



## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

**Board Meeting Date:** 9/18/2024 **Superintendent:** Dave Valenzuela

**Administrator/Staff:** Erik Lathen, Erica Butler

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

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

Shelbie Mason (FFA Advisor) and up to 8 members of the Illinois Valley FFA Chapter are requesting to attend the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana on October 23-26, 2024. Travel dates will be October 20th and 27th. On the 21st and 22nd, we will be exploring various agricultural fields in the area to broaden our knowledge of agriculture across the United States. Fees such as travel, per diem, conference registration and other costs will be covered by the funds already in the FFA/Agriculture account. These funds were raised over the past two years by members of the Illinois Valley FFA Chapter. <https://convention.ffa.org/>

**Provide history/background information on your proposal:**

FFA is a dynamic youth organization that changes lives and prepares members for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. FFA develops members' potential and helps them discover their talent through hands-on experiences, which give members the tools to achieve real-world success. Members are future chemists, veterinarians, government officials, entrepreneurs, bankers, international business leaders, teachers and premier professionals in many career fields.

FFA is an intracurricular student organization for those interested in agriculture and leadership. It is one of the three components of agricultural education. Today, there are more than 1,027,200 FFA members, aged 12-21, in 9,235 chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

**FFA Vision:** Growing the next generation of leaders who will change the world.

**FFA Mission:** FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

**The Agricultural Education Mission:** Agricultural education prepares students for successful careers and a lifetime of informed choices in global agriculture, food, fiber and natural resources systems.

The National FFA Organization affirms its belief in the value of all human beings and seeks diversity in its membership, leadership and staff as an equal-opportunity employer.

**List the advantages of your proposal:**

This opportunity allows students to educate themselves more about agriculture across the United States, as well as opportunities the National FFA Organization has to offer them as they start to become young adults and plan their futures.

**List possible disadvantages of your proposal:**

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

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

**Approve:** Yes ☐ No ☐