



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: 20-May-13

Agenda #

Staff/Administrator: Debbie Breckner

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 am respectfully requesting that the Board approve the following dates for the school year 2013-2014 with a complete student calendar to be presented once the State of Oregon has allocated educational resources.

Teachers Return - August 29, 2013

Start of School - September 3, 2013

Winter Vacation - December 23, 2013 - January 3, 2014

Spring Vacation - March 24, 2014 - March 28, 2014

End of school and any remainder dates - To be determined once resources are allocated.

Provide history/background information on your proposal.

In the past, we have provided multiple calendars to the Board for approval as we have worked through both lack of funding and the collective bargaining process. This takes an incredible amount of staff time to create each calendar, plus create the subsequent staff work calendars. Providing a complete calendar that we know is likely to change creates confusion for students and their families, as well as our staff, does not seem to be an efficient use of staff time

List the advantages of your proposal:

The District is able to communicate the start of school and major vacation periods to those families who need that information to plan individual family trips or work out custody issues, while still making it clear that there are some details that need to be worked out once the work of the state legislature is finished.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

The usual calendar that we put out would not be available, and there are holidays such as Veterans Day or Presidents Day that families would likely also like to know.

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

A complete calendar could be created - It was not selected as it is difficult to base a calendar on a budget deficit when much of the information is not known or is variable depending on what decision gets made. Much of the variable information should be known either by the time of the Board meeting, or by the end of the month, which makes creating a single student calendar the preferable option.

Superintendent's recommendation(s): **Approve:** Yes No