



Brandon
Valley
Activities
Five Year Plan



2016-2017



2017-2018



2018-2019



2019-2020



2020-2021

A. Middle School Athletic/Activities Coordinator \$35,000

Rationale – Due to the addition of activities at the high school level and the increased levels of play at the middle school level, it has become increasingly more difficult to manage and supervise the activities for the Brandon Valley School District with one position.

Over the past seven years, the District has added Competition Cheer, Competition Dance, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer and Softball to the high school schedule of offerings. In addition, Boys Bowling, Girls Bowling and Baseball have all joined the high school activities schedule as Club Sports, which take time and energy of the Activities Director, even though these are not school sponsored activities. In addition, during this time, the game limitations in Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball and Volleyball have increased by two each and the number of allowable weigh-ins in Wrestling has increased.

The SDHSAA has discovered, after many years of hosting only the State AA Track and Field Meet, that the School District and City of Brandon are a very appealing State Event Host site. We have been added into the rotations and now host Boys and Girls Tennis annually and the sports of Cheer and Dance, Boys Golf and Girls Golf every rotation. The State AA Track & Field Meet will remain BVHS.

Additionally, with the expanded facilities at the Activities Center, our Cheer and Dance and Wrestling Invitational events have more than doubled in size, which creates great opportunities for our athletes and community. The Brandon Valley Athletic Boosters have become infinitely more active in their support of athletics, which requires more time and management support from the Activities Director position.

At the middle school level, due to ever increasing participation in all activities and joining the Middle School Metro Athletic League, we have added extra levels of play in Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball and Volleyball – where we now play A-D levels and have doubled the number of home events than we previously had. Our participation increase and affiliation with the Metro League has also increased the number of meets in Cross Country and Track and Field.

A “trigger” in the Districts long range plan for facilities and staffing, which was completed several years ago (before the above mentioned additions) indicated adding an Assistant Activities Director at 1,200 high school students. This was an arbitrary number and one that does not tell an accurate story. An increase in the number of high school students does not have a huge impact on athletics. There will still be the same number of levels of participation in sports that have levels (V, JV, 10th, 9th) and full teams at those levels – just more students vying for those spots. In sports where cutting is not necessary, larger participation will occur with more minor impact on additions except for the need for additional staff to coach them and probably a few more competitions at lower levels. The significant trigger numbers should focus on the number and levels of activities at the high school and middle school levels. It is clearly demonstrated that there have been significant increases in these valuable triggers.

Additionally, all large (AAA) public schools have Middle School Coordinators except Watertown and Brandon Valley. The smaller schools of Brookings and Harrisburg have added this position recently.

This position may be able to be tied to an Assistant Middle School Principal position to allow for better use of available funds.

B. Assistant Softball Coach \$3,000

Rationale – This request is being made due to an increased participant history over the past three seasons. In order to operate smooth and effective practice sessions and be able to manage game situations, it is important to add this position. This assistant would be involved with practices with both levels on a daily basis and would allow two coaches at the varsity level on game days when both levels play at the same time. It would also allow for two coaches at all games when both levels are not playing at the same time and allow for practice sessions to be maintained when only one level is playing.

C. Stadium Improvement Project – Year Two \$500,000

Rationale – This is year two of the project which is proposed over a four year time period to accomplish the goal of upgrading this facility to repair/replace existing components and to meet the current needs of one of the state’s largest and fastest growing school districts. The full rationale is attached in Appendix A, at the end of the Activities section, and includes a full narrative on the projects components – this is essential reading to fully understand the scope of the project.

- D. **Tennis Court Re-Surfacing** **\$40,000**
Rationale – Minor crack repair and painting service needs to be done to keep courts in playing shape. This item has moved up to the current year due to serious cracks and chipping during the winter/spring of 2015.

- E. **Brandon Elementary Track Surface** **\$120,000**
Rationale – With approximately 200 athletes each year in the middle school track and field program, it is becoming less desirable and functional to have this level of athlete at the high school stadium facility during high school practice sessions. This would put an asphalt base down and may include a synthetic surface over the asphalt.

- F. **Activities Center Basket Lift Motors** **\$14,000**
Rationale – The 2009 edition motors are wearing out and needing time and effort to constantly fix. Three of the ten have been replaced. Replacing the other seven is needed at this time to allow for efficient use of that gymnasium.

2017-2018

- A. **Stadium Improvement Project – Year Three** **\$1,000,000**
Rationale – This is year four of the project which is proposed over a four year time period to accomplish the goal of upgrading this facility to repair/replace existing components and to meet the current needs of one of the state's largest and fastest growing school districts. The full rationale is attached in Appendix A, at the end of the Activities section, and includes a full narrative on the projects components – this is essential reading to fully understand the scope of the project.

Year three includes the removal of the existing natural turf and subsoil surface and replace it with Field Turf. This phase would also include the replacement of all fencing inside the stadium that has not been replaced in phases one and two.

- B. **Football Field Upgrade** **\$100,000**
Rationale – The current practice fields, constructed in the summer of 2009 are often times unusable for effective practice sessions, if usable at all, due to the uneven dirt-work done at the time of construction. There are two "ditches" on either side of the center crown, which easily fill with water on the occasion of even moderate rainfall. A recommendation to re-crown the middle third of these fields would fit the need for this project, which fits with the stadium turf project when equipment would be available on site.

2018-2019

- A. **Stadium Improvement Project – Year Four** **\$250,000**
Rationale – This phase of the project, as detailed in previous years, and in Appendix A, would include areas to improve that were not attainable during the major three phases of the project and allows for miscellaneous items to be completed to tie all aspects of the project together.

