

Warrant Article 6 – Other Instruction

To: MSAD 52 Board of Directors
From: Eben Shaw and Gail Marine
Date: 2/16/2017
Re: Executive Summary

7-8 Co- Curricular & Athletics

The Co-Curricular portion of the article is increased by \$100.00. The budget line for Field Trip Transportation has an increase to reflect fuel costs. All other lines are the same as FY 16-17.

Athletics - Individual Sports portion of this article is increased \$1348.50. Sports uniform money has been shifted from cross country equipment and boys and girls track to boys and girls basketball to allow those teams new uniforms. In addition, there is an increase in the ski supply and equipment lines to replenish these amounts to meet the needs of the program.

Athletics General is down \$-595.00. This is due to the cut in sports transportation.

9-12 Co-Curricular

The co-curricular portion of this budget maintains current programs.

9-12 Athletics

The athletics portion of the budget maintains current programs, but also includes a request for a stipend for a Unified Basketball coach. This is the third year of our Unified Basketball program and each year it continues to grow, as do the responsibilities of the coach. There is a slight increase in the software line to reflect an increase in the annual cost of scheduling software. Equipment and supply lines for each program are being maintained at current levels.

9-12 Summer School

This portion of the budget maintains current funding levels. These funds are used to provide students with opportunities to recover credits during the summer and for the first time this year, we are also offering opportunities during February and April break.

MSAD #52 FY18 Budget – New Proposal

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| SCHOOL/DEPT Leavitt Area High School SUBMITTED BY: E. Shaw |
| PROPOSAL NAME: Unified Basketball Coach |
| PRIORITY RANK ORDER: 1 OF 2 SCHOOL/DEPT PROPOSALS |
| <p>STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL (DESCRIPTION):</p> <p>I am proposing adding an additional winter stipend to fund a coach for Unified Basketball. Over the last three years Unified Sports have grown significantly across the state and our district is no exception. Fortunately, Special Olympics Maine has assisted many schools across the state with getting the programs up and running. We have used their financial support to purchase equipment, uniforms and provide transportation. We have not used any of the funding for a coaching stipend, but I think it's an important consideration to keep the program moving forward.</p> |
| <p>JUSTIFICATION (SUPPORTING DATA):</p> <p>The Unified Sports program pairs students with IEP's along with general education students in a competitive athletic setting. Last year was the first year that the MPA sponsored a unified basketball season. After establishing modified rules, expectations, a regular season schedule and playoff schedule, the MPA worked with schools across the state to support the various programs in the inaugural season. We have seen a steadily growing number of students participating in our unified programs. During last year's season we had, depending on the day 15-20 students participating in our basketball program.</p> |
| <p>GOALS AND EXPECTED BENEFITS:</p> <p>The benefits of the unified programs have been far reaching. The unified players and partners establish relationships that, more than likely, would not have been created otherwise. The positive atmosphere that this program creates is felt throughout the school. During a home game, it's not uncommon to see fans from both sides, students and adults, cheering for both teams. Certainly something you don't often see. I think it's also important to point out the pride that the unified players demonstrate as they have the opportunity to represent their school.</p> |
| <p>CONSEQUENCES OF NON-APPROVAL:</p> <p>The program has been in it's infancy over the last two years and has had the support from Special Olympics Maine. Although we chose not to use their funding to support a coaching stipend. We were very fortunate to have a staff member willing to volunteer their time to coach the team last year, and he has agreed to volunteer again this year. As the program grows, a stipend to support the coach will help to ensure that we have the right person in the position.</p> |
| <p>LOWER COST ALTERNATIVE (IF APPLICABLE):</p> |
| <p>RESOURCES REQUIRED (LIST AND COST OF STAFF/MATERIALS/SPACE):</p> <p>Additional Stipend: \$1,845</p> |
| <p>BUDGET AREA: WARRANT ARTICLE 6 ACCT #: 1000-300-9600-1000-51500</p> |
| <p>WHERE IN THE EXISTING 2016-17 BUDGET WILL THE FUNDING FOR THIS COME FROM?</p> |