



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: 12/20/23 Superintendent: Dave Valenzuela
Administrator/Staff: Maximillian Jones

Type of Item: ☐ Informational ☒ Action

Please state your proposal briefly and clearly. What do you want the board to know, discuss, or decide?

I am looking for the boards approval to apply for the Four Way Community Grant to request funding for air conditioning in the Band and Choir room at North Valley.

Provide history/background information on your proposal:

The need for air conditioning in the Band and Choir room at North Valley High School has been a long-standing issue that has been discussed by students, teachers, and parents and Admin. The room, which is used for rehearsals and performances, can become extremely hot and uncomfortable during the warmer months of the year, making it difficult for students to concentrate and perform at their best. Additionally, the heat can cause damage to the musical instruments, which can be costly to repair. The lack of air conditioning in the room has also been a health concern, as it can lead to dehydration and heat exhaustion. For these reasons, many have been advocating for the installation of air condition

List the advantages of your proposal:

There are several advantages to having air conditioning in the Band and Choir room at North Valley High School. 1. Improved Comfort: With air conditioning, students and teachers will be able to work in a comfortable temperature-controlled environment, which will help them focus and perform better. 2. Protection of Musical Instruments: The heat and humidity can cause damage to musical instruments, which can be costly to repair. Air conditioning can help maintain a consistent temperature and humidity level, protecting the instruments from damage. 3. Health Benefits: Extreme heat can lead to dehydration, heat exhaustion, and other health issues. With air conditioning, students and teachers will be less likely to suffer from heat-related health problems. 4. Better Air Quality: Air conditioning can help filter out pollutants and allergens, providing a cleaner and healthier environment for students and teachers. 5. Increased Productivity: Comfortable and healthy environment can increase productivity and make the learning experience more enjoyable for everyone involved. Overall, air conditioning in the Band and Choir room is essential for creating a comfortable, healthy, and productive environment for students.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

While there are many advantages to having air conditioning in the Band and Choir room at North Valley High School, there are also some potential disadvantages to consider: 1. Energy Costs: Air conditioning requires energy, and this could increase the school's energy bill, which could be a concern for the school. 2. Installation Costs: Installing air conditioning can be a significant expense, and the school may need to allocate funds to cover the installation costs. 3. Maintenance Costs: Air conditioning units require regular maintenance to ensure that they are functioning properly, and this can also be an additional expense for the school. 4. Noise: Air conditioning units can produce noise, which could be distracting during rehearsals. 5. Environmental Impact: Air conditioning units use refrigerants that contribute to greenhouse gas emissions, which can have a negative impact on the environment. It is important to carefully consider these potential disadvantages and weigh them against the benefits of having air conditioning in the Band and Choir room.

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

There are several alternatives that could offer a solution to not having air conditioning in the Band and Choir room at North Valley High School. However, these alternatives may not be as effective or practical as air conditioning. Here are some possible alternatives: 1. Fans: Fans can provide some relief from the heat, but they may not be enough to cool the room during extreme heat waves. 2. Portable Air Conditioning Units: Portable air conditioning units can be a less expensive alternative to central air conditioning, but they are typically less powerful and may not be able to cool a large room like the Band and Choir room. While these alternatives can provide some relief from the heat, they may not be as effective or practical as air conditioning. Additionally, they may not provide the same level of comfort, protection for musical instruments, health benefits, and increased productivity that air conditioning can provide.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve:

Yes

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No

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