

HAMBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: COMMUNITY

TITLE: COMMUNITY RELATIONS

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	910.1. COMMUNITY RELATIONS
1. Purpose	<p>The Board feels it is imperative that communication be maintained in both directions between district schools and local institutions, organizations and groups, such as industry, business, labor, charity and others that comprise the structure of the community.</p>
2. Authority	<p>As the need arises, the Board shall call public meetings for the purpose of discussing problems pertinent to the school program in the district. Effort will be exerted in such meetings to solicit attendance from a cross-section of the community.</p> <p>The administration shall apprise the Board of any programs that develop from community cooperative efforts. In reviewing cooperative programs, the administration shall keep in mind that the schools shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maintain impartiality among all constituents who promote worthy causes. 2. Not be used to promote private or commercial interests. 3. Not be used for direct sales promotion of goods or services. 4. Not assign students to outside tasks that do not primarily benefit the students. <p>Public participation in the Board meetings is not only viewed as desirable; but is, in fact, necessary for the type of Board/community relations sought by the Board.</p>
3. Guidelines	<p><u>Resource Persons/Speakers</u></p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall make presentations about the district to various community and civic groups.</p> <p>The Board believes that there are available in our communities, a great number of persons whose special interests and expertise could be utilized to enrich our schools' curriculum.</p>

The Board welcomes talented individuals with skills, knowledge and experiences to share them for the benefit of students.

Use of an outside individual or group as a classroom speaker shall require prior approval by the building principal.

Staff-Community Relations

The Board encourages staff members to assume community responsibilities.

If, however, any staff member is called upon to speak or act as a representative of the school district (i.e., in his/her capacity as a teacher, coach, student advisor, etc.) s/he shall reflect the goals and policies of the school district.

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510

Board Policy – 319, 320, 903