



# SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: 17-Oct-11

Agenda #                     

Staff/Administrator: 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 Erica Butler to travel to Philadelphia to the Youth Service Institute on October 24 - 26, 2011. Ms. Butler is the advisor of our new Oregon Varsity Volunteering Program and its affiliate, Oregon Volunteers, is sponsoring and paying for this trip.

IVHS has been accepted as one of several pilot programs in Oregon to encourage young people to volunteer and do service in their communities. Students will learn how to create volunteer projects, commit to doing a large number of volunteer hours, be recognized for their efforts (akin to athletic, academic, and other "varsity lettering"), and translate their volunteer service into resume experience and college application strengths for after high school.

Students can join the program, do volunteering on their own, in their community, with their school, in support of national service days, and through special opportunities to complete a set number of hours during the year and "letter" in volunteer within the state program and through the school. In support of that effort Oregon Volunteers will also provide certain limited guaranteed funds, opportunities to be linked to some of their competitive grant programs, potential partnerships, and other support (such as bus passes for volunteers that we are working with United Community Action Network (UCAN) to secure.

**List the advantages of your proposal:**

Ms. Butler is currently teaching a Service Learning class at the school and the information that she will gain at this seminar will be extremely advantageous to both the class and to this new program. She will be able to network with other teachers and community members throughout the state and the nation to gain strategies to help students in rural areas to get involved in their communities.

**List possible disadvantages of your proposal:**

Ms. Butler will miss three days of class. IVHS will need to pay for a sub to cover her classes. This will be the only monetary cost to the school and the district.

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

N/A

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes  No