



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: Oct-09

Agenda #

Staff/Administrator: Jim Earley

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 to attend the National Science Teachers Association convention in Phoenix, Arizona, December 2-6, 2009. As part of my professional development plan, I wish to learn current best practices and find out what other science teachers are doing in my fields. I would like to bring this information back with me and share it with colleagues in the science department at HV. Conference to be paid for with Professional Dev. funds.

Provide history/background information on your proposal.

I think that we are isolated here in Southern Oregon. I have not been able to attend conferences and symposia that occur in the northern part of the state, and have felt left out of some advances and new teaching strategies. I think that it would be best if we here in TRSD do not have a continually 'reinvent the wheel' and try to learn from the successes and failures that have occurred elsewhere.

List the advantages of your proposal:

This large conference puts me in touch with many new programs at the same time. Rather than go to a number of small conferences that last a few hours, this conference lasts for three days brings together many different participants with a wide range of interests. I can then conduct a series (if needed) of workshops for high school science teachers in our district. I would like to see this become a yearly practice, with more than one teacher attending, and the job of going rotating through schools and teachers.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

The cost.

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

I could wait until next year or the year after when the conference may be closer. If I wait, then it is another year gone.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes ☒ No ☐