



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: 12-Jan-11

Agenda #

Staff/Administrator: Amanda Weersing

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 to approve my out-of-state travel to Seattle Washington to attend the 2011 Special Education Conference on March 9th through the 11th at the Shoreline Conference Center.

Provide history/background information on your proposal.

There are 3 full day courses offered that will provide me with new information and ideas to meet the needs of students with specific learning disabilities, autism spectrum disorders, traumatic brain injury, and social/emotional/behavioral disorders, etc. The specific course titles that I will attend are as follows: 1) Current Research and Treatment Strategies for Learning Disabilities: Dysgraphia, Dyslexia, Oral, and Written Language Learning Disability and Dyscalculia 2) Visuals, Games, and Activities to Promote Reciprocal Communication for Young People with High Functioning Autism 3) Seeing Things Differently: Visual Challenges of those with Learning Difficulties.

List the advantages of your proposal:

The biggest advantage of my attendance at the 2011 Special Education Conference is that it will enhance my professional knowledge and skills, which will enable me to provide better educational services to my students. I also will provide the cost for housing out of my own pocket to cut down on the expense of the district; therefore, the funds I request from the district will only include registration fees, meals, and mileage expenses to drive to Seattle.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

The only possible disadvantage of my proposal is the expenditures associated with my attendance at the conference; however, I am requesting funds from the Professional Development Fund which is designed to support this type of training. The practical knowledge I will gain and apply in my school setting to benefit students is a great advantage that out weighs any financial disadvantage.

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

I do not see any alternatives for my attendance at this conference because there is not a special education conference of this caliber offered in Oregon for the 2011 year.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes No