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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: 10/21/2026 **Superintenden** Dave Valenzuela

Administrator/Staff: Nancy Hurley (Track Coach)

Type of Item: ☐ *Informational* ☒ *Action*

Please state your proposal briefly and clearly. What do you want the board to know, discuss, or decide?
HVHS Track and Field requests board authorization to apply for external grants to purchase essential field event equipment and to support enhancements to the track resurfacing project. Grant funding would allow the program to replace aging equipment, including new starting blocks for eight lanes, a USATF compliant high jump pit with top pad and cover, and new sand for the long jump pits. It would also make it possible to pursue upgraded resurfacing options such as a colored track and colored exchange zones. A list of potential grant opportunities is attached.

Provide history/background information on your proposal:
HVHS's track team has not been able to upgrade any large scale equipment in the past 6 years due to limited funding. In addition, the track facility is now 20 years old and has reached the end of its safe and functional lifespan. The resurfacing projects for both HVHS and NVHS will be fully funded at the BASE level by the District.

HVHS Track and Field is seeking permission to apply for grants to fund several enhancements that are not included in the District's scope. These enhancements include new starting blocks for 8 lanes (approx. $4,000), a USATF compliant high jump pit with top pad and cover (approx. $15,000), and new sand for the long jump pits (approx. $4,000). Track surface upgrades include a colored track surface, which reduces surface temperature (approx. $36,000), and colored exchange zones, which improve visibility for officials and relay athletes (approx. $24,000). Grant funding is necessary because these additions exceed the program's operating budget but would significantly improve the quality, safety, and functionality of the facility.

List the advantages of your proposal:
1. Improves Athlete Safety and Performance: Updated field event equipment provides safer landing surfaces and meets current USATF/NFHS standards.

2. Maximizes District Investment: Grant funding allows HVHS to build on the District funded base project and significantly enhance the facility without requiring additional District resources.

3. Enhances Facility Quality and Longevity: Colored track surfacing and colored exchange zones improve visibility, heat management, and durability of the resurfaced track.

4. Strengthens HVHS's Ability to Host Meets: Updated equipment and clearly marked exchange zones improve event management and officiating accuracy, making HVHS a more competitive site for league and invitational meets.

5. Supports Student Athlete Experience and Program Growth: A safe and visually appealing facility enhances training, increases pride in the program, and improves recruitment and retention of athletes.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:
1. Grant funding is not guaranteed, which may limit the ability to complete the desired enhancements.
2. Some enhancements, such as colored surfacing and colored exchange zones, cannot be added later without high additional costs.
3. Applying for multiple grants requires time and administrative effort from the HVHS Track and Field team coaches.
4. If grant awards are smaller than expected, the program will need to scale back or prioritize certain enhancements over others.

List possible alternatives that could also offer a solution to your proposal. Why were they not recommended?
An alternative would be for the HVHS Track and Field to fund these enhancements through traditional team fundraising. However, annual fundraising revenue is typically allocated to purchasing lower cost equipment such as shot puts, javelins, pole vault poles, crossbars, as well as team gear like t shirts, jackets, and supplemental uniforms. These ongoing needs leave insufficient capacity to cover large facility upgrades. For these reasons, pursuing external grant funding is the most practical and cost effective solution.

Superintendent's recommendation(s): **Approve:** Yes ☐ No ☐

Hidden Valley High School
Track & Field Grant Opportunities

Project Cost: ~$83,000
Location: Josephine County, Rural Southern Oregon

Primary Grants (High Dollar, Most Likely to Fund)

1. **Ford Family Foundation – Community Building Spaces / Rural Infrastructure**
   Amount: **$50,000–$250,000**
   Focus: Rural Oregon youth, community facilities, safety
   Notes: Excellent fit for rural track replacement.

2. **Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation**
   Amount: **$10,000–$25,000**
   Focus: Youth, education, community health
   Notes: Serves Southern Oregon counties including Josephine.

3. **Oregon Community Foundation (OCF) – Community Grants**
   Amount: **$10,000–$75,000**
   Focus: Community improvement, youth development
   Notes: Frequently funds rural infrastructure projects.

Athletic-Specific Grants

4. **OSAA Foundation Participation Grant**
   Amount: **$5,000–$20,000**
   Focus: Athletic facility upgrades
   Notes: Supports track & field improvements.

5. **U.S. Bank Foundation – Community Athletics Grant**
   Amount: **$10,000–$25,000**
   Focus: Youth athletics, rural communities
   Notes: Has funded rural Oregon track rebuilds.

6. **USATF Foundation Youth Grants**
   Amount: **$5,000–$15,000**
   Focus: Youth track & field development
   Notes: Good supplemental athletic funding.

Community, Corporate & Regional Funders

7. **Pacific Power Foundation**
   Amount: **$2,500–$10,000**
   Focus: Rural community development

8. **Asante Health System Community Grants**
   Amount: **$5,000–$25,000**
   Focus: Youth health, injury prevention

9. **Lithia Motors Community Giving (Medford)**
   Amount: **$5,000–$20,000**
   Focus: Local community support

10. **Les Schwab Community Grants**
    Amount: **$2,500–$10,000**
    Focus: Youth sports & safety