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NOTE: The following is offered to replace and expand the Board's current policy 7420 (Sports and the Athletic Program), the parts addressing booster clubs only.

The purpose of this policy is to set guidelines for the interaction between booster clubs and the school district. If the Board wishes to take a more restrictive approach to booster club activity, the Board should consult with their school attorney to craft language for that purpose. Booster clubs are independent organizations, and the district has limited control and oversight over their activities. The following policy is for the board's consideration.

The Board of Education recognizes that extracurricular support groups, or "booster" organizations, provide important support to district schools, and can be a valuable means of stimulating community interest in the aims and activities of district schools. Booster organizations may be defined in two ways:

1. an organization which is created to foster community support and raise funds for a specific extracurricular activity (e.g., athletics, speech and debate, and/or musical groups); or
2. an organization which is created to foster community support and raise funds for the school's general extracurricular program.

Parents and other interested members of the community who wish to organize a booster club for the purpose of supporting a specific school program are encouraged to do so, as long as the activities of such organizations do not interfere unduly with the total educational program, or disrupt district operations in any way. To this end, booster organizations must follow these guidelines:

1. membership in the organization must be voluntary;
2. submit an activity schedule in advance to the Superintendent of Schools or designee for prior approval (Any time the booster club uses the name of the school district, or any language suggesting that the district has endorsed, sponsored or otherwise approved of the club's activities, there must be prior approval by the Superintendent.);
3. seek advance approval for any use of school facilities and/or equipment, following the policy and procedures outlined in policy 1500, Public Use of School Facilities and its accompanying regulation;
4. avoid interference with the decision-making of any student group;
5. understand and respect the authority of district employees in the administration of their duties; and
6. assume all financial responsibility for their organization, including but not limited to the provision of adequate insurance coverage, as appropriate.

