



## Agenda Item IF6

February 13, 2025

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During the Winter Board retreat in December 2023, Superintendent Mann shared with the board details of excitement in the community hoping for the District to install turf at Heckard Field. That excitement led to informal discussions with community leaders, including area non-profit leaders.

June 13, 2024, the Board took action to approve the District's 2024-25 budget. The board adopted budget included \$1 million for this project as funds to match community fundraising

The District engaged with AKS Engineering to conduct a field study and prepare a preliminary design for Heckard Field Turf.

Fall 2024, the District submitted an application to the National Guard for support. If the District was approved, the Department of Defense Innovative Readiness Training partnership would provide for excavation at no cost to the district associated with the project.

October 25, 2024 a celebration of the football season at the last home game included showcasing our military and the National Guard participated by landing a UH72 Lakota Medivac Chopper at Heckard Field. Although the District was not yet selected the IRT grant, we remain hopeful we will be able to be in partnership with the National Guard on the turf project during 2026.

At this time, the District has committed 1 million to this project as a match to community fundraising. In order to support the community in fundraising, the District is prepared to enter into formal partnership with a non-profit organization. As part of that partnership, the district will support the non-profit and begin solicitation for matching financial support.

The Board will be asked to approve the attached resolution directing the February work session. The resolution draft is attached for initial discussion this evening.