229. STUDENT FUNDRAISING

1. Purpose
The Board acknowledges that solicitation of funds from students must be limited since compulsory attendance laws make the student a captive donor and since such solicitation may disrupt the program of the schools.

2. Definition
For purposes of this policy, **student fundraising** shall include the solicitation and collection of money by students for any purpose and shall include the collection of money in exchange for tickets, papers, advertising or any other goods or services.

3. Authority
The assistance of various school-related organizations and groups in the orderly development, support, and improvement of curricular and cocurricular programs of the school district is welcomed by the Board. As such, the raising of funds is not considered to be the primary function of these groups. School-related organizations are advisory, not legislative or regulatory, in nature. The ultimate control of all school programs and activities is legally vested in and reserved to the Board.

4. Guidelines

1. Each organization which desires to be accorded school-related status by the Board shall submit a constitution, statement of objectives, or its bylaws to the office of the Superintendent for review and placement on the Board agenda for official recognition.

2. Each school-related organization shall submit a concise annual report to include a summary of the year's activities and a financial statement detailing revenues, expenditures and cash balances to the office of the Superintendent prior to October 15 of each year for presentation to the Board during its meeting in the month of October.

3. The Board will provide meeting places for organizations with school-related status in the various buildings in accordance with the policy regarding building use. A single application listing all meetings during the year will suffice as a basis for concluding these arrangements.
4. Since the prime functions of students and teachers within a school are respectively to learn and to teach, each organization shall submit proposed fundraising activities involving the use of school facilities (in accordance with Policy 707), personnel, or students to the office of the principal for approval prior to initiating such projects. The principal will forward the plan accompanied by his/her written rationale, to the Superintendent.

5. This regulation is not to be construed to prohibit, retard, or alter the normal flow of communications between school-related organizations and building principals with regard to school operating procedures or other matters subject to his/her discretion.

6. Although it is anticipated that school personnel who engage in the activities of school-related organizations will conduct themselves in a manner which evidences a commitment to the improvement of educational programs for boys and girls, their involvement in such an organization is as that of an individual rather than as an official representative of the school district.

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 511

Board Policy – 618, 707