



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: 11-Jan-10

Agenda #

Staff/Administrator: Lise Van Brunt

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?

The two teachers from our mulithandicapped program, Steve Jones and Kimberly Watson and our OT Betty Sumega at Madrona want to attend the 2010 Special Education Conference, held in Seattle, Washington. They are applying for professional development funds to attend. We are asking for board approval for them to travel out of state to attend this valuable conference.

Provide history/background information on your proposal.

These teachers are very dedicated to learning as much as they can to provide up-to-date appropriate educational experiences for our students with extreme learning needs. They value this learning opportunity because the two days are packed with appropriate workshops for these particular teachers. Betty not only serves students here at Madrona, but all over our district.

List the advantages of your proposal:

This conference had many experts in various fields such as autism, behavior issues related to autism or other disabilities, use of augmentative communication devices and sensory intergration training. The sessions directly related to those topics. The more expertise the the teachers have the better success we can have as a school and district serving thespecial needs of our students.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

It is out of state and a long day of travel to and from.

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

There may be other conferences that we are not aware of at this time.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes ☐ No ☐