



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: Oct. 2018 Superintendent: Dave Valenzuela

Administrator/Staff: Erik Lathen

Type of Item: Informational Action

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

Mr. Lathen (Principal NVHS) has been selected as a distinguished educator by the Air Force. The US air Force has invited Mr. Lathen to attend their distinguished educator tour in San Antonio Texas from Nov. 6th through the 9th. Here is a portion of the email that explains the details: On behalf of Brigadier General Jeannie Leavitt, Commander, Air Force Recruiting Service, I'd like to congratulate you on your selection to our Distinguished Educator Tour group! We're looking forward to hosting you in San Antonio 6-9 November, 2018.

Air Force Recruiting Service's Distinguished Educator Tours give educators such as principals, superintendents, teachers and guidance counselors from all over the nation an opportunity to experience the Air Force firsthand.

The main objective of the four-day tour is to show educators that the Air Force is a viable career opportunity for your best students. The Air Force recruits to retain, so the service seeks the brightest candidates possible, then provides them with tough, highly technical training that gives them the right skills to sustain the combat capability of America's Air Force.

High school and community college educators are effective mentors who can tell students about the many opportunities the U.S. Air Force offers. Air Force Recruiting Service educates the educators by showing off the Air Force's best resource -- its Airmen. The tour starts on Randolph Air Force Base (AFB), San Antonio, Texas where educators meet enlisted members, officers and civilians from a variety of career fields to learn how the Air Force recruits, trains, educates and employs its Airmen. The tour includes an upfront look at flying training and both technical as well as college educational programs at several of San Antonio's joint military bases. Our tour group also visits Basic Military Training at Lackland AFB, TX allowing interaction with countless Airmen, from brand new accessions to senior officers. Commanders and recruiters accompany tour guests for the entire week to provide one-on-one interaction and answer any questions/concerns about what's in store for their students should they decide to join the World's greatest Air Force.

I'm writing to provide you with a few details regarding your upcoming trip to Texas.

You will be on official military orders for your visit. We'll arrange your travel and pay for your airfare. There is not cost to the district and Mr. Lathen is looking for board approval to travel to San Antonio to represent North Valley and ThreeRivers School District on this tour. This will benefit our students at NVHS as Mr. Lathen can work as a liason between the armed forces and NVHS. Furthermore, he can provide important information to our students that have questions regarding military service and provide them with an intricate knowledge of the experience.

Provide history/background information on your proposal:

This is a program that is done periodically by all the branches of the military to inform and educate educators in their efforts to accurately provide information to students about military service. The Air Force does not have a great presence in Southern Oregon, and I believe this is an attempt to provide a resource for students who are interested in military service.

List the advantages of your proposal:

There are many advantages which include the following: Resource for students who have questions or concerns about military service. Positive community perception as NVHS and by extension TRSD support the armed forces and their projects. No cost to the district, so free professional development.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

Gone the 6th through the 9th of November.

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

There are not any possible alternatives as this is done once or twice a year and only a select group of educators get to participate.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes No

