



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: 2/13/2012

Agenda #

Staff/Administrator: Mike Durrant

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?

I am proposing adding a one-trimester math course starting next year. Our current math courses require students to pass Algebra II, a college-level course. By adding an "Algebra 1.5," students can complete their three credit math requirement in a two year period, without having to enroll in Algebra II.

I am requesting permission to develop a Planned Course Statement for approval prior to the normal June date. This will help us better articulate with RCC.

Provide history/background information on your proposal.

The three math credit requirement is quickly being labeled as the "biggest hurdle" towards graduation. There are many reasons for this: Algebra II is a tough class, Geometry is wedged between the two Algebra courses, Algebra II is articulated to RCC courses, there are not a lot of math offerings, etc.

List the advantages of your proposal:

There are several: students can complete math requirements their senior year, students can complete math requirements without passing college courses, the course will be aligned to common core standards and therefore improve test scores, the course can help bridge the gap between Algebra I and Algebra II, etc.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

The course adds another prep to depleted math departments, if we articulated the course to common cores then additional resources, add "develop a new math course" to Durrant's busy schedule, etc.

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

Continuing with our current system is adequate for a majority of our students. Those that struggle the most are those placed in Algebra their frosh year (at least 33% of our frosh each year).

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes ☐ No ☐