

## **STATE CONTRACT/COOPERATIVE PURCHASING**

The Board recognizes the advantages of shared purchasing in that volume buying tends to maximize value for each dollar spent. The Board, therefore, encourages the administration to seek advantages in savings that may accrue to this district through joint agreements for the purchase of supplies, equipment or services with the governing body(s) of other contracting units within this county or adjoining counties, and to evaluate any savings which may result from the purchase of any materials, supplies or equipment under contracts entered into by the State Treasury Department, Division of Purchase and Property.

The Board authorizes the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator to negotiate such joint purchase agreements for services, supplies and equipment which may be determined to be required from time to time by the Board and which the Board may otherwise lawfully purchase for itself, with approved contracting units as may be appropriate in accordance with state law, the policies of this Board and the dictates of sound purchasing procedures. She/he shall report all such negotiations to the Board and seek Board approval for all contemplated agreements.

Cooperative or joint purchases require an agreement approved by the Board and the participating contracting body(s) which shall specify the categories of equipment and supplies to be purchased; the manner of advertising for bids and of awarding contracts; the method of payment by each participating party and such other matters as may be deemed necessary to carry out the purposes of the agreement. Such agreements are subject to all legal bidding requirements. Purchases made through State Contract may be made without bid.

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**Legal References:** N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-10 et. seq.