

NAMING SCHOOL FACILITIES

It is the responsibility of the Waynesboro School Board to adopt official names for public school facilities. The School Board will direct the Superintendent to establish a special committee for the purpose of accepting input from the public regarding school names and fulfilling the responsibilities outlined by policy guidelines and regulations.

In the event of considering recommendations of names of individuals, the committee will take into account if the individual has made exceptional or outstanding contributions through longevity of service, exemplary leadership, philanthropic contributions or other significant means to the school or the school division.

It is not the intent of this policy to encourage the naming of a school facility area (building, room, library/media center, commons area, gymnasium, etc.) or school grounds (fields, courtyards, gardens, etc.). However, at its discretion, the board may initiate the process of naming these areas in honor or memory of individuals, whether living or deceased.

When deemed appropriate, the board may take steps to rename school facilities or portions thereof. An appropriate use of the former name should be determined before the change is made. In renaming a facility or portion of one, the provisions set forth by policy guidelines and regulations shall be followed.

Petitions received to name a portion of a school facility to generate financial gain are prohibited unless expressly approved by the School Board.

Although the School Board will solicit and accept community recommendations for school facility names, the final responsibility for officially naming a school building rests with the School Board.

New school buildings and major additions to facilities shall be dedicated at a public and formal ceremony. A program or open house will be held to which the School Board, residents, parents, and students are invited. All plans for the public or formal opening of schools shall be made in cooperation with the principal.

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