SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: June   **Agenda #** _____

Staff/Administrator: Cathy Bosse   **Superintendent:** Dan Huber-Kantola

Type of Item: ☐ *Informational*   [X] *Action*

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

I am asking permission to travel outside the state to Las Vegas, Nevada to attend the National Conference on Differentiated Instruction. I will leave on July 11, 2011 at approximately 4:30 and return July 14, 2011 at 10:30 p.m. I will be attending several sessions centered on research-based strategies, instructional best practices, and classroom proven approaches for using Differentiated Instruction.

Provide history/background information on your proposal.

Differentiated instruction is the process of ensuring that what a student learns, how he/she learns it, and how the student demonstrates what he/she has learned is matched for the individual learning styles and readiness levels of each student. In other words, it is the right of each student to be taught in a way that has been tailored to their individual learning needs.

List the advantages of your proposal:

Implementing differentiated instruction will allow me to address the many learning styles of my students by offering choices to meet the individual levels/styles of their thinking as described by Gardner's Seven Intelligences and Bloom's Taxonomy. I will actively be participating in "make and take" workshops and will have 12 month online access to all handouts from every session which allows for more learning,improving, and growing as an educator. In addition, my hope is to become a source of education using DI strategies to my fellow teachers.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

The total cost for this conference is approximately $1,500. This includes conference fees, travel, and lodging. I have applied and received approval from professional development funds.

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

Superintendent's recommendation(s):   **Approve:** Yes [X]   No ☐

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