Three Rivers School District
Quality Education Runs Deep

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: _____ **Superintendent:** Dave Valenzuela

Administrator/Staff: Maximillian Jones

Type of Item: ☐ *Informational* ☒ *Action*

Please state your proposal briefly and clearly. What do you want the board to know, discuss, or decide?
The three high school band directors, Josh Dargavell, Maximillian Jones, and Emily Waren, will be attending the Western International Band Clinic in Seattle, Washington from November 20th to 243rd.

They are looking forward to connecting with fellow band educators, sharing ideas, and gaining new insights from the many professional development sessions offered at the conference.

This event also provides an incredible opportunity for our students who auditioned and were selected to perform in one of the WIBC Honor Bands. This year, a total of eight students from the three high schools have earned this

Provide history/background information on your proposal:
The Western International Band Clinic is a convention for both directors and students. Founded in 1979, WIBC features four 150-member high school honor bands under the direction of six world-renowned guest conductors and a featured soloist. Held each November in Seattle, Washington, students from across the United States, Canada, and Australia participate in this prestigious honor band event. In addition to the honor bands, the weekend includes a variety of clinics and sightreading sessions featuring new music for participating directors.

List the advantages of your proposal:
Attending the Western International Band Clinic provides a great opportunity for band instructors to network with professionals from around the world and learn from their experiences. It is also a chance to gain new perspectives and insights on band instruction and bring back fresh ideas to their schools. These experiences help improve teaching methods, enhance the students' learning experience, and ultimately strengthen the school's music program. We also have students from our schools who auditioned for the honor groups and are extremely excited to attend for the first time or again.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:
Not attending the Western International Band Clinic means missing out on a valuable opportunity for us to improve our skills and knowledge in the field. We would lose the chance to connect with other professionals, learn from their experiences, and gain new perspectives on band instruction, including innovative ideas and teaching methods that are not currently taught in our schools. Most importantly, our students would miss out on the incredible opportunity to attend the Western International Band Clinic, perform alongside talented peers from across the world, and learn from world-renowned conductors. This experience is not only inspiring and educational but can also have a lasting impact on their growth as musicians and their overall passion for music.

List possible alternatives that could also offer a solution to your proposal. Why were they not recommended?
The Western International Band Clinic is truly one of a kind. While there are other great music conferences, none are as close as Seattle or offer such a high caliber of clinicians. The Oregon Music Education Association Conference, held each January, is also an excellent event, but it still does not compare to the level of clinicians and learning opportunities available at the Western International Band Clinic. This conference also provides an incredible

Superintendent's recommendation(s): **Approve:** Yes ☐ No ☐