

			Agenda Item
H.66. Naming of Lincoln High School Stadium After Coach Victor Player (Board Governance Policy: OE-9)			
Meeting:	01/13/2009		
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A request has been submitted by members of the Lincoln High School community to name the Lincoln High School Football Stadium after Vic Player, the Athletic Director at the school, from 1974-1999. This effort has been spearheaded by community members-- Mr. Richard Miner and Ms. Debra Stephens, Chairperson of the Lincoln High School Naming Committee.

In addition, a petition for this naming was created and circulated within the community by the Lincoln Hornet Booster Club. Mel Collins, Executive Principal, Lincoln staff and former principal Wendell Bass have also endorsed this naming. A Naming Committee meeting was convened in October 2008, comprised of students, a school board representative, community members and five Lincoln High School alumni. There was overwhelming community support.

Pursuant to Administrative Procedure 3300, Policy for Determining Availability of Schools, the School Names Committee is charged with reviewing requests by school communities and individuals regarding the naming of schools and facilities in the district. (See attached for the district School Names Committee roster.) An e-mail was sent to the committee on January 5, 2009, with background information regarding the naming request. Members were asked to submit an online vote; the committee voted unanimously to name the Lincoln High School Football Stadium after Vic Player, Athletic Director from 1974-1999.

An article appeared in the *Voice & Viewpoint* newspaper on Thursday, October 23, 2008, announcing his death on October 15 at the age of 64. Mr. Player was a teacher and coach for over 30 years and mentored such football greats as Marcus Allen, Akili Smith, and Terrell Davis. One former student called Vic Player a role model for all African American coaches. "The core values he

taught me I'm teaching the players today because they still work."

Please note: A letter was received from Vic Player on January 28, 2007, giving his permission to use his name for the football stadium. He thanked the district for considering him for such a great honor.

There are no budget implications. The costs for the stadium signage has been fundraised through community donations. The location, scope and design of the signage will be approved by the district's Architect Office.

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