



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: January 12th, 2016 **Superintendent:** David Holmes

Administrator/Staff: Casey Alderson- District Office

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 requesting approval for out-of-state travel. It is important to note that this travel request will be at little or zero cost to the district. This summit is being offered to Three Rivers School District at zero cost. This opportunity is to attend the Literacy Leadership Summit at Harvard University. I was invited by HMH, a publishing company that we utilize in many different ways throughout the district, to attend the Literacy Summit from March 14-16th in Boston and have the opportunity to see presenters that are the lead researchers and leaders in their field in the area of literacy and education. I will also have the opportunity to visit some of the top high schools on the east coast and identify areas that TRSD can improve.

Provide history/background information on your proposal:

I have facilitated the English Language Arts collaborative meetings and provided leadership to that group on a consistent basis. Also, as the Director of Secondary and Alternative Education, he takes a lead role in ensuring we provide best practices and instruction at our high schools and Alt Ed learning environments. HMH provides tools that could be a key part of our increasing our math and ELA achievement in our alt ed sites and high school classrooms.

List the advantages of your proposal:

This is an incredible opportunity for our staff to take advantage of. The conference is being facilitated by amazing people in the field of education. The potential to bring back valuable content to share with TRSD staff is high. This conference focuses on how to address ELA standards for college and career readiness and how to best prepare our staff and students for assessments by leveraging technology and arming teachers with best practices in Literacy. This is an opportunity to hear from the leaders in education at no cost to our district. HMH could play an important role in our High School ELA classrooms and

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

The only potential cost to the District would be travel expenses from the airport to the conference and back to the airport, and would not exceed \$200. This potential expense is budgeted for in our Title funds. That weighed against the opportunity to learn from leaders in the field of Education, university professors of Education and Educational Pioneers, the likes of Dr. William McCallum, makes any associated cost to of the district palatable. I will be bringing back the learning from this summit and share with our colleagues throughout the district at our English Language Arts PLC in April.

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

Not attending is the only alternative. We did not recommend this option because of the minimal, or no cost to the district, and no commitment to HMH. This opportunity is too great to pass on.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes No