



Area School District

MEMORANDUM

Ripon Area School District

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To: Board of Education

From: District Administration

Date: January 9, 2025

Subject: Annual Ingalls Field Project Updates

In the summer of 2020, Tom Stellmacher and Warren Sherman secured more than \$300,000 in pledges from individuals and Ripon-area organizations to support renovations at Ingalls Field. Since then, the Ingalls Field Group has received \$300,600 in cash donations. Of these funds, \$168,398.54 has been spent on goods and services, leaving an unspent balance of \$132,264.46.

Completed renovations include replacing the football goal posts, exterior fencing, and soccer goals; installing new advertising signs and a "Welcome to Ingalls Field" sign; conducting ongoing asphalt repairs; repairing the Ingalls gate and fence; adding soccer stadium shelters; and upgrading football pads and sleds.

Possible expenses planned for 2025 include updating stadium signage, installing curbs, sidewalks, and street lighting, enhancing the sound system, and reinstalling the fence along St. Wenceslaus Street.

FINANCIAL ACTIVITY 2024

BEGINNING FUND BALANCE		\$132,799.25
REVENUE:		
Fundraising.....		\$27,000.00
TOTAL REVENUE		\$27,000.00
EXPENDITURES:		
Prior year expense*: Thank you ad, Ripon Commonwealth Press		\$556.00
Prior year expense*: Fence permit, City of Ripon		50.00
Donor sign replacement, Graphic Sign & Letter Co.....		363.58
St. Wenceslaus St. survey for underground lines, Private Lines Inc.....		995.00
Shelving units for Vosey Building, Menards.....		1,303.53
Football dummy, BSN Sports.....		3,020.00
Football sled and pads, Rogers Athletic Co.....		14,312.00
Football 1-man sled, Badger Sporting Goods		2,875.00
Football tackling bags (2), Tetra North America, LLC.....		2,209.68
Asphalt repairs, Asphalt Seal & Repair.....		1,850.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$27,534.79
ENDING FUND BALANCE		\$132,264.46

Note: Prior year expenses for a newspaper advertisement and a fence permit were omitted due to an oversight.

Fund Management Change

Since 2020, fundraising proceeds have been managed by the Ripon Education Foundation. The Foundation recently proposed transferring fund management to the District sometime in 2025. This change would allow for more efficient management and the ability to generate interest revenue on the funds raised.

TIMELINE OF PLEDGES

YEAR	ANNUAL TOTAL
2020	\$ 139,100
2021	54,500
2022	41,500
2023	41,500
2024	30,000
2025	3,000
2026	3,000
2027	1,500
Total	\$ 314,100

Actual Revenue Received:

2021: \$53,500

2022: \$34,500

2023: \$48,500

2024: \$27,000

RASD anticipates an additional \$7,500 in revenue from prior pledges over the next three years. Additionally, signs on the scoreboard will likely be replaced soon, creating another potential source of revenue. RASD extends its gratitude to the many generous individuals and organizations that have supported the Ingalls Field renovations and looks forward to completing additional improvements in the coming years.