BOE Agenda Item Executive Summary
February 8, 2021

Topic: Approval to Receive Gift Funds for Education EDGE FY 21 Grants

Background Information: The Education EDGE foundation has received funds to support non-budget expenditures for athletics, fine arts, and mini-grants. In accordance with BOE Policy 1785 – WPS Gift Funds, it is requested the Board of Education approve the disbursement of foundation funds to appropriate district accounts for expenditure.

Expenditures include the following:

Athletics Fund: $150,000. The Athletics Fund Gift Fund Team requested support for the high school level. The Fund Team request for $150,000 will be used to begin the process of installing Daktronics video boards in high school gyms and other Athletics equipment needs.

Fine Arts Fund: $150,000. The Fine Arts Gift Fund Team requested support for the established priorities of beginning band/orchestra instruments, visual arts equipment, and auditorium upgrades along with some additional prioritized items. The instrumental request includes the purchase of 50 instruments for a subtotal of $38,000. The visual arts request includes the purchase of (1) printing press + 3 blankets, (10) banding wheels, (3) electronic kilns, (2) clay mixers, and (8) paper cutters for a subtotal of $38,000. The auditorium equipment upgrade request includes the purchase of (12) Yamaha Powerpod packages, (12) pairs Yamaha 10" monitor speakers, (24) microphones, (12) wireless mics, (12) equipment carts, and (12) sets of cables for a subtotal of $36,000. The theatre request includes the purchase of (8) custom-painted scenery backdrops and (40) lapel mics for a subtotal of $36,000. This gift fund will also provide a composed musical piece in honor of WPS' 150th year complete with multi-level choral sections and full orchestra for a sub total of $2,000.

Classroom Mini-Grants Fund: $150,000. Mini Grants Fund will award (100) $1,500 classroom grants. Ten qualified applications were judged in December for the classroom mini-grant competition and sent for recommendation to the Elementary and Secondary Assistant Superintendents. Mini-grant recipients will be recognized in a later BOE Good News item. These applicants will be awarded in February. Grant application process will open again on May 3, 2021 so that the additional (90) grants can be awarded.

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