



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: Sept. 18, 2024 Superintendent: Dave Valenzuela

Administrator/Staff: Maximillian Jones

Type of Item: ☐ Informational ☒ Action

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

The three band teachers at the high schools (Josh Dargavell, Maximillian Jones, Emily Warren) are wanting to attend the Western International Band Clinic with auditions and accepted students. This conference is held in Seattle, Washington from November 21st to the 24th. They are eagerly looking forward to networking with fellow band instructors and gaining new insights and perspectives from the different session offered at the conference. This will also be a great opportunity for our students that have auditioned and been accepted to participate in one of the WIBC Honor Bands.

Provide history/background information on your proposal:

The Western International Band Clinic is a convention for directors and students. Started in 1979, WIBC features four 150-member high school honor bands under six world-renowned guest conductors and a soloist. Held in Seattle, Washington each November, students from the United States, Canada and Australia participate in the honor band event. In addition to the honor bands, a weekend of clinics and sightreading band of new music are scheduled for participating directors.

List the advantages of your proposal:

Attending the Western International Band Clinic provides a great opportunity for band instructors to network with professionals from all over the world and learn from their experiences. It is also a chance for us to gain new perspectives and insights on band instruction and bring back fresh ideas to their schools. This can help them improve our teaching methods, enhance the students' learning experience, and ultimately benefit the school's music program. We also have students from our schools audition for the honor groups that our extremely excited to attend for the first time.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

Not attending the Western International Band Clinic means missing out on a valuable opportunity for us to improve our skills and knowledge in the field. We would miss the chance to network with other professionals, learn from their experiences, and gain new perspectives on band instruction, innovative ideas and teaching methods not being taught in our schools, which in turn could hinder the growth and development of the school's music program. Our students would also miss out on the opportunity to attend the Western International Band Clinic.

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

The Western International Band Clinic is one of a kind. There are other great music conferences but none that as close as Seattle and that has such a high caliber of clinicians. The Oregon Music Education Association Conference that happens every January is a great event but still does not compare to the caliber of clinicians at the Western International Band Clinic. We are wanting to gain even more knowledge and perspective by attending the Western International Band Clinic as well as the Oregon Music Education Association Conference each year.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes ☐ No ☐