- B. **Public Forum and Lincoln Douglas Debate Program** **\$6,000**
Rationale – This program is one that the NFL Oral Interp Coach has allowed minor participation in over the past couple of years to give students the opportunity to experience the program. However, due to Oral Interp numbers and duties with those students, it is not feasible to give time to a program that we do not officially sponsor at this time. This area is being requested more by students and parents as a program sponsored by the school. A Debate Coach stipend is currently in the Negotiated Agreement. Additional costs would be in supplies, subscriptions, judging and entry fees. Most competitions and travel would be with Oral Interp. Membership fees and dues to CFC and NFL are already paid as a part of the BVHS school fees. This program addition would be strictly dependent upon hiring a teaching staff person with the qualifications to run this program.

- C. **Install Tennis Court Lighting at new Tennis Courts** **\$50,000**
Rationale – The new courts provide us the opportunity to host major Conference and State competitions. This will allow us to bid to fully host these events. Estimate based on recent installations at other schools' facilities. The Brandon Tennis Association is working on securing funding to assist with

this project. A partnership with their organization is being explored to make this a joint effort, as was the case with the additional court project recently completed.

2019-2020

- A. Track Re-Lining..... \$7,500**
Rationale – This will be the likely year of need for track re-lining and labeling due to the seasonal conditions effect on the track surface.

- B. Pole Vault In-Season Shelter \$8,500**
Rationale – This piece of equipment rolls over the Pole Vault Pit when not in use to protect it from weather and from being used in ways not intended for the mats. This helps to prolong the life of the system by decreasing the wear and tear on the pits and covers. This also prevents unintended use of the mat system at all times when not being used as a Pole Vault practice or meet system.

2020-2021

- A. Additional Football/Track Storage \$25,000**
Rationale – This piece of the equation may fit in with the Stadium Improvement Project and may be completed earlier than this. Additional storage for equipment in football and track may be needed. Currently, larger football pieces and track hurdles are stored outside year round. Getting these items inside will extend the life of the equipment and allow for a cleaner look during the off-season times.

- B. FinishLynx Track Timing System..... \$11,300**
Rationale – This is an automated timing system for track and field using video and computer technology for fully automatic and accurate timing. This would allow Brandon Valley to upgrade to state-of-the-art timing and picking for all meets.

- C. High Jump Pit System \$9,500**
Rationale – This will be the time that a new system will be needed for the High Jump event.

For the duration of this Five Year Plan

Middle School wrestling numbers are very high for the space available for practice. If this remains constant, a need for an expanded practice area will be an important issue. This will continue to be monitored, with other options being explored to alleviate this concern.

As our student numbers increase in the classroom, we see evidence of numbers growing in all sports. This will continue to be evaluated and comparative studies done to keep staffing concerns current within the Five Year Plan.

Additional requests from coaching staff Head Coaches not included in a specific year:
Adding back assistants in MS Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Football and Volleyball;
Middle School Track and Field Assistant and Middle School Cross Country Assistant

APPENDIX A

Stadium Improvement Project

Rationale – This proposal encompasses several areas and, as stated in items found in preceding years' plans, would create room at the high school campus for future parking and other facilities needs. The need for additional seating for home football events and for hosting State Track and Field Meets, Marching Band Competitions and other events is necessary. As our communities have grown larger so has the interest and attendance at our football games – these games, which also include the very popular Marching Band performances, draw thousands of people. Friday and Saturdays in the fall at Brandon Valley High School have become the biggest events of the year in our area. Because of this increased attendance, we experience a lack of seating, a concessions area that needs additional, and improved, production and serving areas, restroom facilities that are severely lacking, and a Press Box that is not sufficient to house the necessary coaches, media and game management personnel.

This proposal includes additional seating area on the home and visitor sides of the stadium to accommodate the ever-increasing crowds at football, track and field and marching band competitions. ~~The destruction of current concessions/restroom facilities and movement of a new building to house an enlarged restroom facility, an enlarged and more functional concessions area and the ability to sell tickets to patrons to enter the stadium through a site that would not require them to stand in line in a busy parking lot and driveway would be a huge improvement in functionality and safety. This building would be located somewhere between the current concession/restroom building and current ticket booth along the north fence line. It will be necessary to move the location to allow for more seating at the north end of the home seating area. The current state of the track is not positive and needs immediate attention. There are large cracks that grow with each year and the track surface is in need of replacement within a couple of years, as there are currently bare spots and other areas that are nearing that condition. This project would completely remove the existing latex track surface and replace it with new track synthetic surfacing. It would also move the inside triple jump pit and create a "jump area with two runways for jumps and a pole vault runway and landing area outside the stadium. (These areas have been completed)~~ This would assist in preparation for future turf installation, if approved, and provide a field event area where coaching could be maximized. Press Box replacement would be another part of the project to construct an area that is larger and more functional than the current are, which cannot house the radio, game management, video and coaching boxes that are needed at this time. New lighting is needed at the field to meet current recommendations. This will require that poles be moved and new fixtures installed. ~~Movement of poles will be required to add seating to the home side as part of the addition seating plan. (Removed from request due to space and Code restrictions)~~ Finally, all new fencing around the perimeter and inside the complex would be done to enclose and identify specific areas, along with making fencing uniform and fixing those areas in need of repair/replacement, all of which would be done in phases to accommodate the sequence of work to be done.

Additionally, I would propose that, while this complete re-construction would be taking place, we would continue to evaluate the installation of Field Turf on the stadium field. As stated in earlier Five Year Plans, I believe that this is a feasible alternative to creating additional practice and game fields on land that is very valuable, and will become necessary, for parking and possible future construction needs. Artificial turf saves maintenance and labor costs and can be used under most weather and time of day variations.