



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: May 26, 2026 **Superintendent:** Dave Valenzuela

Administrator/Staff: Wayne Mchugh and Eric Peterson -CTE Teachers

Type of Item: *Informational* *Action*

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

This out of state travel request is for Wayne Mchugh (IVHS) and Eric Peterson (NVHS) to attend FABTECH 2026, North America's largest metal forming, fabricating, welding and finishing event, from October 21-23, 2026, at the Las Vegas Convention Center. The event offers three days of exhibits, conference programs and valuable networking opportunities and is highly regarded as the industry's leading forum for those involved in the metal fabricating industry. FABTECH will enable me to see the latest innovative solutions, develop my technical skills and expand my knowledge of best practices in our industry.

Provide history/background information on your proposal:

experience:

- 1,500+ leading equipment and service providers
- Daily complimentary keynotes and panel discussions
- More than 200 game changer conference sessions
- High-level networking opportunities on and off the show floor

The agenda has specific presentations to TRSD issues and classrooms and I will be able to bring those back to our teachers in a followup conference. This conference is part of our district CTE plan and budgeted in our HSS/Perkins allocation.

List the advantages of your proposal:

Advantages of this conference is that it provides information on many topics that are pertinent to our Manufacturing and Welding CTE Programs at our high schools. The knowledge gained will be shared with our CTE/STEM teachers in a followup professional development training and travel costs are covered by CTE and Perkins funding. No general funds will be used for this opportunity. It will also teach our students the current industry standards they are expected to enter the workforce with.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

The training is out of the state and will require travel.

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

Not attending the conference. This is the only FABTECH Conference this year or other closer locations would have been selected.

Superintendent's recommendation(s): **Approve:** Yes No