

## Foundation passes the baton for track, science lab funding

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Academics, wellness and technology are the three emphasis areas for the Re-1J Foundation, Inc. The local education foundation just finished assisting with funding for the new running track and for upgrades in the JR/SR high science lab.

What's next for consideration by the Foundation? That's the very question that the Foundation board and Re-1J School Board discussed at the brainstorming session Tuesday, Sept. 17.

Suggestions from that discussion will be finetuned and returned to the Foundation board for consideration.

In the area of academics, the Foundation is looking to help fund something for music. They prefer that staff members make a request so it's something they truly desire and isn't driven by the desires of the Foundation board.

They talked about such things as large instrument replacement in the music department but will wait to receive input from the K-12 music teachers before designating a project.

Superintendent Bret Miles said something along this line will be visible—the community will be able to see it. He said he thinks it sends a neat message that music is academic.

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