Supplemental Funding for High School Athletic Programs Due to Pandemic Impacts

Policy Reference: Board Governance, "OE-8 - Communicating with the Board," p.35.

<u>Background Information:</u> At the April 19, 2021 Finance Committee meeting, Mr. Gardner provided a handout on the *Analysis of Football and Basketball Gate receipts*. The analysis compared a five-year average (2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, and 2019-20) of gate receipts to the actual collections for 2020-21. It showed a total of (\$270,058.83) loss in revenue. Football gate receipt losses totaled (\$180,419.97) while basketball losses totaled (\$89,638.86).

As requested by the Finance Committee, this information was shared at the May 3, 2021 Board meeting.

In a recent update of the analysis, SJHS B-Team basketball's gate receipts were overstated by \$943.84 which resulted in total basketball losses of (\$90,582.70).

<u>Purpose:</u> To inform the Board of significant trends in school athletics as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Recommended Action: It is recommended that the Board authorizes the utilization of Unassigned General Fund - Fund Balance in the amount of \$271,002.67 to provide a one-time distribution of funds (from summary listed below) to all high schools' athletic budgets to off-set the losses due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

| AHS | \$25,963.92 |
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| CFHS | \$21,991.68 |
| CHS | \$51,294.22 |
| GSFHS | \$16,996.37 |
| LHS | \$42,057.80 |
| MBHS | \$27,221.37 |
| NMBHS | \$55,335.47 |
| SJHS | \$11,688.87 |
| SHS | \$18,452.97 |
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Estimated Project Cost: \$271,002.67

Non-recurring X

Funding Sources: General Fund