

COOPERATIVE PURCHASING

The Board of Education recognizes that centralized, cooperative purchasing tends to maximize the value received for each dollar spent. The administration is encouraged to seek savings that may accrue to this district by means of joint agreements for the purchase of goods and services with the governing body or bodies of other contracting units within this county or adjoining counties or by means of contracts entered into by the New Jersey State Treasury Department, Division of Purchase and Property.

The Board Secretary/Business Administrator or Superintendent is hereby authorized to negotiate such joint purchase agreements for goods and services which the Board may determine to be required and which the Board may otherwise lawfully purchase for itself with such approved contracting units as may be appropriate in accordance with state law, the policies of this Board, and the dictates of sound purchasing procedures.

No cooperative or joint purchase may be entered without Board approval of an agreement that specifies the categories of equipment and supplies to be purchased; the manner in which bids will be sought and contracts awarded; the method by which payment will be made by each participating party, and such other terms as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the agreement. Agreements for cooperative and joint purchasing will be subject to all bidding requirements imposed by law. Purchases made through the State Treasury Department may be made without bid.

N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-10 et seq.

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