



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: 1/17/2014

Agenda #

Staff/Administrator: Jamie Ongman

Superintendent: Patricia Adams

Type of Item: Informational Action

Please state your proposal briefly and clearly. What do you want the board to know, discuss, or decide?

Hidden Valley High School's Athletic Department would like the approval to explore and accept grant money from the Community Sports Development Council (CSDC). The CSDC's primary goal is to partner with individuals looking to enhance their athletic sports facilities; it's our goal to be granted the permission to partner with the CSDC in installing a new state-of-the-art synthetic turf sports field for our football and soccer programs. An athletic facility of this type is found in NFL and MLS stadiums accumulating a cost of over \$1 million dollars. The CSDC enables non-profit organizations the ability to provide these types of facilities for their athletes that would otherwise not be accessible. The type of grant the CSDC provides is a cost sharing grant where the CSDC covers 70% of the cost, the other 30% is at the responsibility of the organization and can come in the forms of monetary donations, other facility grants, donations through equipment use, excavating, aggregate products, etc. Thank you for helping Hidden Valley to enhance our sports facilities and for supporting our vision.

Provide history/background information on your proposal.

In the late 90's the Hidden Valley Community with the vision and passion from Jim Figoni installed a football field followed by a stadium. This was a great step in building an athletic facility that previously was non-existent at Hidden Valley High School. These were great progressions at the time, however, there is some very necessary pieces that were not completed: functional press-boxes, restrooms and an improved concession stand are three of the biggest needs besides the field. In 2011 or 2012 the middle of the football field was re-sodded, with limited water and resources the sod did not establish properly and has made the playing surface rough with many pot holes and sod clumps.

List the advantages of your proposal:

There are multiple advantages in installing a new playing surface. These advantages include: reduced injuries, little to no maintenance (no water, no mowing or no lining), increased spectator comfort, community relations with field use, program relations with soccer and football receiving new facility, facility that other teams/programs will desire to play at, increased revenue with facility use fee's, a playing surface that will withstand all weather and natural elements ensuring a safe playing surface for soccer and football and PRIDE in our school, teams and community. Lastly, the field was installed with a foundation and a drainage system that will need little improvement before the

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

The advantages of a new playing surface out way any disadvantage. The biggest disadvantage is that the current field surface will have to be replaced in 15 - 18 years depending on use. This could accrue a cost of over \$100,000. With this cost we will have to be proactive in fundraising and be fiscally responsible so the money is saved at the time it needs replaced. We would have to also limit the amount of traffic on the field to ensure that it makes it through the season, this means soccer would have to continue to play at the district office fields. Weather and its effects on a natural surface create an increased hazard and potential of student-athlete injuries.

List possible alternatives that could also offer a solution to your proposal. Why were they not recommended?

Possible alternatives could be replacing the current natural surface with a new natural surface, this would be a cost that the district would be 100% responsible for. The CSDC does not partner with organizations that don't use field-turf synthetic playing surfaces. Their mission is to make non-affordable playing surface's affordable for non-profit organizations. Yes, the up front cost would be one that requires a lot of work, but over time the initial cost will be recovered through no maintenance costs and increased revenue. My recommendation would be to continue the journey with the CSDC council, the benefits out-weigh the disadvantages greatly, replacing the natural surface with a new natural surface would limit the use of the surface and would not have an impact for our soccer programs.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes No