



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: 15-Apr-14

Agenda # _____

Staff/Administrator: Debbie Breckner

Superintendent: Patricia Adams

Type of Item: Informational Action

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

There are two calendars presented as the student calendar. Calendar A represents having the week of Thanksgiving off. Calendar B represents working the week of Thanksgiving. I am asking the board to adopt one of the student calendars. Once transportation, start times, and a professional development structure is determined, it may be necessary to adopt a revised student calendar that contains a specific staff development structure.

Provide history/background information on your proposal.

The student calendar is the first calendar in a very long time that represents a full school year for both students and staff. It does represent a return to the semester system. This calendar is the basis for determining around 40 staff work calendars which must be developed and programmed into the payroll system prior to July 1.

List the advantages of your proposal:

Parents and staff are able to plan around major holidays and breaks; the District is able to plan and complete necessary roll-up tasks in a planned and thoughtful way; schools are able to start their planning for the 2014-2015 school year.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

Depending on start times, transportation costs, and a professional development structure, it will likely be necessary to adopt a revised student calendar once those things are completely known that contains either late starts, full staff development days, some other structure or none at a later time. While major breaks such as those in December and March would not change, nor would major holidays, parent may have to adjust caretaking plans if other days were impacted.

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

Delaying recommended student calendar for either May or June - this was not chosen for a number of reasons. First, it is a full year which is a change from the last five years. Second, it is based on a semester system which will require some adjustment on the part of staff. May 2 is a district directed staff development day - an ideal time for planning to begin. Finally, I have a significant retirement in my office May 15 and the training necessary to create, program, finalize and provide notification of individual staff work calendars is a significant undertaking. While I have full confidence in the staff involved, I cannot emphasize enough the work involved to get those right. My professional preference is to start that work while I have the most experienced staff involved in that work present to help get it started.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes No