



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: 9/26/2011

Agenda #

Staff/Administrator: James Dan Speelman

Superintendent: Dan Huber-Kantola

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 High School FFA would like permission to attend the national FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. Dan Speelman would like to travel with five students and two chaperones during the week of October 17-21st. All expense are paid for through fundraising. No district funds are requested. The Monday of October 17th is being requested as an optional travel day. The substitute for 3 days will be paid for out of HV Sub Budget.

Provide hisotry/background information on your proposal.

The Natioanal FFA Convention is an annual event that draws nearly fifty thousand FFA members together from around the US. It is filled with encouraging speakers, workshops, leadership training, and a huge job fair/college fair of over three hundred businesses and collages.

List the advantages of your proposal:

Students receive a great cultural experience and education. This includes the airpane flight (a first for most students) meeting and talking to people from all over the US, observing studetns their own age competing at the national level, plus the experience of attending the events listed in the previous reply (#2).

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

I will be missing parent conferences and will communicate with all parents that request a meeting with me when I return.

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

There is nothing to compare to the National Convention. Experiencing 30,000 to 50,000 other FFA members, listening to speakers, the travel experience, is all so powerful. These students experience leadership at a completely new level.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes No