



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: 9/18/2024 Superintendent: Dave Valenzuela

Administrator/Staff: Erica Butler

Type of Item: ☐ Informational ☐ Action

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

Illinois Valley High School would like to request approval to apply for the T-Mobile Friday Night 5G Lights Contest. This contest is based upon improving rural area football facilities across the United States including 300 \$5,000 prizes and 16 \$25,000 prizes. The grand prize is a \$100,000 grant, new equipment for the weight room, new scoreboard, and consultation with field experts among other prizes. <https://www.fridaynight5glights.com/>

Provide history/background information on your proposal:

Illinois Valley High School completed a football & track facility upgrade nearly two decades ago with the support of the community. We were able to build a 3 story press box, build a concession stand and purchase aluminum bleachers for the home side. A 6 lane track was also finished about this time period. It is time for more improvements including a new stadium with more all weather seating, bathrooms (no more outhouses!) and an upgraded concession stand.

List the advantages of your proposal:

Receiving monetary support to improve our football and track facility is always appreciated, but having the opportunity to work with a facility expert is amazing. We do not have that expertise available here in Southern Oregon. This stadium will be a permanent structure at the football field, will create a sense of community pride and provide a facility for football, soccer, and track events for both Lorna Byrne Middle School and Illinois Valley High School.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

None.

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

None.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes ☐ No ☐