

ORANGE COUNTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

Meeting Date: January 3, 2011

AGENDA ITEM No. 11-01-07

ACTION ITEM: (Y/N) Y

SUBJECT: Request for Matching Funds

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ATTACHMENTS: 1. Matching Funds-Parent Teacher Organization/Booster Groups Policy #8430
2. Request from Robotics Team 587

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).

Orange County Board of Education \$1000 Matching Grant Request 2010-2011
Orange County Robotics Team 587
Cedar Ridge High School and Orange High School

the Office of the Superintendent and School Board

We are requesting a matching grant of \$1000 for the Orange County Robotics Team 587-The Hedgehogs. This robotics team is open to any interested student in either of the two high schools.

There are more than 40 students involved in the robotics team, and there are more than 10 adult mentors working with the team. Our team is composed of sub-teams that focus in the areas of robot construction, programming, electronics, animation, and imagery. We are currently meeting twice a week. We receive our project objectives and the rules for the new robotics game during the first week of January. Then we will meet 5 or 6 days a week during the building period from Jan. 8, 2011 to Feb 22, 2011.

We will use the \$100+ from our Hexbug sales, the \$329.86 we raised from a robot-a-thon project, the \$4,200 + we have raised in general donations as matching funds for this money. Our additional fund raising projects include the recycling of printer cartridges from friends, family members, OHS and CRHS (Please send any that you have to Nina Daye at OHS). We will run a refreshment stand this Saturday (12/4) at the UNC-Kentucky basketball game. Other possible fund raising projects include a Carraba's dinner/silent auction, a bulb and flower sale, and a continuation of the Hexbug sales in the spring. We will use the money we raise this year to go to the Raleigh Regional FIRST competition in April 2011 and to the National FIRST competition in Saint Louis in April 2011. Please come and see us in Raleigh, NC. April 7-9, 2011.

Our budget is forecast as follows:

Item	Cost
Registration Fee for NC Regional	\$5,000.00
Fee for Nationals	\$5,000.00
Additional Parts and Materials for the Robot including an additional CPU device for practicing programming and driving	\$2,000.00
T-shirts	\$900.00
Imagery materials (buttons, give aways)	\$2,000.00
Hotel rooms Saint Louis, Mo	\$4,000.00
Transportation to Saint Louis, Mo	TBD
Sponsor thank you dessert	\$200.00

Thank you for your support in allowing us to offer this opportunity to the students of Orange High School and Cedar Ridge High School. Please send the matching grant money to Orange High School c/o Nina Morley Daye. Our main money account is the OHS account.

Thank you for the matching grant money,

Nina Morley Daye

Nina Morley Daye
 OHS Science Teacher
 Go Hedgehogs!!!!

