SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: _5-Apr-23_   **Superintendent:** _Dave Valenzuela_

Administrator/Staff: _Rob Saunders/Michelle Morgan_

Type of Item: ☐ *Informational*   ☒ *Action*

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

Approval for out of state travel to the Edupoint Users Conference in Orland, FL on November 2nd and 3rd, 2023.

Provide history/background information on your proposal:

The user conference for Synergy (our student information system) has been key to our growth the understanding and application of Synergy. At this conference, we can have the opportunity to discover the newest Synergy product feature, get in-depth information on Synergy modules, and receive one-on-one instruction from Synergy experts as well as network with other Synergy Users. We would like to bring 3 users from the IT department, 3 from Special Education, 2 admin, and 3 office staff users.

List the advantages of your proposal:

With our Synergy support team attending the conference we can provide more support that is effective to users across the district. This conference will be budgeted for out of the IT Department, Special Education budget and Curriculum.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

The conference is costly. If we apply during the early bird registration period; the district can receive discounted registartion, get rooms with a discount, and flights booked to keep the cost lowered. The benefits to the district with how we utilize Synergy have been tremendous. Every year, we have brought back information from the conference that our staff (Teachers, Classified, and Administrators) have found very useful to the work that they do with students.

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

This is the closest conference provided by Edupoint that addresses our needs to for Supporting staff with the use of Synergy

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