



# SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: Dec. 13, 2010

Agenda #                     

Staff/Administrator: Wanda Reynolds

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 asking permission to travel to Italy with Julie Bickel the art teacher at HVHS. The dates of the trip will be March 18-27, 2011. While there, I would like permission to take pictures, keep a detailed journal of all that I am learning and experience. I will present what I learn to my students and imbed the learning gains into my classroom curriculum. My experience will benefit my Culinary Arts I & II classes, and also the Advanced Foods Technology classes specifically. I will pay for this trip personally. There will be no cost to the district. I also ask permission to use one of my unpaid personal leave days, as our flight departs from Medford airport on Friday morning.

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

In our Advance Food Technology class and the Culinary Arts classes, we study a variety of cultures and hospitality-tourism around the world. This experience will allow me to enrich my curriculum and bring this culture alive within the classroom. I will be able to help students understand from a personal perspective the hospitality industry outside the United States. I will gain an appreciation of this culture.

**List the advantages of your proposal:**

I believe teachers have a huge impact on our student's lifelong learning process. By personally experiencing this culture, documenting it through pictures, and learning to prepare authentic foods cuisines, I will be able to enrich my curriculum and teach with greater authenticity.

**List possible disadvantages of your proposal:**

No disadvantages.

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

I will continue learning about foreign culture through reading, internet research, video and television resources.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes  No