



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: 16-Apr-12

Agenda #

Staff/Administrator: Bethany

Superintendent: Dan Huber-Kantola

Type of Item: Action

Please state your proposal briefly and clearly. What do you want the board to know, discuss, or decide?

Last December, I nominated Erica Butler for a Teaching Award through the Miller Foundation. Attached is the letter of nomination. My purpose in nominating her was to show her that I value what she has done at IV in the last two years. She has made a tremendous impact on our school and has sacrificed family time to do it. I felt that the nomination itself would be encouraging and then if it happened, the award would be so even more. I received Erica's permission to nominate her, as an application and a project was required on her part as well.

Provide history/background information on your proposal.

From the Miller Foundation Website: *A major problem facing public high schools is the large number of teachers who drop out of the profession during their first five years of teaching. In Oregon this attrition was 37 percent, according to a 2008 report by the Chalkboard Project. To encourage more teachers to stay in the profession and improve their skills, the Miller Foundation offers professional development awards annually to provide public high school teachers with opportunities for growth and development, with the goal of strengthening their commitment to, interest in, and effectiveness in a long-term classroom teaching career. The ultimate goal is helping teachers pursue activities that will stimulate and nurture student achievement. The awards range from \$1,000 to \$5,000, depending upon the nature of the individual projects.*

List the advantages of your proposal:

Being chosen for this teaching award would energize Erica and give her money for some supplies as well as give her public recognition for the work she is doing at IVHS.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

Commitment of time for completing the project and reporting to the Foundation.

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

None

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes No