School-Community Relations

Relations with Booster Clubs

A. Booster clubs are voluntary independent legal entities, with their own separate governance and administration, and are not under the direction and control of Adrian Public Schools. Booster clubs exist to enhance and enrich student competitive sports, music programs, and other similar co-curricular activities (such school programs and activities collectively referred to herein as "School Programs"). Booster clubs provide assistance and funds to School Programs, but School Programs remain under the complete control and discretion of Adrian Public Schools.

B. Booster clubs must comply with applicable laws and engage in proper business practices to ensure a mutually beneficial relationship with Adrian Public Schools. Accordingly, Adrian Public Schools will only accept assistance and funding of booster clubs meeting the following guidelines:

1. Booster club funds donated to the School District shall be derived from donations or activities which are both legal and consistent with the School District’s educational mission. Without limiting the breadth of the foregoing, Booster clubs must comply with the requirements of the Charitable Organizations and Solicitations Act.

2. Booster clubs shall permit Adrian Public Schools to use donated funds so as to ensure that monetary distributions do not create disparities in participation opportunities and facilities between male and female athletic teams, and are otherwise allocated for use in a non-discriminatory manner.

3. Booster clubs shall not make contributions in violation of the rules of the Michigan High School Athletic Association or any other body regulating School Programs, as applicable.

4. Booster clubs shall not use Adrian Public Schools’ name, logo, mascot, slogans, or other similarly identifiable information without Adrian Public Schools' written permission pursuant to a License/User Agreement, which may be terminated at any time and for any reason by Adrian Public Schools. The form of License/User Agreement is available upon request.
5. Booster clubs shall maintain their funds in depository accounts separate from those of Adrian Public Schools. Booster club funds shall be maintained in accordance with appropriate accounting practices. Booster clubs shall further maintain a surety bond for their treasurer or fund custodian.

6. Booster clubs shall not conduct activities upon Adrian Public Schools' property without Adrian Public Schools' written permission pursuant to a License/User Agreement, which may be terminated at any time and for any reason by Adrian Public Schools. The form of License/User Agreement is available upon request.

7. Booster clubs shall maintain acceptable levels of insurance coverage under a general liability insurance policy that names Adrian Public Schools as an additional insured party. Additional coverage may be required for booster clubs desiring to use Adrian Public Schools' property or facilities. The board has the right to waive this requirement for good cause on a case-by-case basis.

8. Booster clubs are responsible for their own tax filings and liabilities.

9. Booster clubs are responsible for their own employees and agents. If a booster club employs employees, the booster club is responsible for complying with all of the requirements of an employer. Employees of a booster club are not, and may not be considered, employees or agents of Adrian Public Schools.

10. Adrian Public Schools strongly encourages, but does not require, booster clubs to incorporate as Michigan non-profit corporations.

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