



## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: October Superintendent Dave Valenzuela

Administrator/Staff: Erik Lathen -- Principal NVHS

Type of Item:  Informational  Action

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

Request for out of state travel approval to participate in the Navy educator workshop November 29th through Dec. 3rd. The armed forces periodically takes influential educators to their showcase events to help inform educators on benefits military service. In this case the Navy has inquired about my attendance in their educator workshop in San Diego. This is a great opportunity to bring information to our students about the benefits of the armed forces so students can have a trusted staff member that is familiar with the branches and can answer questions. I have been approved by the board to attend the Air Force educator workshop (2018) and was approved to participate in the Navy workshop that was cancelled due to the pandemic in the spring of 2020. This is the replacement opportunity for that trip.

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

All military branches offer educator informational workshops to improve communication and advocacy in schools. I have participate in the Marines and Air Force workshops over the last 8 years. The Navy does not have a strong presence in our region nor at our school, so staff knowledge and advocacy is a priority. I would be able to help students make informed decisions when choosing the option of military service. This guidance has helped a few students in the past find their service option.

**List the advantages of your proposal:**

Armed service advocate at NVHS that can answer questions and provide contact information for students interested in the Navy. Furthermore, there is no cost to the district as the Navy pays for the trip in full. In addition to the student benefit, this will be a professional development opportunity for myself and a networking opportunity.

**List possible disadvantages of your proposal:**

None besides I am out of the building for the duration of the workshop.

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

There are no possible alternatives as the dates are set by the Navy.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes  No