

## Sharing Baseball with Eagle Grove

### **Background:**

We have arranged with Eagle Grove to allow our high school varsity baseball players to participate as part of the Eagle Grove Varsity baseball team.

The first official baseball practice is May 2, and the first competition date is May 16. We anticipate approximately six students will take our bus to Eagle Grove and participate as part of their baseball team.

Only a few students in grades 9-12 indicated an interest in playing baseball for BK this summer. Bringing up eighth graders to play varsity, we could still have so few players that we could be forced to forfeit games, especially with the state's new rule limiting pitch count.

We contacted all our neighboring school districts last year. Only Eagle Grove indicated a willingness to let our players participate as part of their team. Eagle Grove is also suffering from low participation. The addition of our BK players to their squad could make for a solid team capable of playing both varsity and junior varsity competition.

Sharing agreements such as this require board approval from both school boards.

### **Options and/or Alternatives:**

Without this sharing agreement, potentially our players could play for any team of their choice. However, we learned last summer that most other programs are not interested in the possibility of outsiders coming into their programs and taking starting spots away from resident regulars.

### **Recommended Action:**

I recommend the board move to approve the baseball sharing agreement with Eagle Grove for this summer only.