POLICY#: 881.4

SECTION: SCHOOL-COMMUNITY RELATIONS

## RELATIONS WITH EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATIONS

The School Board recognizes that friends and supporters of the School District of Colby often wish to enhance the basic educational programs or other activities/services through gifts to the Colby Educational Foundation. The School Board appreciates and welcomes this generosity and support of the Foundation.

Contributions made to the Colby Educational Foundation and subsequently to the Colby School District are governed by the following general policies:

- ➤ Contributions will be accepted which have a purpose consistent with the mission, beliefs, and policies of the District;
- > Similarly, all contributions must be educationally appropriate;
- ➤ Contributions must not place unacceptable restrictions on school operation, create an undesirable financial liability for the District, or unduly increase staff workloads;
- ➤ The contribution must not require monetary expenditures on the part of the District unless such expenditure is specifically agreed upon by the Board of Education;
- > The contribution must not initiate a program or service for which the Board is not willing to assume responsibility at a later date;
- The contribution must not imply endorsement of any business, product or service;
- The contribution must not conflict with any provision of law or contract.

The Board of Education will receive contributions from the Colby Educational Foundation through the following processes:

- 1. Proposed contributions will be accompanied by a brief written statement describing the purpose, original donors, and any other relevant information.
- 2. The District Administrator will certify whether the contribution is consistent with the District's mission, and whether receipt of the contribution will require any funding on the part of the District.
- 3. The Board of Education will take formal action in accepting all contributions in excess of \$2500 at a regular Board meeting; the District Administrator may accept contributions under \$2500 on behalf of the District that are in accordance with the District's mission and policies.
- 4. Contributions may be presented in the form of checks, equipment, materials, or services.
- 5. All contributions become the immediate property of the District, and all operational functions of their use would be by the administration according to established policies, rules and contractual obligations.

Based on the above controls, the Board reserves the right to accept, reject or return any or all contributions.

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