

KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
AGENDA STATEMENT

No. 8b

MEETING OF December 11, 2024

REVIEWED BY:

ITEM TITLE:

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to approve out of state travel for baseball

Superintendent

Kayhi administration

SUBMITTED BY: Kelly Smith, Activities Director

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APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:

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Superintendent

Phone

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The School Board's approval is sought for the Ketchikan High School softball team to travel to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, at the beginning of April 2025.

ISSUE:

Per Board Policy 6153, all school-sponsored trips to out-of-state locations require approval of the School Board.

BACKGROUND:

The Ketchikan High School Softball team is seeking approval to travel to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, to participate in the Grand Stand Softball Classic. Due to weather in Ketchikan, the Softball team has a limited season to play. This will give the team an opportunity to participate in Spring Training, practices, scrimmages, and games.

RECOMMENDATION:

School administration recommends approval.

ATTACHMENTS:

- ASAA approved Out of State Travel Request Form
- Information on the Grand Stand Softball Classic

FISCAL NOTE:

Funds for the trip will come from raised funds.

RECOMMENDED ACTION **(ONLY if not approved as part of the Consent Calendar):**

"I move that the Board of Education approve the out-of-state travel request for the Kayhi softball team to attend the Grand Stand Softball Classic, in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, in April of 2025"

OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL REQUEST

Out-of-state travel for interscholastic competition during the school year must be approved by the Executive Director. Use this form to request approval.

School

Ketchikan High School

Date of request

10, 28, 2024

Team, group or organization requesting travel

Softball

Out-of-state destination

Myrtle Beach, SC

Departure date

3, 31, 25

Return date

4, 8, 25

Describe the out-of-state competition

Event Title: Grand Strand Softball Classic
Type of Competition (invitational, tournament, etc.):
Spring training available to teams nationwide. There will be scheduled practices, scrimmages and games.

School administrator's permission

The above named school team/organization has my permission to travel for out-of-state competition.
School Administrator (please print) _____
School Administrator's Signature: _____ Date: _____
Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Executive Director's decision

APPROVED DISAPPROVED

Executive Director's signature

Comments

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Softball Spring Training Travel (Myrtle Beach SC)

Every year our goal is to start out our season on a field as early as possible. Unfortunately, our weather limits us on when that time gets to take place. So, for years now we have been traveling south to get some good quality softball reps under our belt before going into our conference games. It is important to put everything we have worked on, and focused on in the off and preseason, onto an actual softball field before playing higher pressure games.

This trip excites and motivates the girls to work hard leading up to season as they want the opportunity to go on this trip. We spend countless hours fundraising every year and this is a huge benefit to our fundraising that we get to enjoy. Not only is this trip exciting and fun for everyone but it also helps us coaches become better coaches going into the season. It allows us to really see where we are at as a team and help continue to develop our program and have a game plan when we return.

We coaches want to continue growing the Kayhi Softball Program and this trip is one of those crucial milestones each year that helps us do that. If it weren't for this trip, we wouldn't be able to come out as strong and ready when conference games begin. Just like in life the more you prepare the more ready you are for any outcome and that's what we can teach our players through our spring training trip. It is a once in a lifetime opportunity for many of these girls to play on a softball team and compete with competitive teams down south, and experience playing teams at all skill levels that may even show us something new that could benefit our team.

What this trip consists of in a nutshell:

- Practices
- Games
- Team bonding
- Homework / study hours
- Possible college tours
- Watching other high level softball games

We were fortunate enough to attend Myrtle Beach Grand Strand Spring Training in 2022 where we are hoping to go again for our 2025 season. This has been our most successful spring trip, not because of winning because we didn't win many, but because we left a much better and stronger team than when we started. It also was this trip that helped us grow into the 2022 softball state champions that we became. A local high school team also hosted us in which we had a most memorable experience playing them and getting to know them and their families after the game. To date some of our players from that season are still friends with the players they met from that local high school. It's these kinds of relationships and experiences you only encounter so often in life that we are thrilled to give our students the opportunity to experience for themselves.

Thank you for your time in considering approving our spring training travel for 2025.