



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: Oct. 18, 2010

Agenda #

Staff/Administrator: Mayers

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?

I would like to attend the Western International Band Clinic in Seatac WA at the Double Tree Hotel from 11/18-11/22. This would mean two professional development days. This years clinic includes 6 nationally recognized composers and Johan de Meij of Amsterdam. There will be clinics on rehearsal techniques, specific instrument pedagogy, a sight reading clinic and motivational seminars. There will also be open rehearsals for the honor bands. NVHS has one student auditioning (I won't know until Nov. 1st if she has made it).

Provide history/background information on your proposal.

I have attended the Western International Band Clinic for 15 years. I always have a great experience and come away with something new to share with my classes. I also find the motivational seminar helpful and revitalizing.

List the advantages of your proposal:

WIBC is the only conference I am aware of where we have 100+ band teachers from 6 states represented. Not only is the convention educational but it gives me a chance to get to know what is happening elsewhere, as well as good advice and ideas for my own program/classroom.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

With the cost of hotel, registration, and transportation this event can be very costly. I have already paid for my plane flight (it's cheaper than driving). Registration (\$190) and hotel will be paid from the district music account. I have plenty available to cover these costs and other music expenses for the rest of the year. If my student makes it, I will need to stay at the Double Tree Hotel which is \$140 per night. If she doesn't make the honor band, then I will stay at the Super 8 which is only \$60 per night. I will need a sub for 11/18, but Weiss has mentioned he has money in his sub account to cover this.

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

WIBC is a one of a kind event. There is a state music convention later in the year, that I would also like to attend, but I will cover all of my costs to attend that convention out of personal funds. I plan to concentrate on attending choir seminars when I attend the state convention, thus between the two conventions I will have spent time learning about each music subject.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes No