Three Rivers School District
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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: October 21, 2026 **Superintendent:** Dave Valenzuela

Administrator/Staff: Erik Lathen -- Principal IVHS, Sabrina Miller -- Principal LBMS, and Matt Knight -- VP at NVHS

Type of Item: ☐ [illegible] ☒ *Action*

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

Request for out-of-state travel approval to attend and present at the National Principals Conference in Tampa, Florida, February 6th through February 9th. I have been invited to present about the work being done at Illinois Valley High School and within Three Rivers School District. This is an opportunity to share our school and district's work with other educational leaders while also learning from successful practices being implemented in schools across the country. The conference will provide opportunities to build professional connections, bring back new ideas and resources to our staff, and represent Three Rivers School District and our rural school community on a national level.

Provide history/background information on your proposal:

As the 2025 Oregon Principal of the Year, I have been invited to present at several educational conferences, including the National Principals Conference. NPC has accepted our presentation on developing positive school culture and using intentional recognition and a consistent commitment to culture and climate to improve student outcomes. Illinois Valley High School has seen continued growth in both culture and academics and currently has the strongest ELA rand math esults in the district and math even above the state average. This conference provides an opportunity to share the work happening at IVHS and Three Rivers School District with school leaders from across the country while learning new strategies and ideas that can help us continue our upward trajectory.

List the advantages of your proposal:

The primary advantage is the opportunity to bring new ideas, strategies, and resources back to IVHS and Three Rivers School District to support our continued growth in school culture and student achievement. Presenting also allows us to share the success of our rural school and district with educational leaders from across the country while building professional connections. The conference provides meaningful professional development and networking opportunities, with the added benefit that the district will be represented nationally without the typical cost of sending a staff member to a national conference.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

The primary disadvantage is that the three staff members attending will be out of the building for a few school days. However, the conference is primarily held over the weekend, limiting the amount of instructional time missed. There is also a travel and registration cost for the district, although the presenter registration rate is significantly reduced. The total cost will be incurred by each individual school with bedgeted funds set aside for professional development. Appropriate coverage and planning will be in place to minimize the impact on the school.

List possible alternatives that could also offer a solution to your proposal. Why were they not recommended?

There are no possible alternatives as the dates are set by the Navy.

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