GWINNETT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Gwinnett County Board of Education

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Policy F-Facility Expansion Program	P.FDC	FDC	April 1998
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Purpose

The Gwinnett County Board of Education recognizes that the official name selected for a school building or any part of the school such as classrooms, libraries, offices, band rooms, stadiums, etc., is a vital factor in the public image of the school. Therefore, the first consideration of the Board in name selections shall be the honor and integrity which the name will reflect upon the school.

Advisory Committee - New or Renamed Facilities

When a facility (including school buildings, stadiums or other large facilities) is to be named or a name change is proposed, the Board Chair shall appoint a special committee to consider nominations and make a recommendation to the Board for approval. The committee shall comprise five (5) to seven (7) members and shall include a student and parent representing the school and the board member representing the district in which the facility is located.

Nomination & Selection Criteria - New or Renamed Facilities

The following shall apply:

1. Nominations will be accepted by the committee from individuals, organizations or board members. The name(s) of the sponsor(s) of the nomination must be included. Each nomination must be in writing and must include noteworthy reasons to justify the nomination.

2. Consideration will be given to names of local communities, neighborhoods, streets, landmarks, and names that honor individuals who have made a significant contribution and who reflect historically underrepresented communities and identities, as determined by the committee in its recommendation and the Board in its approval.

3. The name recommended should not duplicate, cause confusion, or otherwise conflict with the names of existing facilities in the school system.

4. In the event of a compelling reason to do so, any restrictions herein set forth may be waived by a unanimous vote of the board.

Dedication of New Schools and Additions to Schools

Following the completion and occupancy of a new school building or other type of large facility, a public ceremony shall be held to dedicate the new facility properly, which may also include an opportunity for the public to view the new facility or addition.

Naming Rooms in an Existing Facility

Upon the recommendation of the local school council or the parent-teacher organization, the school principal may name a room or designate some area on the school's property in honor of an individual or group that has performed outstanding service to the school. The criteria listed above may be considered but are not required to apply to these site-specific designations.

The Board authorizes the Superintendent to issue administrative regulations to implement this policy.