



## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: November Superintendent Dave Valenzuela

Administrator/Staff: Erik Lathen -- Principal IVHS and Erin Rodman -- Grad Coach, IVHS

Type of Item: ☐ Informational ☒ Action

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

Request for out of state travel approval to participate in the Navy educator workshop Dec. 1st through Dec. 5th. The armed forces periodically takes influential educators to their showcase events to help inform educators on benefits military service. In this case the Navy has inquired about my attendance in their educator workshop in San Diego. This is a great opportunity to bring information to our students about the benefits of the armed forces so students can have a trusted staff member that is familiar with the branches and can answer questions. Our students have varying opportunities after HS, and one of those is the military. Unfortunately, due to our geographical location it is difficult for recruiters to visit the school. This is an opportunity to create partnerships and provide information to students searching for military service.

**Provide history/background information on your proposal:**

All military branches offer educator informational workshops to improve communication and advocacy in schools. The Navy does not have a strong presence in our region nor at our school, so staff knowledge and advocacy is a priority. Grad Coach Rodman and I would be able to help students make informed decisions when choosing the option of military service. This guidance has helped multiple students in the past find their service option.

**List the advantages of your proposal:**

Armed service advocate at IVHS that can answer questions and provide contact information for students interested in the Navy. Furthermore, there is no cost to the district as the Navy pays for the trip in full. In addition to the student benefit, this will be a professional development opportunity for E. Rodman and myself. Furthermore, we will attend with HS influencers in our area, so it will be a networking opportunity.

**List possible disadvantages of your proposal:**

None besides we are out of the building for the duration of the workshop.

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

There are no possible alternatives as the dates are set by the Navy.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes ☐ No ☐