
Board of Education

ACTION

TITLE	Consider Approval of Multi-Year Lease Agreement(s) with the Boys and Girls Club of Fort Smith
DATE:	October 18, 2018
RESPONSIBLE ADMINISTRATOR:	Barry Owen Chief Academic Officer

BACKGROUND/CONSIDERATIONS:

Fort Smith Public Schools has leased sports fields from the Fort Smith Boys and Girls Club for about thirty years. Recently a fundraising committee was formed to raise money to turf the infields of two fields currently under lease. These fields are located at Evans Boys and Girls Club and are used by Southside girls softball and boys baseball. Because of the costs associated with maintenance and replacement of the turf additions on these fields, the Boys and Girls Club is increasing the lease amounts. Southside High School uses these fields about nine months of each calendar year which equates to seventy-five percent of the total use. Since the Boys and Girls Club own the fields, they are responsible for replacing the turf at the end of its normal usage period of about ten years. As a result of these costs, the club is increasing the lease to \$15,000.00 per year per field with a \$1,000.00 per year increase for each field during the ten years the turf remains functional. The cost estimate for replacing the turf is \$500,000.00. The graduated cost of the lease will increase \$2,000.00 per year from \$30,000.00 to \$48,000.00 per year over the ten year lease. Additionally, the district will pay \$5,000.00 per year to continue using the Hunt's Park grass field for Northside baseball.

RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends that the Board approve the attached lease agreement(s) with the Fort Smith Boys and Girls Club as presented.

If the Board agrees, the motion would read:

Move to approve the attached multi-year baseball/softball field lease agreement(s) with the Fort Smith Boys and Girls Club.