

Executive Summary: IHSA Bowling Co-op With Oregon HS and Winnebago HS Application

The administration is requesting Board of Education approval to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) and execute joint Illinois High School Association (IHSA) applications with Oregon CUSD #220 and Winnebago CUSD #323. This partnership will establish a cooperative sponsorship for both Boys and Girls Interscholastic Bowling for the 2026–2027 school year.

Currently, Stillman Valley High School has student-athletes who are eager to participate in competitive bowling, yet our internal student interest is not high enough to field independent boys or girls teams on our own. Joining Oregon and Winnebago allows us to expand our extracurricular offerings, fulfill student interest, and foster interdistrict collaboration without placing the burden of starting a standalone athletic program on our district.

Operational & Transportation Framework

Under the terms of the Intergovernmental Agreement, Oregon CUSD #220 will serve as the host school and administrative body for both the boys and girls programs. The teams will compete under the identity of the Oregon Hawks and wear Oregon uniforms. All regular practices and home matches will be hosted locally at Town & Country Lanes.

Student-athletes and their families will be responsible for their own transportation to and from daily practices and home contests. However, for all away competitions, host transportation will be provided by Oregon CUSD #220. Stillman Valley athletes will be permitted to ride the host school buses, which will depart directly from either Oregon High School or Town & Country Lanes depending on the contest schedule.

Governance, Eligibility & Financial Terms

Oregon CUSD #220 will assume full oversight of coaching staff recruitment, contest administration, facilities management, and event supervision. Participating student-athletes will remain held to the academic standards, Extracurricular Code of Conduct, and mandatory physical examination requirements of Stillman Valley High School, while simultaneously maintaining full compliance with IHSA bylaws.

Financially, this agreement is highly advantageous for Meridian CUSD #223. Oregon CUSD #220 assumes direct responsibility for head and assistant coaches' stipends, officials' fees, contest worker pay, facility maintenance, and away contest transportation. Participating Stillman Valley athletes will only be responsible for paying the standard Oregon activity fee as well as the applicable venue fees charged by the bowling center. General premises liability remains with the

host site, while transit liability is assigned to whichever district provides transport for that specific event.

This agreement will run for a one-year term from October 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, and will be subject to annual review and mutual renewal among all participating boards.

Recommendation

I recommend the Board of Education consider the approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement and IHSA Cooperative Team Applications with Oregon CUSD #220 and Winnebago CUSD #323 for Boys and Girls Interscholastic Bowling for the 2026–2027 school year.