

ORANGE COUNTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

Meeting Date: May 13, 2013

AGENDA ITEM No. 13-05-09

ACTION ITEM (Y/N) Y

SUBJECT: Relay for Life Facility Use Fee Appeal

INFO. CONTACT: Michael Gilbert, Public Information Officer PHONE: 919-732-8126

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Relay for Life Appeal Letter
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PURPOSE: To provide the Board of Education the opportunity to discuss the American Cancer Society's request to have the facility use fees for the Relay for Life event waived.

BACKGROUND: The American Cancer Society has requested to use Gravelly Hill Middle School's campus for their Relay for Life event on May 3-4, 2013. This is the second year they have used the facility.

In 2012, the organization used the facility, but did not submit a facility use form; the organization was not charged for the use of Gravelly Hill Middle School facilities. Staff worked with the American Cancer Society to ensure that all protocols were followed for this year's event and the organization was billed for \$2,970.

The American Cancer Society is asking that the Board waive the fee for this fundraiser.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The American Cancer Society has been billed for \$2,970 for the use of Gravelly Hill Middle School's campus.

RECOMMENDATION: The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education waive the facility use fee in the amount of \$2,970.00 for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event.



May 1, 2013

Orange County Board of Education
c/o Central Office at
200 E. King Street
Hillsborough, NC 27278

RE: Appeal for waiver of usage fees for Gravelly Hill Middle School facility by Relay For Life of Orange County

To whom it may concern,

I am representing the volunteers of the Relay For Life of Orange County NC. They have reserved facility usage for the Gravelly Hill Middle School sports fields for the weekend of May 3rd through May 4th. This reservation has resulted in a usage fee of \$2,970.00 sent to me in invoice #496 on April 29th, 2013 by Ms. Harriet Watkins. I am requesting from the board a dismissal of these usage fees.

I am asking that the fees of \$2,970.00 be waived because Relay For Life is the signature fundraiser for the American Cancer Society and one we depend greatly on for a large portion of our income. The American Cancer Society is a nonprofit organization benefiting cancer patients and their families through education, advocacy, research and patient programs. The more money we can save in putting on our fundraisers such as Relay For Life, the more money can go to help those patients and their families. Relay For Life is an event that not only benefits those affected by cancer but also brings the community together in a free family friendly event for all ages. Many of your Orange county students are benefiting from being participants in Relay For Life as it teaches leadership skills and community involvement which will aid in their future academic endeavors.

Please allow us to use these facilities without the usage fees of \$2,970. We held our event at GHMS on May 4th-5th 2012 and truly enjoyed the experience without paying a usage fee. We would greatly appreciate the opportunity to have the same experience this year. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Madison Buchanan".

Madison Buchanan

American Cancer Society Staff Partner