



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: Oct. 17, 2011

Agenda #

Staff/Administrator: Ben Lawson/Dennis Misner

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 Band is requesting permission for out of state travel to attend the Western International Band Clinic (WIBC). WIBC is held at the Doubletree Hotel in Seattle Washington. The convention will take place on November 18-21nd, 2011. Ben Lawson, director and select students have been and will be selected by the WIBC audition screening committee for honorary participation. We expect that 3 to 6 of our students will be selected. Upon arrival at the convention students will be under the supervision of the WIBC Staff.

Provide history/background information on your proposal.

For the 7th year in a row members of the Hidden Valley High School Band have auditioned to participate in the Western International Band Clinic (WIBC). To be accepted into WIBC students must submit a high quality recording of a standardized piece of music literature that will judged by a panel of musical professionals. In the course of submitting a quality audition students have spent countless hours of practicing along with several hours of supervised recording. Acceptance to WIBC is an honor for the student and the school they represent.

List the advantages of your proposal:

WIBC is four-day honor band available to only the highest level of musicians across 14 states and Canada. During this event 650 high school band students will have the opportunity to work under 5 of the best conductors/teachers in the nation, work with a guest soloist, attend 2 concerts each night, and meet other band students who have the highest commitment to music.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

To participate in this event each student must pay \$310.00. This includes 3 nights lodging and participation fees (food is not included). Students will be paying for this trip themselves. In the past the district has covered Ben Lawson's expenses through the professional development fund, but these funds are no longer available. The use of the ASB Music account and a variety of fundraising events will be held to help cover these costs.

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

none

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes No