



PUTNAM COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #535

Recommendation for the Board of Education

Meeting: April 22nd, 2025

Item: Intergovernmental Agreement with Village of Hennepin for Ball Field Use

Recommendation: I recommend the Board of Education approve the updated intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Hennepin regarding the use and responsibilities associated with the ball fields located on the campus of Putnam County Elementary School.

The original lease for the fields was established in 1977, with an updated agreement signed in 2004. In September 2021, the agreement was reviewed by the Board of Education in response to the Village's request to proceed with facility improvements, including field leveling and lighting upgrades.

In March, lightning struck the electrical panels and caused extensive damage, leading the Village to file an insurance claim. In the course of this process, their insurance provider recommended revisions to the existing agreement. Legal counsel from both the Village and the District collaborated to review and revise the document. The updated, presented agreement reflects their recommendations.

NOTE: While most of the updates were details related to liability and use procedures, there is a new clause under item #11 for the Village of Hennepin to purchase the ball diamond property if the District decides to do so. The District would be required to provide the first opportunity for purchase to the Village at a cost of \$1.00.