

Donation of Musical Instruments

May 22, 2012

SUMMARY:

- This item requests Board approval of a donation of musical instruments for the district's Fee Waiver program from Music & Arts, the largest retail chain of band and orchestra instruments in the nation. For several years, these instruments have been rented by the district, and Music & Arts now seeks to donate these instruments to the district.

BOARD GOAL:

I (b, c) Vision...*In pursuit of excellence, the district will:*

Develop and maintain a culture where learning remains our first priority

Remain committed to providing equitable and outstanding opportunities for every student on every campus

IV (a) Parent and Community Involvement...*In pursuit of excellence, the district will:*

Foster a positive and welcoming environment that encourages parent and community partnerships to achieve success for all our students

VI (e) Growth, Change & Fiscal Responsibility...*In pursuit of excellence, the district will:*

Demonstrate effective and efficient management of district resources

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

- None

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- Board members have been provided with a list of the specific instruments being donated to the district by Music and Arts. A total of 407 used band and orchestra instruments are included with an estimated value of \$277,067.90. Previously, these instruments have been obtained from Music and Arts through an annual rental plan.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

- None

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

- The district will accept responsibility for maintenance of the donated instruments and replacement of these instruments when necessary. The district will still need to continue providing Fee Waiver funds to repair, replace, and/or purchase additional instruments as the Fee Waiver program numbers increase.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

- This action will provide directors and band and orchestra students with assistance in more efficiently operating the district's Fee Waiver instrument program to benefit economically disadvantaged students. Having these instruments owned by the district will allow for student usage during the summer for music camp participation and also allow fee waiver students to be assigned a school-owned instrument from district inventory immediately when school begins, rather than having to wait several weeks for rental instruments to be secured and delivered to the campuses.

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

- The district will place these musical instruments in its inventory of musical instruments and will accept responsibility for maintenance of the instruments and replacement of the instruments when necessary.

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:

- None

ALTERNATIVES:

- No alternative actions are proposed

OTHER COMMENTS:

- None

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

- Recommend that the Board approve the musical instrument donation from Music and Arts for the district's Fee Waiver program.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

- Dr. Jamie Wilson, Deputy Superintendent
- David McCullar, Director of Fine Arts

ATTACHMENT:

- List of Music and Arts Fee Waiver Program musical instrument donation and designated value

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: _____

Signature of Divisional Assistant Superintendent: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____