



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: 2/7/2011

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?

Two of my special education teachers, Steve Jones (teacher life skills) and Jennifer Bailey (ERC) would like to attend the 2011 Special Education Conference to be held in Seattle Washington March 8-12. We would like permission to allow them to attend.

Provide history/background information on your proposal.

This conference provides up to date research and intervention strategies on a variety of special education issues. It is an opportunity to acquire new information and ideas to meet the needs of our students with special needs. It is a way for our staff to enhance their knowledge of best practice in instructional strategies.

List the advantages of your proposal:

It is reasonably local and this conference attracts talented and highly qualified presenters from around the nation. There are many sessions on a variety of special education topics. This conference can be supported through the teacher's professional development fund.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

The teachers would be away from their students for four days, to be taken as three professional days and one personal day. We have not yet received confirmation from the district that these two teacher's costs will be covered by the established account. They will not attend if no funds are available from this resource.

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

There are no comprehensive conferences any closer.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes No