

ORANGE COUNTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

Meeting Date: January 18, 2011

AGENDA ITEM No. 11-01-(2)-07

ACTION ITEM: (Y/N) Y

SUBJECT: Request for Matching Funds

INFO. CONTACT Patrick Rhodes PHONE: 919-732-8126

ATTACHMENTS: 1. Matching Funds-Parent Teacher Organization/Booster Groups Policy #8430.
2. Request from Cedar Ridge High School.

PURPOSE: To secure approval from the Board of Education for a \$1,000.00 each matching funds request for the submitting school(s)/group(s).

BACKGROUND: To encourage the participation and efforts of organized booster and parent-teacher groups in support of the schools, the Orange County Board of Education has established and operates a matching funds program. Each fiscal year, one group per school may request a one-time matching grant of up to \$1,000.00 on a dollar-for-dollar basis to match an amount of money generated by the group for the benefit of the school. To qualify for matching funds, the applicant group must agree to spend the total amount (both matching grant and collected funds) on a project that benefits a large school group and has a lasting value to the students.

Following Board approval, in order for matching funds to be disbursed, school principals submit a Request for Reimbursement Form, with required documentation of expenditures, to the Director of Finance for processing.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: \$1,000.00.

RECOMMENDATION: The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education approve the request for matching funds for an appropriation of \$1,000.00 each to the requesting school(s)/group(s).

**MATCHING FUNDS-PARENT
TEACHER ORGANIZATION/
BOOSTER GROUPS**

Date Reviewed/Approved: 02/05/07

Policy Number: 8430

Rescinds Policy Number: LEBA, LEBA

Issued: 10/06/80, 2/03/1992, 04/19/2004

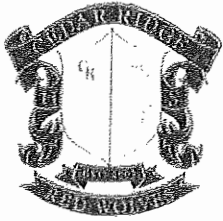
To encourage the participation and efforts of organized booster and parent-teacher groups in support of the schools, the Orange County Board of Education has established and operates a matching fund program. Each fiscal year, one group per school may request a one-time matching grant of up to \$1000 per year on a dollar for dollar basis to match an amount of money generated by the group of the benefit of the school. School principals with more than one eligible group will establish rotating schedules for all groups which may allow one or more requests per year; however, the amount per school will be limited to \$1000 per year.

Booster groups that represent more than one school are also eligible for this annual matching grant, provided the project benefits all schools represented by the multi-school booster group. Such groups shall submit matching grant requests directly to the superintendent for funds separated and apart from those made available to the individual schools. Matching funds for multi-school booster groups shall also be limited to \$1000 per year.

To qualify for matching funds, the applicant group must agree to spend the total amount (both matching grant and collect funds) on a project that benefits a wide school group population and has a lasting value to the students.

Each request must be submitted to the superintendent for his/her recommendation to the school board for its action prior to any expenditure. The request must include a list of the item(s) to be purchased, the total cost of the item or project, and a short description of the benefits to the schools. All requests for matching funds should be submitted as early in the school year as possible so that students can receive the full benefit of the project in the year funded. Requests will not be accepted after March 15 and projects must be completed in the same fiscal year unless you are granted administrative approval to exceed the standard completion date.

Legal Reference: G.S. 115C-36, 115C-47, 115C-276, 115C-288



Cedar Ridge High School



January 14, 2011

Orange County Schools
Board of Education
200 East King Street
Hillsborough, NC 27278

As the Principal of Cedar Ridge High School, I hereby submit this letter in support of Mr. Frank Felicelli's application for Model UN matching board grant money.

Model UN is an academic extracurricular activity for students used to address and "resolve" current world problems representing designated nations. A typical Model UN conference would require students to research, collaborate, publically debate, and compose formal resolutions for committee consideration. Most conferences last approximately four days and the majority of the time is spent in conference sessions participating as delegates. In addition, students are offered a tour of the Johns Hopkins University campus, with the opportunity for our students to work with real diplomats and/or visiting academics in addition to various planned and supervised social events throughout the conference.

Due to the real-world application that this conference would offer our students, I ask that you support Mr. Felicelli's request for matching board funds to assist our students attain invaluable 21st century skills.

Sincerely,

John J. Wheeler
Principal, Cedar Ridge High School

December 21, 2010

Dear OC Board of Education and Mr. Rhodes,

I am applying for the \$1,000.00 matching grant that our district makes available for booster groups and/or other academic pursuits. I have been granted permission by Mr. Wheeler to apply for these funds on behalf of CRHS Model UN Club.

Model UN is an academic extracurricular activity where students role play UN delegates addressing and "resolving" current world problems representing designated nations. Our club started in 2005 and competed in one conference in 2006 (UNC-Chapel Hill). Our numbers grew and the following years we have participated in two conferences annually (Duke and UNC). We are totally self funded and have paid our entrance fees through various fundraising activities and/or grants. Last year a few of our veteran delegates earned awards for their participation in each of the aforementioned conferences. At our last meeting of the year our membership requested that we explore participating in one of the many regional conferences held up and down the East Coast. It was decided to pursue participation at the Johns Hopkins conference held in Baltimore in February, 2011. I have been granted permission to participate by CRHS administration and have filed the necessary paperwork for Board approval. The cost for this trip is roughly \$5,000.00 (cost breakdown attached) and includes school and delegate entrance fees, rooms, and transportation costs.

It is our philosophy that all delegates will participate without cost to themselves or their families if they actively share the burden of raising the necessary funds needed. Students are mandated to work 6 shifts at various UNC sporting concessions in order to participate without charge at JHMUN conference. Those who do not wish, or are unable, to work have agreed to pay 300.00 (or prorated if less than 6 events). In addition, student delegates must complete and submit formal "position papers" as an additional mandate to participate.

A typical conference requires students to research, collaborate, publically debate, and compose formal resolutions for committee consideration. Each conference last 4 days with the majority of time spent in conference participating as delegates. In addition, students are offered a tour of Johns Hopkins University campus, meet and greets with real diplomats and/or visiting academics in addition to various planned and supervised social events throughout the event.

Thank you for the opportunity and consideration of our application. I welcome your questions or inquiries.

Sincerely,

Frank Felicelli- CRHS History Dept.

Costs of JHMUN Conference Trip to Baltimore Feb. 10-13

1. Conference Fee 850.00 (18 Delegates and 1 Advisor)
2. Thrifty Rental Vans 7 Passenger Mini- Van (650.00)(tax inc)
3. Rooms at Marriot (conference location) 6 rooms X 387.00/room for 3days=2,322.00
 - a. Tax not included.. estimated at 12 % = 278.00
4. Transportation Costs (Fuel for van and 3 cars=350.00)
5. Total Estimated Costs \$ 4,450.00

Duke Model UN (Feb 17-20)

1. Conference Fee 65.00 X 14 delegates 910.00

UNC Chapel Hill - April

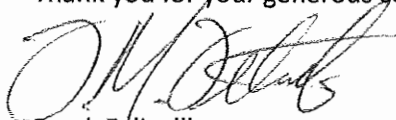
1. Conference date and fees TBA (last year 25.00/delegate)
2. 400.00 est. cost

Model UN Fundraising Overview

Our club has received 750.00 in grants: United Nations Association of the Triangle (250.00), and one from our PTSO- Academic Mini-Grant (500.00). The balance of our fund balance has been raised through our association with the CRHS Band Boosters. We often fill in to work their concession stands at various UNC sporting venues. We are paid a commission of the total sales when these opportunities arise. We will continue to work various sporting events at UNC throughout the Winter and Spring in order to pay our way for the remaining conferences on our schedule.

Our philosophy is for students to attend our conferences without paying out of pocket IF they work a minimum number of games/events as they come up. Students who choose not to work or have not fulfilled their obligation will be paying up to 300.00 for the trip to Baltimore (6 expected shifts X 50/shift) or prorated to reflect the number of times they worked.

Thank you for your generous consideration.



Frank Felicelli

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Account History

Cedar Ridge High School

7/1/2010 through 1/31/2011

As of 1/6/11

Account Number: 628.00

Account Title: Model UN

Manager	Begin Yr Balance	Receipts YTD	Disburse YTD	Encumb Outstanding	Transfers YTD	Current Balance
Frank Felicelli	\$395.70	\$1,484.89	\$365.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,515.59

2,337.01

Click reference # for detailed info.

Date	Jrn	Ref	PO/Enc Liq.	Vendor/Receiptee	Description	Received	Transferred	Encumbered	Liquidated	Expended
9/29/2010	PAY	10346	7505	John Hopkins Univ. M	Partial Registration	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$365.00
11/22/2010	REC	364883		Cr Band Boosters	Model UN	\$203.26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
11/22/2010	REC	364884		Cr Band Boosters	Model UN	\$1,031.63	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
11/23/2010	REC	364887		Felicelli, Frank	Model UN	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
						\$1,484.89	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$365.00

500.00 PISO CK DEP. 1/4/10

321.42 CK # 2617 BAND BOOSTERS 1/5/11

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