



BOE Review: Boys Volleyball - August 2024

Recommendation and Future Plan

Recommendation

- The Athletic Department recommends the following regarding Boys Volleyball:
 - Adopt Boys Volleyball as an official MSHSAA sport for the 2025-26 school year
 - Poll female students and parents to gauge interest in starting Girls Flag Football or Stunt Cheer as a Club Sport for the 2024-25 school year contingent upon student interest and qualified sponsor availability
- The Athletic Department makes the above recommendation based on the following rationale:
 - To honor our current budget prioritization process
 - We intend to make a request to Human Resources and the Board of Education to consider adding the following coaching stipends starting in the 2025/26 school year:
 - Assistant Athletic Director
 - Boys Volleyball
 - Head Coach
 - Assistant Coach
 - Assistant Coach
 - Girls Flag Football or Stunt Cheer
 - Head Coach
 - Assistant Coach
 - Other possible requests for assistant coaches contingent upon student numbers
 - We intend to request budget funding for the 2025-26 school year for Boys Volleyball to include all items listed in the Estimated Annual Expenses section from below (approx. \$35,000)
 - To follow our typical Human Resource process to advertise, screen, and interview all available and qualified coaching candidates
 - To use the 2024-25 school year to plan all logistic details for Boys Volleyball as a MSHSAA sport beginning in the 2025-26 school year (budget, coaching, facility, schedule, uniforms and supplies, travel, etc)
 - To follow our current Administrative Procedure IGD-AP(4)

Relevant Board Policies and/or Procedures

- Policy IGD: DISTRICT-SPONSORED EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND GROUPS
- Administrative Procedure IGD-AP(4): District Sponsored Extracurricular Activities and Groups - (Guidelines for New Programs)





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Facility Requirements

- With Boys Volleyball being a spring sport, gym availability will likely be able to work out since all spring sports are outdoors
 - Only conflict would be sharing gyms during inclement weather
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Present and Future Student Interest

2024 Club Rosters

- High School - Approximately 31 students (9 seniors, 10 juniors, 6 sophomores, 6 freshmen - 11 of which participated in another spring sport)
- Middle School - Approximately 31 students (11 eighth graders, 5 seventh graders, 14 sixth graders, 1 fifth grader)

Estimated 2025 Interest

- High School - Approximately 30 students
 - Students were polled to determine their interest for this year
 - Middle School - Approximately 25 students
 - Students were polled to determine their interest for this year
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Kansas City Suburban Conference Interest and/or Competition Availability

Suburban Conference

- 16 schools plan to participate in MSHSAA Boys Volleyball in 2024/25.
- Suburban Conference schedules on a two year cycle. 2024/25 schedules were finalized during the winter of 2023/24.
 - Although schedules have been set, we would likely be able to schedule a game with several of the conference schools adding boys volleyball

Available Recreational Teams/Leagues

- If we do not add a MSHSAA team our students can still practice and compete in leagues with other clubs.
 - Our clubs will be able to use our facilities for practices and competitions in accordance with our facilities usage policy
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Coaching Staff Requirements and Availability

Coaching Requirements

- Need to hire a qualified head coach with relevant coaching experience as outlined in Board policy IGD and consistent with Human Resource hiring procedures
- Once the head coach is hired we would need to hire 1-2 qualified assistant coaches with relevant coaching experience

Availability/Interest

- It will be challenging to fill multiple coaching positions so late in the summer
- In order to have a fully implemented program we would prefer to meet with high school and middle school students in the spring to gauge interest and share information regarding summer contact days
 - Prefer to have summer contact days (each sport is allowed 20), summer camps and/or play in a summer league to gain legitimate experience before competing against other MSHSAA schools.
 - Prefer to use the winter season for “out of season contact days/open gyms” before spring. MSHSAA allows three hours of contact per week during a seven week window prior to a season.

Estimated Annual Expenses

- Approximately \$35,000

Equipment & Supplies - \$9,000

- Men's volleyballs
- Carts
- Uniforms
- Travel Suits
- Bags

Transportation - \$ 1,000

- Travel - \$300
- Driver - \$700
 - Transportation Department believes it will be very difficult to add more trips in the spring due to the current availability of drivers

Competitions - \$5,000

- Officials - \$4,000
- Entry Fees - \$1,000

Coaching Salaries - \$17,000

- Head Coach - 15-17% of base salary
- Assistant Coach - 10-11% of base salary
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Athletic Training - \$1,000

- Would need to potentially provide another trainer to cover extra events

Supervision - \$2,000

- Would ask to approve an additional Spring Supervision Stipend to assist in covering events
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Transportation

Additional Travel

- Adding another program will add approximately 10-15 additional trips to away competitions and tournaments which would be very challenging for Transportation Department with existing staff
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Other Considerations

Title IX

- We believe it would be in the best interest of the Platte County School District to add a girls sport if we add a boys volleyball for various reasons:
 - To ensure we are creating equitable participation opportunities for our female students
 - To stay consistent with other conference schools
 - 10 of the 16 Suburban Conference Schools added another girls sport (flag football or stunt cheer)
 - 3 of those 16 schools are planning to add a girls sport next year

Athletic/Activities Budget Approval Process

- Athletic Director submits budget requests such as additional stipends, coaches, sponsors, assistant AD, recommends coaching pay scales, and facility improvements. These requests are all submitted in the winter to be considered for the following school year. Those requests are then reviewed by HR before being approved or denied and the AD has the spring and summer to plan and fill those additional positions/stipends.
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