



# SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

**Board Meeting Date:** 1/7/2014

**Agenda #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Staff/Administrator:** L. Beteta/S. Allen

**Superintendent:** Patricia Adams

**Type of Item:**  *Informational*  *Action*

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

Lisa Beteta, TRSD Autism Consultant would like to attend a conference "Learning and the Brain" in San Francisco, California February 13-15, 2014. Lisa will be paying all travel expenses (car, gas, food, lodging) on her own. I would like to cover the cost of her registration to the conference, \$544.00. The funds have been set aside in the 2013-14 special education budget for travel expenses. I will not be using these funds for any out of state travel this year and this is a very unique and important conference. Lisa's willingness to cover most expenses on her own plus her expertise in this area will help to train our staff in working with students.

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

Lisa Beteta has extensive background working with special needs students and will make a great trainer for our staff as we work on improving our students' social skills and behavior management.

**List the advantages of your proposal:**

This conference is hosted by the top educational institutions and covers many topics that are key to improving social skills and improving student behavior. Lisa will be better able to support our staff in working with these students that often take huge amounts of time and energy to work with.

**List possible disadvantages of your proposal:**

The cost to the district.

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

I considered not having Lisa attend the conference, but given the minimal cost to the district and the potential for what we can gain by having Lisa attend this 3 day conference I feel it would be a missed opportunity.

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

**Approve:** Yes  No