



MEMO

TO: Board President Paul Widdison, Board Members Jon Ritchie, Douglas Hurst, Janis Christensen, Jan Burrell, Bruce Jardine, and Kelly Larson
Superintendent Gina Butters

FROM: Brock Mitchell, Director of Secondary Education

DATE: March 19, 2024

SUBJECT: Naming of the Roy High School Baseball Field

There have been multiple community members approach the Roy High School administration with the request to discuss the potential naming of the Roy High Baseball Field in honor of longtime coach and Royal, Coach Fred Thompson. A letter written by one of those community members has been included in your folder for your reference. There has been additional support voiced by school personnel and past students who know Fred Thompson. A committee would be beneficial to continue to hear from the community, review qualifications, and determine the viability of naming the field.

As per Board Policy 6600, (1) A committee shall be appointed by the Board of Education to recommend the name of a new school or portion of existing schools. This committee shall consist of the following: a Board Member, a building administrator, PTA representative, teacher, student leader, community council representative, classified employee representative, a local community leader, Elementary or Secondary Director and Director of Facilities. The Elementary or Secondary Director will chair this committee; (2) The committee will consider name recommendations submitted by responsible individuals or groups. The suggested names for schools may reflect general geographic areas, reflect areas of broad general interests or carry the name of prominent local citizens when appropriate. It will be the responsibility of this committee to present to the Board of Education a minimum of three possible names that will be prioritized with the committee's rationale for that prioritization; (3) The committee will review donations, either cash and/or in kind, and consider the possibility of naming buildings or facilities in the name of the donor. The committee will then present their conclusions to the Board of Education; and (4) Potential names will be presented to the Board of Education by the committee chairperson as a discussion item in a regular Board meeting.

I request that the Board approve the appointment of a naming committee for the Roy High School Baseball Field as per Policy 6600 to study the possibility of moving forward with the naming process. I respectfully suggest that Board Member Jan Burrell, who represents Precinct 2, serve as the Board Member on the naming committee. As per Policy 6600, I will chair the naming committee as the Director of Secondary Education. We will complete the committee as outlined in the Board Policy 6600.