shall require Board approval.
- M. Any booster/parent group plan to provide awards or recognition to teams or individual students must be approved by the Board before any public announcement is made.
- N. Booster/parent groups will not select coaches, assistant coaches or activity advisors or influence the selection of coaches, assistant coaches or activity advisors.

The Board reserves the right to revoke the approval of any booster/parent group if it is found that the group's operations and purposes are inconsistent with Board policies.

Cross Reference: JL Wellness  
JJF Student Activities  
JJI Philosophy of Athletics

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