



## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: 17 June 2017 Agenda # \_\_\_\_\_

Staff/Administrator: David Marshall Superintendent: Patricia Adams

Type of Item:  Informational  Action

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

For the fiscal year ending 30 June 2015, we recommend that the District increase the price of student lunches by ten cents:

Elementary school lunches would increase from **\$2.10** to \$2.20

Middle school lunches would increase from **\$2.40** to \$2.50

High school lunches would increase from **\$2.65** to \$2.75

**Provide history/background on your proposal.**

One of the requirements of the Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act (also known as the re-authorization of the National School Lunch Program) is that for the school year beginning July 1, 2011, school nutrition programs are required to move toward charging paid meal (lunch) category students at a price that is, on average, equal to the difference between the free meal reimbursement amount and the paid meal reimbursement amount.

School Districts that charge less than this amount are required to increase their prices *gradually* until they meet this requirement.

The law establishes a recommended minimum annual increase in the federally required paid meal price of 10 cents annually, but districts 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.

Currently, the difference between the free lunch reimbursement rate and the paid lunch reimbursement rate is \$2.67 (\$2.95 and \$.28, respectively). The current rates (this fiscal year) are shown **above**, and the average of those rates is \$2.38, or \$.29 below the Act's requirement.

**List the advantages of your proposal.**

Raising our lunch prices as recommended, above, results in an average lunch price of \$2.48, still short of the \$2.67 requirement but showing progress towards that goal. And it meets the required \$.10 minimum, yet is still just below the state's district wide average (before other districts' increases for next year). Finally, raising the prices of our lunches will save the general fund about \$8,000. Last year, we did not have an increase in prices.

The only other option for the district is to cover this difference with non-Federal funds (General Fund).

**List the possible disadvantages of your proposal.**

Raising prices for our kids will likely not be a popular action.

**Superintendent's Recommendations:** Approve:  *Yes*  *No*