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RECOMMENDATION TO SUPPORT NAMING OF J.F. EDWARDS FIELD

At the February meeting, the Board of Education reviewed a proposal submitted by Brad Toone on behalf of the Millikin Field Committee.

The premise of the proposal was for the Board of Education to consider all the support that John Edwards has committed to our school district, and to the entire community, and to name the new softball/baseball field area at Millikin the “J.F. Edwards Complex”,

This proposal meets the Naming Policy requirements that the Board of Education has established and it is with pride and honor that I wholeheartedly endorse the recommendation of the Millikin Field Committee and ask that you support this proposal and subsequent recommendation.

Motion: I move that we name the Millikin softball/baseball fields the J.F. Edwards Complex.

To: Geneseo CUSD #228 School Board
From: Millikin Field Committee
Date: 2/4/2010
Re: J.F. Edwards Complex

Dear Geneseo CUSD #228 School Board:

Thank you for allowing our committee to go forward with the new softball/baseball diamond complex at Millikin. It has been a terrific project for our community and all involved. We hope you are pleased with the progress made to this point. We have several more items to complete when the weather turns and will do so as soon as possible. Our commitment to complete this project as planned and without deficit spending is still our priority.

As you may remember, this project received an initial push when John Edwards committed \$250,000 to provide lights for the entire facility. After receiving his support, the committee felt comfortable moving forward with this endeavor. He indeed provided the momentum to proceed with confidence. Without Mr. Edwards backing, this complex may have never gotten off the ground. We are extremely grateful for his gift.

Because the Edwards family has been incredibly generous to our school district and community, we would like to recognize this by naming our newest facility "J.F. Edwards Complex." Over the years, it seems like everything that has lights in Geneseo has been donated by J.F. Edwards. This recognition is long overdue; but, with the construction of our new complex, this offers a great opportunity. Please consider our request to recognize the Edwards family in this manner.

Funds from the diamond project will be used to provide appropriate signage. Like the new fields, the school district will not be asked for any monies for this recognition.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at my office 944-5151, my cell, 502-9282 or my home, 944-4700. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Brad Toone
Millikin Field Committee