

High School Band and Choir Trip to New York City

Board Policy:

School board policy 606.4, Student Field Trips and Excursions, states, "Board approval will be required for field trips and excursions which involve unusual length or expense."

Background:

During the summer of 2020, our high school music programs were unable to travel due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Maddie Allen and Mike Stittsworth have been organizing a high school music travel program for next summer. The two teachers are working with their travel representative (Bob Rogers Travel) to keep the price affordable for students.

Tentatively scheduled is a trip to New York City for May 31 through June 5, 2022. On their itinerary are destinations and activities such as the following:

- A cruise past the Statue of Liberty on the Staten Island Ferry;
- A walk to the 9/11 Memorial Visitors Center;
- A walk through Little Italy and Chinatown;
- A walk around Central Park; and
- An evening Broadway performance of *Aladdin!* at the New Amsterdam Theatre.

The Belmond-Klemme Choir will participate in a Music Theater Song and Movement Broadway Classroom Workshop. The Band will participate in an Instrumental Broadway Classroom Workshop at the same time.

Later, the Belmond-Klemme High School Choir will perform at St. John the Divine, and High School Band will perform at the *USS Intrepid*.

Accompanying documents show prices and the itinerary for the Board to review.

Tonight, several students will be on hand to present the planned trip and request the Board's permission. They will be available to answer questions.

Recommended Action:

I recommend the Board move to approve the choir and band trip to New York City conditional upon representatives of the groups returning to the School Board with a report on their experiences and the value they found in their travels.