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**Agenda V.A.8.
December 10, 2020**

To: Board of Education, Members
Dr. Theresa Battle, superintendent

From: Lisa Rider, executive director of business services

Date: December 3, 2020

Re: Clarification to Renaming Fields

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approves the clarification of the naming of the practice fields to the north of the stadium to now be called the Ted Seidel Practice Fields in honor and memory of Ted Seidel, the head boys' soccer coach at Burnsville High School for 28 years.

Background Information

June 22, 2017, the Board of Education approved the naming of the practice fields to the east of the stadium. However, the fields identified were incorrectly stated as the fields to the east of the stadium. The actual fields upon which Ted Seidel coached were the practice fields to the north of the stadium. Therefore, the request is necessary to clarify the practice fields renamed are to the north of the stadium.

Ted Seidel coached soccer at BHS for 28 years. He started the boys' soccer program in 1970, retiring from the position in 1998. Additionally, Mr. Seidel starting teaching German language courses at BHS in 1965, retiring from teaching in 1996.

Ted's teams finished with a combined 333-140-55 record. Teams under his tutelage finished as section champs and state qualifiers 6 times as well as section runners-up 9 times. His teams also won 8 conference titles and finished as state champs in 1980, 1982, 1990, and 1993.

Ted also received numerous awards for his coaching, including the Burnsville Athletic Club Citizen Award in 1974; the State Champions Coach Award in 1980, 1982, 1990, & 1993; the Minnesota Coach of the Year Award in 1991, and the Father of Burnsville Soccer Award in 1999. In 1981, Seidel won the Midwest Soccer Coach of the Year Award and was a nominee for the National Coach of the Year Award. Ted was inducted into the MN State High School Coaches Association 25 year Club in 1994, the MN State High School Soccer Hall of Fame in 1991, and the BHS Hall of Fame in 2005.

Coach Seidel passed away on October 7, 2015, from pneumonia. He had also suffered from Alzheimer's. He was 84 years old when he passed away. By naming these fields in his honor and memory, Coach Seidel's legacy will live on with the BHS Soccer and Athletic programs.