

ATTACHMENT X-F: Bleacher Purchase

Suggested Motion: Approve the Purchase of Bleachers

Recommended Action: Approve as presented.

In the past, outside bleachers have always been moved with the tractor from field to field depending on the sport. Unfortunately the bleachers we own are not designed for that kind of handling and are becoming increasingly strained subjecting them to failures. So far this spring we have spent \$3,400 on repairs that were identified on last fall's inspection reports. It is suspected that more repairs will be necessary as we again move them from field to field. Additionally, the relatively new "Tip-N-Roll" bleachers acquired for the auxiliary gym in the high school, are also moved outside and are experiencing critical failures as well. These bleachers are not designed for outside use without proper support (a footing or foundation) to level them. A second section has now collapsed and will require about \$600 in repairs.

Administration would like to propose we initiate a plan to gradually replace the outside bleachers with transportable bleachers. Transportable bleachers are designed with extra frame supports and are made to be moved from field to field like a trailer. It is suggested we purchase two sections each year over the next two years. The initial investment would be about \$6,850 which would include a transport wheel kit that will be shared with all of them. Next year's expense would therefore be about \$675 less. Our existing bleachers could remain in a prepared permanent location and hopefully provide continued use for several more years.

In summary, the financials look like this:
 FY 2015-2016 Capital Expense: \$6,850
 FY 2016-2017 Capital Expense: \$6,175

Note 2015-2016 repair expenses are already expected to be about \$4,000 without experiencing any further damages.

Mr. Novak has discussed this with the High School administration and it is unlikely there is any Booster Club support at this time.

To date, we have two quotes to investigate feasibility. They range as follows:

Year 1: \$7,254 - \$6,835
Year 2: \$6,166 - \$7,504