



## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

**Board Meeting Date:** April 21, 2021      **Superintendent:** Dave Valenzuela

**Administrator/Staff:** Bret Eason

**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 Seeking Board approval to take the North Valley Band to the Annaheim Heritage Festival. The Dates are April 21-24 of 2022. This trip is a band festival to compete against schools of similar size in a relaxed possitive enviroment. The tentitive itinerary is 1 day of travel there, one day at the Disneyland theme park, one day at the Festival (award banquet in the evening) and then one day of travel home. We are looking into the most cost effective way to travel and we plan to fundraise the money to cover the expenses.

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

We previously did this same type of trip to Seattle. We have several fundraising oppertunities in the works for the kids to be able to raise funds for their trip. The kids would need to raise about \$386 each. We will be taking three additional chaperones plus myself for a total of four. two male and two female chaperones, one of which will be my wife who is a registered nurse at ASANTE Rogue Regional. If for some reason we are unable to go on the trip, either do to the pandemic or some other unforeseable cause, we have until 6 weeks prior to refund our money.

**List the advantages of your proposal:**

The main draw for doing this specific trip is for recruiting. If we can do this trip every other year or so it would help to draw in and keep more band students which will help grow the program. I also believe that exposing our kids to as many bands outside of southern oregon just furthers the band relationships that we want to cultivate. It's a great oppertunity to see and hear what other bands from other states do and how they perform. The Heritage Festival offers possitive feedback and an on stage clinic as well as the chance to perform on Disneys big performing arts stage, an oppertunity that doesn't come around very often.

**List possible disadvantages of your proposal:**

As far as the trip goes itself, I don't see any disadvantages, I was very pleased with the Seattle Herritage Festival, it exceeded my expectations and was a fantastic experience for our kids, which they still talk about and reference today. Both of our kids in the Academic Masters competition in music and math both referenced that trip as one of their best memories from high school. One disadvantage I do see in the process of getting there is that each kid needs to raise almost \$400 which seems like a lot for most kids. However, We have a parent booster organization for our band program that helps with fundraising so I am confident that we will be able to provide oppertunities for the students to raise the funds needed.

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

There are a few competitions that are more local, such as the roseburg band festival, which we plan of playing at as well as the Basin Band Festival in Flamath Falls. The problem with Klamath falls is that there is a limited number of spots and it is extreamly hard to get a spot. since it is first come first served, the spots are usually gone within about 5 minutes of the portal opening up.

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

  
Approve: Yes  No