



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: 5/19/2015 Superintendent: David Holmes

Administrator/Staff: Debbie Breckner

Type of Item: ☐ Informational ☒ Action

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

I am requesting an increase in the cost of student lunches. One of the requirements of the Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act, since June 2011, is nutrition programs are required to move towards charging those students who do not qualify for free or reduced lunch, a price that is, on average, equal to the difference between the free meal reimbursement amount and the paid meal reimbursement amount. School districts (like TRSD) that charge less than this amount are required to increase prices gradually until they meet this requirement. Lunch prices would increase .10 at each level over last year's prices, bringing elementary school lunches to \$2.30; middle school lunches to \$2.60; and high school lunches to \$2.85. There will be no change in breakfast prices, nor will there be any cost to those families who are eligible for reduced price breakfasts or lunches, as that cost is being paid by the state. These price increases only affect non-CEP schools; which includes Applegate School, Fleming Middle School, Hidden Valley High School and North Valley High School.

Provide history/background information on your proposal:

The District has gradually been increasing prices each year by \$.10 in order to meet the requirement that we make those changes to get closer to the federal reimbursement rate.

List the advantages of your proposal:

We are in compliance with the law and it helps offset some of the expenses that occur in the food service program; namely staffing and food costs.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

It is possible that the lunch price increase would affect participation at lunch time in those schools affected by the lunch price increase. I don't currently see a way to avoid that however; given the requirement that we raise meal prices.

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

Not increasing meal prices - not a viable option due to the legal requirement.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes ☐ No ☐