



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: April 15th, 2013

Agenda #

Staff/Administrator: IVHS/C. Alderson

Superintendent: Dan Huber-Kantola

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 and Lorna Byrne Middle School are requesting a grant through the FourWay Community Foundation for the acquisition of four bass instruments to support the music programs. We are requesting funding for one 3/4 size Concert Tuba, two Three Valve Euphoniums, and one Saxophone. The cost of the items is as follows:

*Tuba - \$1700

*Euphonium(s) - \$1600

*Saxophone - \$1500

Provide history/background information on your proposal.

The existing instruments that are being replaced are 30 years old and in poor condition. They have been repaired but are becoming un-repairable. The instruments are not owned by the students due to the high cost but are essential to the balance of the band. Having these instruments available increases the exposure to our students and to attract students who would otherwise not be able to participate in the band.

List the advantages of your proposal:

There are currently 29 band students at IVHS and 49 band students at LBMS. IVHS has 50+ students in their vocal music department. With the age of the equipment, the pieces are becoming unusable. With the new equipment we hope to be able to attract more students into the band program and increase its viability.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

No costs will be incurred by the district.

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

The band would need to increase the amount of money that has been raised through fundraisers. The band also fundraises for transportation costs to play at local community events. The second alternative would be increasing the amount of money dedicated to the band department out of the general fund. This would cause other departments to decrease in funding and from general instruction at LBMS and IVHS.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes ☐ No ☐