

Policy 6421 PURCHASES BUDGETED

The Board of Education directs the establishment of procedures for the purchase of budgeted goods and services that will make prudent use of district resources and yield the maximum value for the school district. The Assistant Superintendent for Business/Board Secretary shall authorize all purchases that are within a budget line item and are consistent with the purpose for which the funds were appropriated in conjunction with the Treasurer of School Monies. The bill list shall be ratified by the Board of Education at its next regular meeting.

No purchase order may be placed until the Assistant Superintendent for Business/Board Secretary has determined whether the proposed purchase is subject to bid, whether sufficient funds exist in the line item, and whether the goods are available elsewhere in the district.

Whenever the estimated value of a purchase or contract for goods or services other than professional services is twenty percent or more of the bid threshold established in accordance with law and is not made under a state contract, the Assistant Superintendent for Business/Board Secretary shall, whenever practicable, solicit at least two written quotations should be encouraged from independent vendors (i.e. fax). All quotations received will be attached to and retained with a copy of the resulting purchase order or contract. The purchase or contract may be awarded on the basis of the lowest responsible quotation received or to the vendor who submits the quotation most advantageous to the Board on the basis of price and other factors. If it is determined that it is impractical to seek quotations for an extraordinary, unspecifiable service or that the purchase or contract for which quotations were sought should not be awarded on the basis of the lowest quotation received, the reasons for that determination will be set forth in writing and attached to the resulting purchase order or contract.

Supplies commonly used in the various schools will be standardized to the extent that it is educationally feasible to do so. Alternate suggestions will be made to a requisitioner if better service, delivery, economy, or utility can be achieved by a change in the proposed order.

When a purchase order is placed or a contract entered, the Assistant Superintendent for Business/Board Secretary shall commit the expenditure against a specific budget line item or project category in order to guard against the creation of liabilities in excess of appropriations.

N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq.; 18A:22-8
N.J.A.C. 6:20-8.1

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