



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: December 13, 2016 Superintendent: Dave Valenzuela

Administrator/Staff: Peter Lentz, Science Teacher and FIRST Robotics Team coach at NVHS

Type of Item: ☐ Informational ☒ Action

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

I propose that the School Board approve the acceptance of \$3134.00 awarded to the NVHS FIRST Robotics Team, This money is the remainder of two grants awarded to the Knight Tech Robotics Team through our affiliation with FIRST Robotics. One of the grants was a FIRST Washington Grant and the other was a NASA Grant which is specifically for eligible FIRST Robotics Teams only. The North Valley High School FIRST Robotics Team was one of the recipients of this grant. The bulk of the grant money has already been used to pay the registration fees for the two competitions in which our team will compete. (see attached receipt)

Provide history/background information on your proposal:

The North Valley High School Robotics Team is going into its fourth year. Our team has been an important outlet for technical creativity of North Valley High School students and a window of experience for them into an exciting and fulfilling career in STEM. Our team now has four to five other adult mentors with direct connections to the technology and manufacturing and during the competitions, the students meet an amazing number of other students, coaches, and STEM professionals from all over the country. For high school students from rural Josephine County, this sort of experience has no precedence and is often life changing. We need grant money to continue Hence, every year we must apply for grant money; this year we were awarded two.

List the advantages of your proposal:

The advantage of my proposal is that the NVHS FIRST Robotics team will be able continue on and have a bit more than the just bare bones funding. We will have the financial capability to be able to build a more sophisticated robot, to defray travel and lodging expenses, and to purchase more and better tools to aid in building the robot.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

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

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes ☐ No ☐