

School District of River Falls
Special Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 8, 2020 - 6:00 PM
River Falls High School Media Center, 818 Cemetery Road, River Falls, WI 54022

or view via YouTube- https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_ayO-dibHH1kd9TSzRbBA

The regularly scheduled meeting of the River Falls Board of Education was called to order on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at the District Office, 852 E Division Street. President Johnson Myers called the meeting to order at _____ p.m. It was ascertained that notice of the meeting had been properly posted in the appointed locations, and sent to the Star Observer, WEVR Radio Station, and the Eau Claire Leader Telegram.

PRESENT

President Stacy Johnson Myers, Vice President Amy Halvorson, Clerk Alan Tuchtenhagen, Treasurer Mike Thompson, members Bob Casey, Cindy Holbrook, Todd Schultz, and student representative, _____. Also present were Superintendent Jamie Benson, Director of Human Resources and Leadership Development David Bell, Director of Academic Services Jennifer Peterson, and Director of Finance & Facilities Chad Smurawa,

ACTION ITEMS

A. Johnson Myers reviewed the minutes, bills, and recommended employment items on the Agenda. _____ moved, seconded by _____ that the Board approve the following:

1. The Minutes from the _____ Regular Board of Education meeting;
2. Checks numbered _____ through _____ had been prepared in the amount of \$ _____ and checks numbered _____ had been prepared in the amount of \$ _____, and there were automatic transfers of \$ _____ and \$ _____ for a total of \$ _____. Checks _____ were voided.
3. Pursuant to Board Policy which references Wisconsin Statutes Sections 111, 118, and 121, approval of the following employment recommendations:
Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

1. **CALL TO ORDER - 6:00 p.m. in the River Falls High School Media Center also available via YouTube**

2. **MANNER OF PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF MEETING**

3. **HEARING OF VISITORS OR DELEGATIONS**

4. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

A. **"Wildcat Roadmap" updates (the COVID-19 pandemic related school plan document for the 2020-21 school year) and Superintendent Benson's "Good News" report related to students returning for the first week of school**

B. **Hot Spot/Internet options for students**

C. **November 3 Election/Polling location at high school and at-home/distance learning day**

5. **ACTION ITEMS**

A. **Consideration and/or Action to determine a change/pivot from the "HYBRID Learning Environment" and athletic/co-curricular programs**

1. **Staff and Student COVID-impact in District**
2. **Regional COVID-statistics**

Administration will discuss existing COVID-statistics in our region and local school district criteria and if there is a perceived need to shift into an alternative learning environment. (Presentation LINK)

Recommended Action: Determine if we need to pivot/shift the "Learning Environment" and related programs.

B. Consideration and/or Action related to Administrative recommendation for the number of spectators allowed to attend Fall sports

Administration will present a plan for limited spectator attendance at Fall sporting events.

Recommended Action: Approve the Administrative recommendation for the number of spectators allowed to attend Fall sports.

C. Proposed/suggested items for the next regular and future Board meeting agenda(s)

As always, Board members will be given the opportunity to suggest items for future Board member agendas.

Recommended Action: As needed.

D. Schedule next Board/Committee meetings

Upcoming Board meeting dates, times and locations will be reviewed.

Recommended Action: Set meeting schedule as follows:

Special Board of Education meeting: Monday, September 14, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

Regular Board meeting: Monday, September 21, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

Annual Meeting, Monday, September 21, 2020, 8:00 p.m.

Special Board of Education meeting: Monday, September 28, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

All above meetings will be held at River Falls High School, 818 Cemetery Road

6. ADJOURN

ADJOURNMENT

President Johnson Myers declared the meeting adjourned at _____ p.m.

Alan Tuchtenhagen, Clerk



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September 4, 2020

River Falls High School Athletic Policy – Fall

We propose the following for the fall sports pertaining to attendance at home events. Consideration was given to square footage per person as shared by Public Health. All of the below fall well within those dimensions of 1 spectator per 113 square feet.

