



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: 19-Oct-09

Agenda #

Staff/Administrator: JoAnn Bethany

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 for Ryan Lathen, one of my social studies / Spanish teachers, to apply for a grant from the Federal Department of Education that will allow him to go to Brazil for one month during the summer. This grant is a part of the Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad--Bilateral Projects.

Provide history/background information on your proposal.

The program is called Diversity in Education: Bridging the Historical Gap. The main focus is on the Public policies for basic education (K-12) in Brazil in the last 10 to 15 years include a greater emphasis in ensuring that all children attend school and, more recently, that schools provide good quality education for all. The main purpose of the program is to provide U.S educators with a first-hand opportunity to view what is being done in terms of public policies with regard to Afro-Brazilian and Brazilian indigenous populations and on how formal education is being administered. The main objectives of the seminar are to: 1) Study and understand the historical, social, cultural, political, and educational aspects of Afro-Brazilian indigenous populations; 2) Observe the interaction between native and non-native ways as well as particularities of Afro-Brazilian groups in dealing with formal education; and 3) Engage in a series of dialogues with scholars, government officials, and people from different walks of life.

List the advantages of your proposal:

This would be a great learning experience for Mr. Lathen and will offer him experiences that can enrich his teaching and his work with students of poverty and offer new ideas as to how education can offer new futures to these students.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

None. There will be no expense nor expectations to the district for this grant. Mr. Lathen is taking full responsibility for the application for the grant.

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

NA

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes ☒ No ☐