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The Board of Education recognizes the value of parental/guardian support of student endeavors through the work of voluntary, school-connected organizations known as Booster Clubs, both athletic and non-athletic. Participation in booster clubs by parents/guardians and local residents can be an invaluable benefit to the school community.

All booster clubs must conform in its supportive role to the rules and regulations contained in the Roxbury Board of Education Policy Manual, the NJ state law as encoded in Title 18, and the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs, Charities Registration and Investigation Unit rules as well as the rules and regulations stipulated by the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) for athletic booster clubs.

Because the activities of booster clubs also reflect on the district, the Board establishes the following guidelines for the operation of booster clubs to ensure that their activities assist in the attainment of district goals and objectives.

The objectives of the clubs shall include the promotion of student welfare and the development of close relationships between home and school.

The Board expects booster clubs to operate in a positive and productive manner supportive of the school district. The Board reserves the right, in the Board's sole discretion, to withdraw recognition of any booster club.

Booster club membership shall be available to all parents/guardians, school district employees, and any individual resident of the school district without regard to handicap, gender, sexual orientation, race, color, creed, or national origin. The booster club shall be noncommercial, nonsectarian, and nonpartisan.

A booster club that is organized for the purpose of endorsing and supporting a school sponsored activity shall:

1. Be incorporated as a nonprofit organization and ~~must~~ register with the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs, Charities Registration and Investigation Unit, **if required by law**, on an annual basis.

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2. Obtain liability insurance indemnifying the Board against all suits arising from the conduct of club activities;
3. Booster Clubs must request and obtain permission to use school facilities for any Booster Club activity;
4. Account for and utilize all funds raised through the conduct of school related activities for the benefit of school programs;
5. Certify adherence to the policies and regulations of the Roxbury School District;
6. Booster Clubs must request and obtain permission of the Building Principal before taking any group of pupils on a trip. All specifications in the Roxbury Board of Education Field Trips Policy & Regulation #2340 must be followed.

No booster club may organize students, sponsor school activities, or fund-raise/solicit money without the written consent of the Building Principal. Such approval must be sought by written application.

The Board does not sponsor any booster clubs. Booster clubs may not establish school policy, may not participate in the administration of the school (including but not limited to personnel matters), and may not authorize management or direction of school affairs.

Booster clubs shall not use the school district's name or any logo or symbol associated with the school district in their titles, or for any other purpose, without the Board's written consent. Consent to use the school district's name does not constitute authority to act as the district's representative.

Nothing in this policy shall be construed as the Board's assumption of responsibility for any activity conducted by a booster club.

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