

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Topic: Boone-Fitzpatrick Field House

Short Summary:

Little Rock Central High has a long and storied tradition. No high school in the State of Arkansas or for that matter in our nation has a history that can match that of Central High. Honoring those that have influenced young men and women for decades cannot be taken lightly, and high standards need to be in place for such recognition.

Two men deserving of such recognition are Coach Eddie L. Boone and Coach Oliver Fitzpatrick. These two men have influenced students over a 45-year span in their roles as the Head Men's Basketball Coach for Central High. Their accomplishments are numerous; they have led outstanding teams and won numerous titles. Most importantly, young men have gone on to successful lives as men living in our community and elsewhere because of their leadership. Additionally these men also affected numerous other sports in their tenure and created an impact in their teaching efforts.

Background:

Coach Eddie L. Boone began his coaching career in Hughes, Arkansas in 1961 and became Central High's head coach in 1974. He remained the head coach at Central for 20 years! At Central:

- He won 4 State Championships;
- 8 District Championships;
- At one time was the Head Coach for both the Men and Women's Teams;
- Won multiple Coach of the Year recognitions; and
- Multiple other honors and accomplishments;

Coach Oliver Fitzpatrick began his coaching career at Forest Heights. His career at Central High started 28 years ago as a Girl's Head Coach in Volleyball, Track and Basketball (64-29). He became the Head Men's coach 24 years ago. At Central:

- His overall record as the men's coach is 438-207;
- He won 2 State Championships;
- 5 Conference Championships;
- His '99 Team was ranked 11th Nationally; and
- He was selected as 7A Central Conference Coach of the Year;

Recommendation:

The Little Rock Administration and the Central High Administration recommends that the Central High Field House be named the Boone-Fitzpatrick Field House.

Action Steps to be taken:

If this item is approved appropriate signage will be developed and a ceremony will be held to honor these two fine men.

Key Points:

1. Policy does allow this form of recognition. See Attached.
2. Other athletic facilities have been named after athletic coaches. Ex. Hall-

Fiscal Impact

Minimal Fiscal impact. Signage will be created on approval.

Policy This policy shares the District approach to naming of buildings.

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Submitted by _____