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Comet Highlights from a Special Board Meeting on April 4, 2023 at 7:30 AM

April 7-11	Spring Break - NO School for students 7-11; Teacher Professional Learning on April 11
April 10	Board of Education Meeting - 6:30 PM
April 13	Benchmarking Tour with OPN in Cedar Rapids area - Time TBD
April 13	District Proposal for the Bellevue Education Association - 4:00
April 17	OPN visiting the school district to meet with
"benchmarking"	groups, and then the school board during a work session at 6:30 PM.
April 18	ACT Testing for Juniors (voluntary; encouraged)
April 18	Elementary Folk Dance Concert - West Gym - 5:30-7:30 (a spaghetti dinner is also being offered by the Bellevue Elementary PAC)
April 26	2-Hour Early Dismissal for Students; Teacher Professional Learning
May 8	Board of Education Meeting - 6:30 PM
May 10	2-Hour Early Dismissal for Students; Teacher Professional Learning
May 26	Last Day of School for Students (pending more weather-related days, etc.)
May 27	Graduation

To view a calendar of events see the following link:

<https://www.rivervalleyconference.org/public/genie/628/school/1/>

High School Baseball

The lone action item on the agenda was to discuss a potential sharing agreement for high school baseball for the Summer of 2023.

This was a result of low numbers in the current high school baseball program at Bellevue High School, with a large majority of the participants currently being in 8th and 9th grade - approximately 12-13 participants and 10-11 being in 8th and 9th grade. The participation numbers have been trending downward over the last several years in our baseball system, and many other school districts across the state as well for baseball and several other extracurricular activities.

As a result of the low participation numbers, the district reached out to Marquette about the potential of sharing baseball. They were open to this idea and believe this can be an agreement that can benefit both programs.

Some specifics are the following (recognizing that our district would have costs associated with operating our own program as well, and that sharing some costs seems appropriate at this time):

Bellevue Baseball Agreement

- The program will be led by Marquette-hired coaches.
- Both schools intend for this to be a multi-year agreement. If there are concerns that need to be addressed that could lead to an opt-out of the cooperative agreement, those should be communicated prior to August 1.

Preseason Practice

- All sessions will be joint sessions. Indoor/Outdoor facilities at Marquette and Bellevue can be utilized throughout the preseason. Scheduling of facilities is to be done through each school's respective Athletic Directors.

In-season Practice, Games, Activities, etc.

- Uniform tops/bottoms will be furnished by Marquette
- Decisions will be made by the Marquette hired coaches, examples of playing time, pitching dates, and breakdown of F/JV/V teams.
- Scheduling will be done by the Marquette Athletic Administration with potential help from the Bellevue Athletic Administration in help scheduling lower level games or Varsity RVC opponents
- Bellevue has offered to help financially with:
 - Umpires - Bellevue will pay for 100% of sub-varsity game umpires not scheduled by the Tri-Rivers Conference commissioner. (example: JV/V date scheduled by TRC will be covered by Marquette)
 - Game balls - 3 dozen (IHSAA postseason game balls)
 - Equipment
 - Bats - 1 BBCOR furnished by each school
 - Catchers Gear: Bellevue contributes a new set in 2023; Need-based in the future.
 - Helmets: 3 helmets every other year
 - Field Maintenance - Cole Park Bill - same as formerly agreed upon with the city for chalk, diamond dry, and light bill (yearly bill from the city)
- Transportation
 - The Bellevue CSD will supply suburban access as needed for baseball travel to games. Busses will be available if needed...If Bellevue softball is going to the same location as Marquette Baseball, the teams will ride on the Bellevue bus.
- Concessions/Admissions
 - Marquette will operate concessions/admissions and intake all revenue from these operations.

This proposal was approved by the Bellevue Board of Education and will start this season (summer of 2023).