- Volleyball, football, soccer, cross country and swim – only home parents (guardians) will be allowed into games. *
- Tennis and golf, parents will be allowed from both schools
- No visiting fans or other neutral fans will be allowed in – This will be for all schools in the Big Rivers Conference.
- Parents will arrive to the game no earlier than 15 minutes before game
- Parents will leave area immediately after game, no congregating on field/court
- Parents will only watch their child’s game if there are multiple games back to back(soccer, volleyball)
- Masks will be worn by all spectators for the duration of games
- No fees will be collected
- Tickets will be distributed to parents for all home games. These tickets will be collected at games which will assist in attendance taking for tracing purposes. Tickets will indicate seating locations.
- No concessions

* Varsity football will be dependent on availability of Ramer Field

Individual sports set up – “Spots” indicate seating/standing for two. There will be clearly marked and/or designated at each location.

Volleyball – 12 players per team

- The bleachers will not be set up for volleyball to ensure a larger space for the participants, benches, warmups, etc
- Parents will be assigned spots around the upper track at equally spaced intervals. They may either stand at the rail or chairs will be available (12 spots available)
- Parents will enter and leave the same door that is nearest to their seating.



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Soccer – 20 players to a team

- Parents will be directed to different spots throughout the facility
 - Bleachers are limited in size but will have five spots each (10 total)
 - 15 x 8 squares will be designated ten yards outside the endzone on each side of the field (26 spots - 13 at each end)
 - Additional spots will be designated for standing room along fence (10-15 spots)
 - Parents will be asked to bring lawnchairs to sit on

Football – JV and Freshman levels – 30 to a team - Played on high school field

- Set up will be exactly as soccer

Football – Varsity (could be played at either Ramer Field or High School)

- Ramer Field
 - Parents will enter through four different gates as indicated by their tickets
 - We will utilize both the home and away bleachers as well as standing room only
 - Maximum allowed would be 100 with preference to parents of seniors and juniors. Any extra after this would be distributed to parents of sophomore who start or play extensively.
 - Seating will be assigned and will distance the parents both side to side and front and back

Roller Hall



Sporting Event Spectator Guidelines

Pierce County Public Health recommended against high-risk sports for Fall 2020.

While Pierce County Public Health also does not support spectators gathering to view sporting events, school districts have indicated they intend to allow spectators. These guidelines are intended to help mitigate risk as much as possible. However, with large groups of people gathering in confined spaces, there is a risk of infection. If a district decides to move forward with spectators, district leadership is responsible for ensuring proper physical distance between households at all times while on school property. If physical distance is not consistently maintained and a COVID-19 case attends a sporting event, a public announcement of the exposure should be expected.

Best Option

- Live-stream sporting events.
- Only essential players, coaches, staff, and media attend the sporting event in-person.
- Minimum of at least 6 feet apart between players (when not actively participating in sports), coaches, staff, and media at all times including before and after the event.
- Masks to be worn by all players, coaches, essential staff, and media at all sporting events, indoors OR outdoors.
 - Mask requirements for enclosed spaces includes stadium and/or bleacher seating.

Better Option

- Limit available tickets for spectators to 2-4 tickets per player. The amount of tickets distributed should depend on the space and the school's confidence and capacity to enforce gathering rules.
- Minimum of at least 6 feet apart between players (when not actively participating in sports), coaches, staff, and media at all times including before and after the event.
- Minimum of at least 6 feet apart between spectators/household units at all times, including before and after the event.
 - Members of the same household unit do not need to physically distance.
 - Spectators/household units must be separated by as much distance as the setting allows.
 - Outside spaces must also allow for physical distancing
- Consider using cones, tape, or paint as guide for spectators. Spectator/pedestrian flow should prevent any congregating during the sporting event.
- Masks to be worn by all players, coaches, essential staff, media, and spectators at all sporting events, indoors OR outdoors.
 - Mask requirements for enclosed spaces includes stadium and/or bleacher seating.
- Hand sanitizer readily available for everyone.

