



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: October 18, 2010

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?

We are requesting out of state travel for Margaret (Peggy) Cowens, our TOSA math coach, to attend the Presenter's Academy in Los Gatos California on October 26th, 27th, & 28th. The travel is covered and required by a Co-Facilitators Mentoring Grant that we received specifically for the purposes of covering the costs of Peg's time and training related to her work with the New Teacher Center which provides mentor training in Oregon.

Provide history/background information on your proposal.

Presenters' Academy is a professional development course taught by New Teacher Center as a first step in qualifying for certification to teach Mentor Academies to new mentors and instructional coaches throughout the USA. Attending Presenters' Academy is required by ODE as part of the Oregon Mentor Project. Bev Pratt, from ODE, is the coordinator of the program. The costs for the trainings are covered by a co-facilitator fund from the ODE.

The Oregon Mentor Project is currently training only 4 selected mentor teachers within the state of Oregon. (Peggy Cowens, Katy Mayer, Katie Seltzer, and Jim Hiller) This core group will conduct Mentor Academies throughout Oregon this year, as they learn by doing, side-by-side with an experienced New Teacher Center co-facilitator.

List the advantages of your proposal:

Our district benefits from the expertise Peggy continually offers through mentoring/coaching TRSD teachers.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

None

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

This training is a requirement of the grant money we received for this purpose.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes No