



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: 12/14/2009

Agenda #

Staff/Administrator: Dan Huber-Kantola

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 requesting permission to pay for three people to travel to Enterprise, Oregon and Council Idaho to explore and gather information on the biomass boiler systems currently being operated by the schools. The expenses will not come from the general fund but will come from our energy fund 406. Depending on air fare, the cost of the travel would be approximately \$2,000.00.

Provide history/background information on your proposal.

Provided Three Rivers receives a grant award to install biomass boilers and given the uniqueness of the systems, I am requesting that we send a small team to visit operational systems prior to investing money in the biomass systems. We anticipate receiving an award for the installation of biomass at both IVHS and Evergreen Elementary school.

List the advantages of your proposal:

The team would be able to see the biomass operation first hand and be able to speak directly with both maintenance crew members and administrative staff from the schools currently operating biomass systems. We would be making a \$300,000.00 dollar energy investment to go this route and first hand knowledge would be useful for our team.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

The only disadvantage is the cost of the travel.

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

We could try to call people on the phone without seeing the systems.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes ☒ No ☐