

Box Elder School District

Approval to Match Donated Funds

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the request of use District Funds to match the donation from the Roger V. and Karen D. Green Trust in the amount of \$500,000.

Background: During 2025, the Roger V. and Karen D. Green Trust approached the Bear River High School to donate funds for purpose of upgrading the baseball field to a turf infield.

The project that will significantly enhance the opportunities for our student-athletes and local youth sports programs. We propose the installation of a high-quality, durable turf infield for our baseball and softball facilities. This upgrade addresses several key challenges we face with our current natural grass and dirt field and opens exciting new possibilities.

The new turf infield will drastically reduce downtime due to inclement weather. Rain and snow will no longer lead to days or weeks of unplayable conditions, ensuring our teams can practice and play consistently.

A turf field can withstand significantly more use, allowing us to open the facility to local youth baseball and softball teams. This will help alleviate the high demand for playable fields in our community and foster a stronger connection between the high school and future student athletes.

The constant upkeep of a traditional grass and dirt infield requires significant time, resources, and water. A turf surface will eliminate the need for mowing, watering, and constant re-leveling, freeing up our ground crew and budget for other needs.

By matching this donation, Bear River High School will have funds for the construction of turf additions to our baseball and softball fields.

Policy Implications: None

Financial Implications: The Board of Education will expend \$500,000 from the Capital Outlay Fund. It is estimated that the Capital Outlay fund will have an ending balance of \$29 million if this request is approved.

Staff Implications: None at this time.