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School Board Meeting Agenda Item

Topic: Red Wing School District and City of Red Wing Joint Powers Agreement Replacement

Contact(s):

Presenter(s): Dawn Wettern, Director of Community Education and Recreation

Nature of Action Requested by Board

Board action

X

Board information or scheduled report

Background Information

In May 1996, the City and School District established the operation of a Jointly Sponsored Community Recreation Program. This Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) established a formal structure with bylaws and a Joint Recreation Board to govern the relationship. Over the course of the 24 years of the partnership, both school district and city staff have concurred that a new agreement was needed to improve efficiencies of how the program operates. Through the JPA, the City and School District provide programming and operations at the Red Wing Aquatic Center, community outdoor rinks, and various parks.

Beginning in October 2020, the Community Education department has been working with the City to draft a new agreement. Primary concerns identified by both parties include the following items:

- Salary compensation levels for School District employees working on the joint recreation program have not kept up with the amount of work and cost-of-living inflation rates.
- Clarification on duties and associated expenses provided or incurred by the City and the School District was needed.
- The Joint Powers Board structure governing the partnership was not effective.
- Insurance coverage expenses necessary for this JPA are an excessive financial burden.

The City Attorney's Office drafted the new JPA language. City Council members Becky Norton and Dean Hove and School Board members Holly Tauer and Jim Bryant initially reviewed the revised agreement. It has been additionally received, reviewed and incorporated comments by the School District.

The Joint Powers Board held a meeting on January 21, 2021 and made the recommendation to the School Board and the City Council to terminate the existing May 1996 Jointly Sponsored Community Recreation Program Agreement and replace it with the new 2021 Joint Powers Agreement. The Community Education Advisory Council held a meeting on January 26, 2021 and supported the recommendation.

Background Information

I move to terminate the existing May, 1996 Jointly Sponsored Community Recreation Program Agreement and replace it with the new 2021 Joint Powers Agreement.