

DATE: March 9, 2026

TITLE: Donations

TYPE: Action

PRESENTER: Todd Lechtenberg, Executive Director of Finance & Operations

Background:

School districts receive donations from private individuals, public entities, and trusts on a regular basis. The district implemented School Board Policy 706 – Acceptance of Gifts to ensure compliance with statutory guidance.

Rationale:

The school board may receive, for the benefit of the school district, bequests, donations or gifts for any proper purpose. The school board shall have the sole authority to determine whether any gift or any precondition, condition or limitation on use included in a proposed gift furthers the interests of or benefits the school district and whether it should be accepted or rejected. Once accepted, a gift shall be the property of the school district unless otherwise provided in the agreed upon terms.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the following donations be accepted by the school board for the benefit of Austin Public School students.

DONOR	AMOUNT	RECIPIENT(S)	PURPOSE
Austin Rotary Club	100.00	Adapted Bowling	Expenses
VFW	400.00	IJ Holton	Student Incentives
American Legion	500.00	IJ Holton	Student Incentives
American Legion	1000.00	AHS Robotics	Expenses
Cargill, Inc.	200.00	ALC	Guthrie Theater Tickets
Austin Wrestling Booster Club	4,199.86	Community Education Mat Club	Wrestling gear
VFW	300.00	AHS Robotics	Expenses
Eagles Club	3000.00	AHS Choir	Busing/General Expenses
Lions Club/Noon Lions	2500.00	AHS Athletics	Proceeds from Football Concessions
Village Coop	100.00	AHS Orchestra	Expenses
Blue Line Club	3057.94	Boys Hockey	Coach Bus Expense
Austin Area Arts	150.00	AHS Drama Club	Expenses
Eagles Club	750.00	IJ Holton & Ellis Orchestra	Busing for Music Festival
Mental Health Awareness	1000.00	Beyond Blue	Expenses
Mental Health Awareness	1000.00	Power of Pink	Expenses
Mental Health Awareness	1000.00	Peer Power Partners	Expenses