

SITE ACQUISITION PROCEDURE

When the Board determines that land should be acquired for school purposes, it will authorize the Superintendent to discuss the purchase of the property. He/She shall get information about the property from qualified, independent appraiser and shall also get advice about the purchase from an attorney. If an agreement is reached, the Board will authorize the Superintendent to acquire the property at the agreed-upon price.

The Board shall not authorize the purchase of land until appropriate investigations and surveys have been completed to verify that the site is suitable for its short-term and long-range use. Such investigations and surveys include site and topographic surveys to establish the extent and character of the site, a title search to establish a clear deed, a geotechnical investigation to determine the substrate soil conditions and a Phase I environmental site assessment to determine the potential risk due to the presence of hazardous materials.

The Board shall purchase title insurance to protect the future integrity of its purchase.

If the Board is unable to reach an agreement with the property owners, appropriation proceedings will begin. The amount of compensation to be awarded to the owners of the land will be deposited with the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas when the action is filed.

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