SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date:	5/16/2011	**Agenda #**	
Staff/Administrator:	Michael Morris	**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?

One of the requirements of the recently passed Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act (also know as the re-authorization of the National School Lunch Program) was that effective the school year beginning July 1, 2011, school nutrition programs will be required to move towards charging paid meal category students at a price that is on average equal to the difference between free meal reimbursement and paid meal reimbursement. Schools that charge less than this amount are required to gradually increase their prices over time until they meet the requirement. The law establishes a recommended maximum annual increase in the federally required paid meal price of 10 cents annually, but schools may choose to increase the price at a higher amount. The law also allows school nutrition programs to cover the difference with non-Federal funds instead of raising paid meal prices. Please see section 205 of the attached summary sheet.

Provide history/background information on your proposal.

Based on the current year free reimbursement rate of $2.74 and the current paid reimbursement rate of .28, the minimum average price for a paid lunch would need to be $2.46 (2.74 - .28). Current lunch prices in Medford are $1.85 for Elementary, $2.10 for Middle School and $2.35 for High School for a current average price of $2.10, which is $.36 cents below the requirement outlined in section 205 of the Act. It is also important to know that each year the average reimbursement rates increase by approximately 3% so districts will need to continue to increase meal prices to keep pace with the increases in reimbursement rates.

List the advantages of your proposal:

Increased revenue for the program.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

Decreased participation due to rising costs.

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

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