



## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: 19-Oct-09

Agenda #                     

Staff/Administrator: Peter Maluk

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?**

Proposal: Request approval to send sixteen licensed staff members to attend four day Winter Institute. Topic; Cooperative Learning: Enhancing Student Engagement. Dates: February 12-15, 2010. Location: Las Vegas. Specific focus on cooperative learning; K-12 math; instructional coaching; active student engagement.

**Provide history/background information on your proposal.**

Since the start of the 2008-2009 school year improving teacher effectiveness in creating frequent and positive levels of student engagement in all subjects has been significant goal. Last year we had a 2 full days of professional development on this topic. We also sent 8 teachers to Spencer Kagan Cooperative Learning Institutes. These teachers presented and shared what they had learned at our May 22, 2009 in-service day. Our goal is to continue to increase a nucleus of teachers and administrators who in turn can train staffs in all our schools on how to effectively check for understanding and keep all students actively engaged. We plan to maintain this as a long term goal. Costs will include two days for substitutes for each teacher as 3 days of the conference overlap a three day week.

**List the advantages of your proposal:**

To effectively improve instruction, we feel that by developing a coaching model where our staff members serve as coaches and mentors for their colleagues, we will create a dynamic professional learning community in all our schools. We found the May 22 workshop led by our own teachers to be extremely well done and well received. All expenses will be totally paid for by Federal Title 1 ARRA funds which are specifically targeted for professional development activities and our Title IIA Professional Development grant. There will be no expense to the district.

**List possible disadvantages of your proposal:**

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

Alternative: Have a consultant come into TRSD for a four day workshop which would require there be no students on those days. Same approximate expenses.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes ☒ No ☐