Good Option

- Minimum of at least 6 feet apart between spectators/household units at all times, including before and after the event.
 - Members of the same household unit do not need to physically distance.
 - Spectators/household units must be separated by at least 6 feet.
 - The maximum number of individuals in the enclosed space must be decreased until proper social distancing can occur.
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September 2

Good Day:

We would appreciate your consideration of River Falls High School using Ramer Field for varsity football games this fall. At this time, we only have two scheduled (Sept 25 and Oct 23rd), though we anticipate at least one more on either October 30 or Nov 6.

Below, I share with you our plan for these events, including: timing of event, workers, press box personal, mitigation of parents and players, and other miscellaneous items. Please contact me if you have any questions

I have included three documents with this request.

- One showing a view of the complete stadium. I have designated each seating area with a letter and each entrance with a number.
- One close up of the Home side bleachers
- One close up of the Visiting side bleachers

Basic operation

- Games will start at 7:30 on Sept 25 and 7:00 on October 23. We would ask to be on the field with our teams one hour before kickoff.
- River Falls will drop off players at gate 4
- Chippewa Falls will drop off players at gate 1
- We will not use any locker rooms or meeting spaces on campus, including the room on the south end that the team usually goes at halftime.
- Officials will not need a lockerroom as they come dressed
- We would request restrooms to be open. (Porta Potty option?)
- Teams will bring their own water
- No concessions to be sold.
 - Parents may only bring in bottled water and will be expected to take any waste with them

STAFF AND PRESS BOX

- We will staff the following areas
 - At each entrance – 1 each
 - Under Stadium to direct – 2
 - Visiting side – 1
 - Spread out in corners to ensure no one jumps the fence – 4
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- On field Media – Bob Burrows and 2 others
- Press Box – From left to right
 - Visiting radio - 1
 - Visiting Coaches - 3
 - Scorekeeper, Announcer, and Spotter - 3
 - Streaming group – 3
 - Home Coaches – 3
 - 2nd Radio – if needed – 1
 - Hospitality room – Head Coach/Asst Coach wives – kids -6 (they all social now)
 - Each room will have disinfected spray to spray down the areas when finished

SPECTATORS

- We would request 100 spectators
 - These would all be River Falls parents of our players
 - No fans from visiting school
 - No student sections
- No tailgating before the game
- All spectators will wear masks
- Attendance will be taken for tracing purposes.
- Parking lot opens at 6:30. Staff will be at entrance checking spectators
- Gates open at 6:45 for parents
- Parents will have ticket that allows them in.
 - It will indicate the door and the section they are to enter
 - On the Home side, they will walk up steps that will be marked and go to their seat.
 - They will have been designated a seat that they must sit. These will be marked with a removable object. Married parents must sit together in this spot
 - There will be caution tape up to ensure they go the correct way.
 - Visiting side seating will come through gate 4 and will likewise have a designated seat to sit in
- Parents will leave the same way they came in and will be asked to immediately leave after the end of the game (While distancing) Map attached shows the direction people will leave their seats.
- Parents will not be allowed to go on the field or wait for their players at the fence

SEATING - Seating has been designated for each section of bleachers.

- On the Home side, No fans will sit on the most outside bleachers. These are reserved for workers
 - The other six sections have been sectioned off so that there will be eight (8) different seating spots for parents. Each of these spots will seat two parents.



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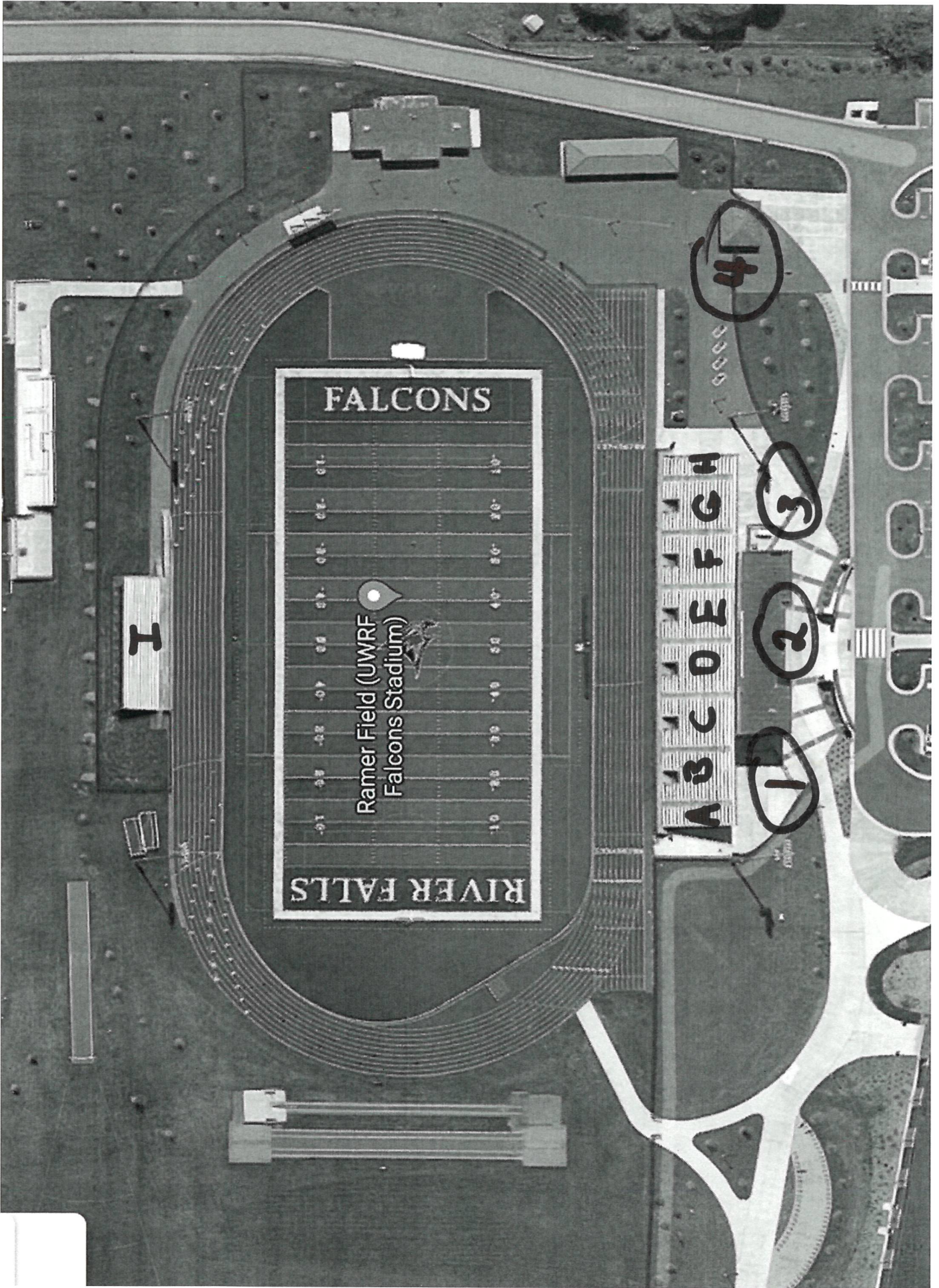
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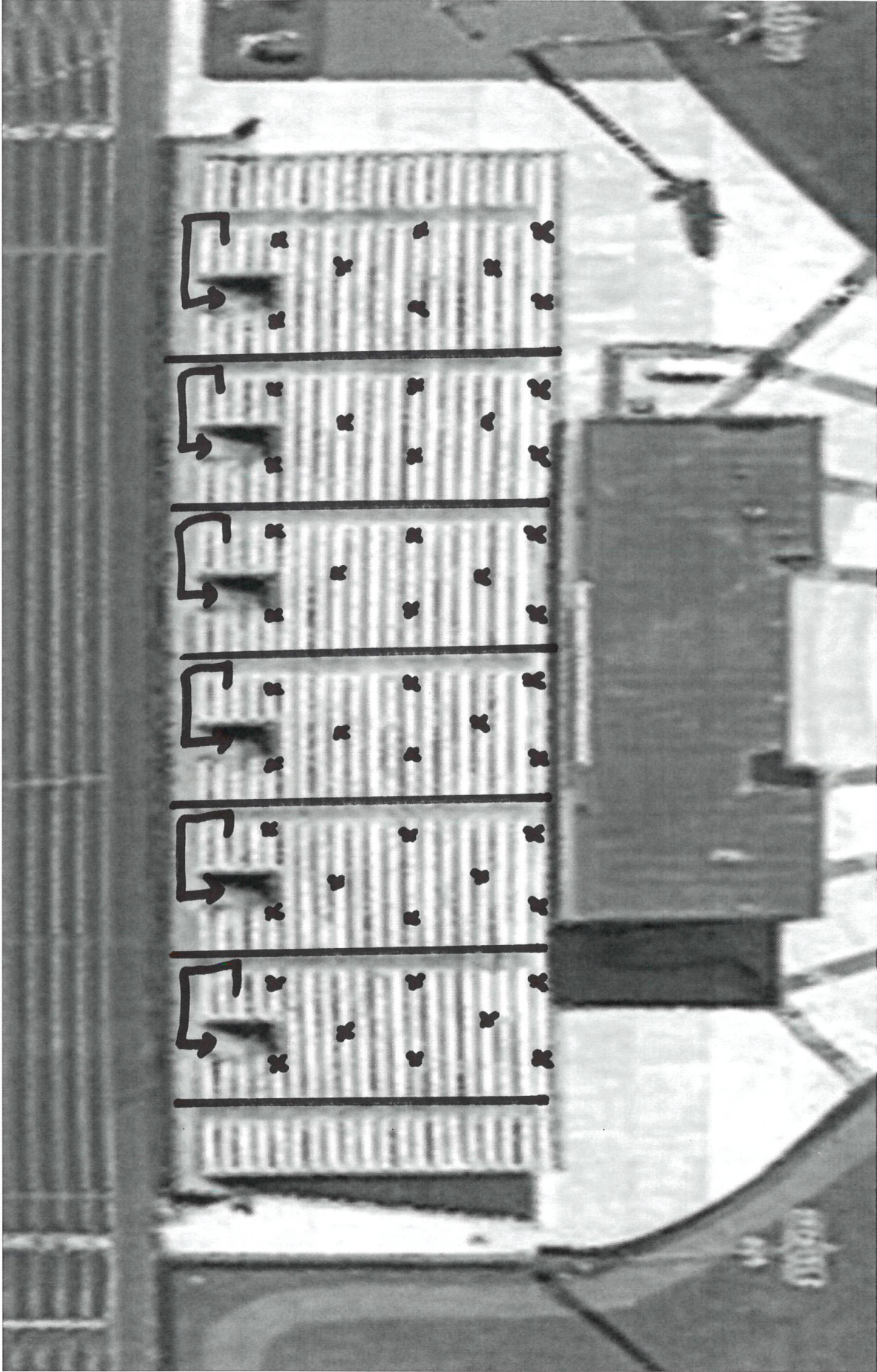
- The Home side has 20 rows of bleachers. From the bottom, these spots will be on rows 4, 8, 12, 16, and 20. In rows 4, 12, and 20 there will be two spots as shown on the attachment. In rows 8 and 16, there will one spot.
- In rows 4, 12, and 20 ne spot will be on the far right side of that row. The other will be about 2/3 the way to the left of this spot. This will ensure distance on either side of them
- In rows 8 and 16, the one spot will be in the middle of the row.
- There should now be spacing on either side as well as in front.
- With six sections, there would be the potential for 48 spots.
- On the visitors side, I believe there are 14 rows
 - We will seat four spots on rows 3 and 14
 - We will bisect these fur spots with these spots on row 8
 - With this, there would be a potential of 11 spots
- We have a total of 59 designated seating spots. We would only need those that will get us to 100, with the understanding that there will be some single parents.

