



## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: 13-Feb-12

Agenda #                     

Staff/Administrator: Jessica Durrant

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 would like the Three Rivers School District Board to approve the out-of-state travel for special education teacher Jennifer Tudor to Seattle, Washington to attend the 2012 Special Education Conference on March 7th-9th at the Shoreline Conference Center.

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

There are 3 full day courses offered that will provide Jennifer with new information regarding evidence-based practices for teaching students with learning disabilities in reading, writing, and math. The estimated expenditures are as follows: Registration \$435, meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner at district allocated allowances x 3 days) \$118.64, rental car \$159.43, sub cost for 3 days \$225.00, hotel \$467.97, for a total amount of \$ 971.05. All of the expenditures, to include sub cost, will be provided by Manzanita Elementary's Title I Fund.

**List the advantages of your proposal:**

The biggest advantage of Jennifer's attendance at the 2012 Special Education Conference is that it will enhance her professional knowledge and skills, which will enable her to provide better educational service to our students and those SPED students at other schools. Jennifer will provide workshops to other SPED teachers and the staff at Manzanita following her return to share the knowledge she learned at the conference.

**List possible disadvantages of your proposal:**

One possible disadvantage of this proposal is the expenditures associated with her attendance at the conference. The cost, however, is being paid for out of the Manzanita Elementary Title I Professional Development Fund, which is designed to support this type of training. The practical knowledge Jennifer will gain and apply in the school setting to benefit students is a great advantage that surpasses any financial disadvantage.

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

There is not another Special Education conference of this caliber offered in the northwest during the remainder of the 2012 year.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes ☐ No ☐