

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

July 18, 2023

SUBJECT:

Consideration to Create Girls & Boys Lacrosse Supplements

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The School Board approved the 2023 – 2024 Budget upon Second Reading at its May 23, 2023, meeting. Each year, periodic budget amendments are submitted for Board consideration.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

The Administration requests Board consideration for adding high school girls and boys lacrosse for the 2023 – 2024 school year. Lacrosse had been among the 2023 – 2024 budget requests that were presented in Spring 2023 during the budget development process. At least one school, Aiken High, has fielded a lacrosse team for multiple years on a volunteer coach basis.

The estimated cost of lacrosse supplements for girls and boys, varsity and junior varsity is \$100,000 when using supplement amounts equivalent to that of volleyball. This estimate assumes all schools offer varsity and junior varsity. Because of the unlikelihood that all schools would field girls and boys teams for varsity and junior varsity, the cost could be considerably less. In an effort to promote lacrosse and based on the affirmation among high school athletic directors to add the sport, the Administration further recommends excluding lacrosse supplements from reimbursements to schools for unused athletic supplements. To avoid Title IX issues, schools offering boys lacrosse must first offer girls lacrosse. The cost of the 2023 – 2024 supplements would be offset against salary/fringe savings resulting from start-of-the-year teacher vacancies.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve creation of lacrosse supplements for the 2023 – 2024 school year at amounts comparable to volleyball.

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Excerpt from salary schedule adding lacrosse supplements

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