I'm sure I missed something. If you see anything I missed, let me know and we can work it out.

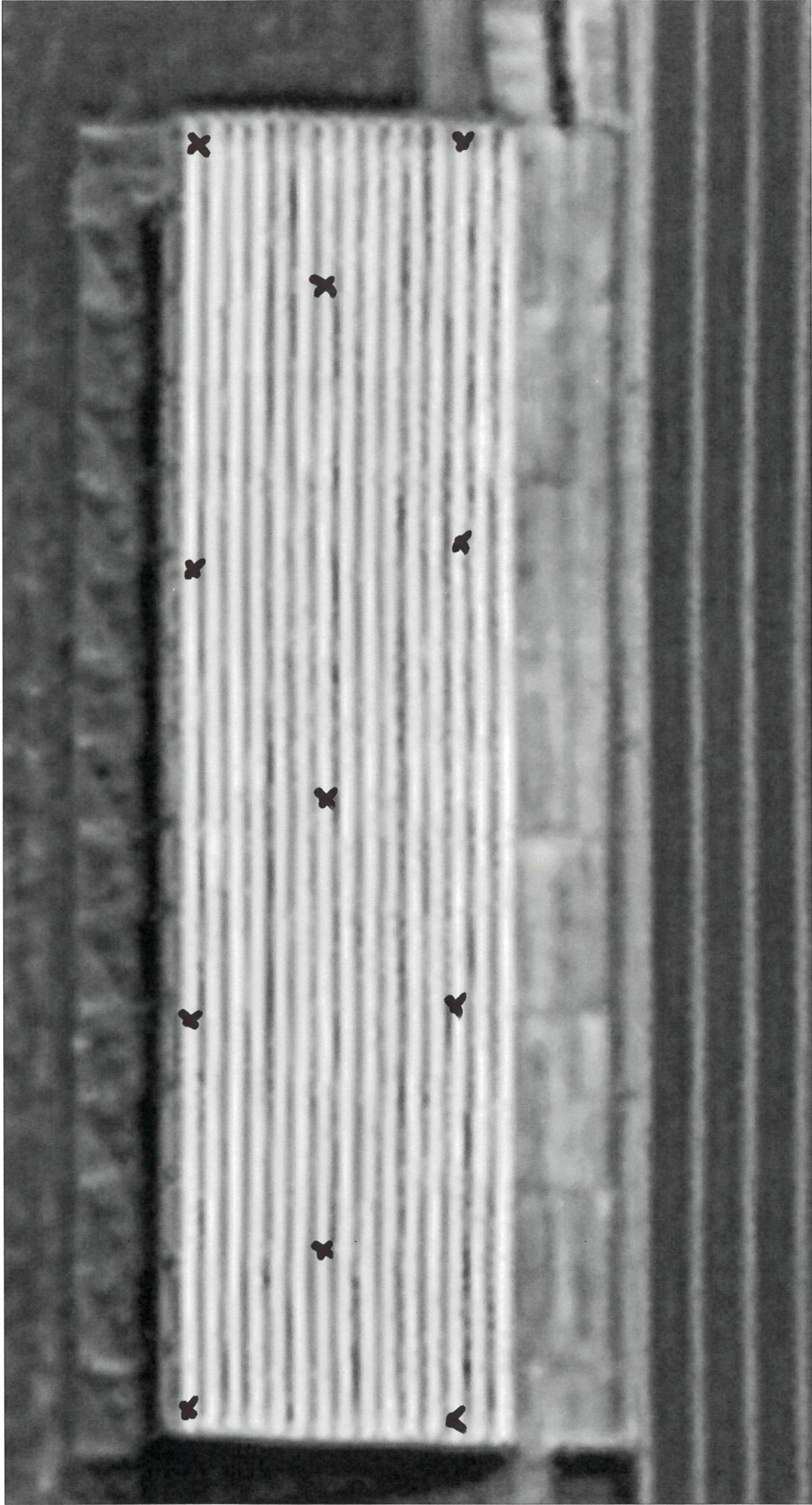
Thanks,

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Home Side



Visiting side