



# SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: 9-Jan-11

Agenda #                     

Staff/Administrator: Damian Crowson

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 have been in contact with a national grant writer. Her name is Jane McAlvage. She is a retired administrator and a grant writer for several programs in southern oregon, including Kids Unlimited. She would like to make Lincoln Savage Middle School her personal project for the new series of grants coming available in new year. She is not charging LSMS or TRSD any money for her services. We would like to target grants to upgrade and improve technology at LSMS. I have attached a proposal map for creating 4 new electronic classrooms at LSMS in rooms 15,16,17,and 18. These are existing classrooms and a permanent building at LSMS that are currently vacant. These electronic classrooms would better prepare students at LSMS for Hidden Valley High School and beyond.

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

Currently LSMS has a 15:1 student to computer ratio. We have one computer lab at LSMS currently set up with 33 computers. Students are unable to use this lab for a large majority of the year to accommodate OAKS testing. This proposal would bring the ratio down to 3:1. It would also give all teachers and students the opportunity to use these classrooms for research, projects and presentations.

**List the advantages of your proposal:**

3:1 ratio (students to computers), projects, presentations, keyboarding for all students, research, familiarity with using technology before high school, increased student engagement in class discussions and activities, increased student performance, increased student attendance, increased school pride, increased community pride,

**List possible disadvantages of your proposal:**

The district would have some responsibility to keep the computer lab operational for future student use

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

General Fund dollars=not feasible due to economy. Title 1 dollars=we are not a title 1 school

Approve: Yes  No