



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: 9/2/2014

Agenda # _____

Staff/Administrator: Speelman/Stone

Superintendent: David Holmes

Type of Item: Informational Action

Please state your proposal briefly and clearly. What do you want the board to know, discuss, or decide?

The Hidden Valley FFA would like permission to attend the 2014 National FFA Convention held the last week of October. There will be a maximum of seven students, with at least two chaperones. We would leave the weekend of Oct 25 and return the weekend of Nov 1, 2014. All expenses are paid through FFA fundraising and the sub costs are paid out of Hidden Valley sub budget.

Provide history/background information on your proposal.

The Hidden Valley FFA has attended the National FFA Convention every three years dating back to 2003. The location of the Convention for the next six years is Louisville, Kentucky, then the Convention will rotate back to Indianapolis, Indiana where it was for the last seven years. The National FFA Convention is attended by over 50,000 agriculture students/FFA members each year.

List the advantages of your proposal:

The National FFA Organization is a leadership organization whose motto is to develop premier leadership, personal growth, and career success in every FFA member. While attending the convention, students will hear motivational speakers, attend leadership skills workshops, attend the career hall which will have around 1000 booths which include post secondary educational opportunities from all across the nation, and businesses involved in all aspects of the agriculture industry. These opportunities, along with historical and geographical learning opportunities, such as going to the Gateway to the West museum under the Arc in St Louis, and riding on a paddle boat on the Mississippi river may be once in a lifetime experiences. Our goal is to fly to a city within a few hours of Louisville, and then drive so that we can observe the various types of agriculture in the area.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

Disadvantages include the cost of the trip, and the cost of a substitute teacher. There is also the danger of travel that is a possible disadvantage.

List possible alternatives that could also offer a solution to your proposal.

Why were they not recommended?

There is no alternative to the National Convention. We attend the Oregon State FFA Convention during the first four days of spring break each year. The State Convention is held at different schools around the state so that students experience the travel and the agriculture in different parts of our State.

Superintendent's recommendation(s): **Approve:** Yes

