RED HOOK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

POLICY # 1510

Public Sales on School Property

The Board of Education recognizes that the general prohibition against commercial activity on school property allows activities in furtherance of an educational or charitable purpose.

Accordingly, the Board hereby authorizes the use of school buildings and property for public sales and other functions when the proceeds are to benefit educational or charitable purposes. Permits may be issued for commercial activity conducted on school property during non-school hours, provided that such activity or a portion of the proceeds therefrom also serves school or charitable purposes.

Flea markets and similar activities, in which commercial vendors keep their profits, may not be conducted on school property. Benefits must be donated to a recognized charity or educational institution that is neither wholly nor in part affiliated with a religious denomination or an exclusive society.

Admission fees, collection of money, solicitation or acceptance of donations, or other fund-raising activities shall not be permitted unless specifically approved on the permit and conducted according to Board regulations and state law.

Schools and parents associations are authorized to raise funds by use of sales and other fund-raising activities on school grounds, subject to the approval sponsored fund-raising activities shall accrue to the school's treasury; proceeds from parent-sponsored activities shall accrue to the parent association treasury.

All outside groups must obtain a permit to use a school building for public sales or similar events. Applicants are responsible for adhering to all Board rules and regulations. All uses must be in accordance with law and Board policies.

The Superintendent of Schools is authorized to promulgate such regulation and directives as are necessary to implement the provisions of this policy.

Ref: New York State Constitution, Article 8 Section 1 Education Law Section 414

NOTE: Policy added

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