



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: 20-May-13

Agenda #

Staff/Administrator: Lisa Cross

Superintendent: Dan Huber-Kantola

Type of Item: *Action*

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

I would like the board to approve Resolution Fiscal 12/13-09 allowing the transfer of scholarship funds (with Trustee approval) to the Josephine County Educational Fund for investment and oversight.

Provide history/background information on your proposal.

There are seven scholarship accounts managed through the district office. Historically, those accounts earned enough interest through district investments to allow the principal to be self sustaining, if not increase annually. With the downturn in the economy and the limited funds in district long term investments that is not possible any more. In 2011 the Three Rivers Schools Foundation merged with the Grants Pass High School Foundation becoming the Josephine County Educational Fund (JCEF). This merger presented an opportunity to better serve all students of Josephine county. Currently, all four high schools use JCEF to administer their scholarships.

List the advantages of your proposal:

There are various opportunities by choosing to deposit trust funds in the JCEF professionally managed investment account. By moving scholarship funds to JCEF there is an opportunity for the trust to become perpetuating. The earnings and/or principal are designated and awarded according to the donor's request. Donors may determine the recipients of their funds, or special scholarship committees may be designated to make the decisions. Donors may also elect to have JCEF administer estate or "gift" funds for endowments. Each donor receives a report annually so they can monitor their account activity. Independent annual audits are performed annually, and since JCEF is a 501(c) (3) tax exempt organization all donations are tax deductible.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

Donors may feel uncomfortable about moving the scholarship money to another organization. This change will be optional upon approval from donor.

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

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes No