



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: 07/15/2025 Superintendent: Dave Valenzuela

Administrator/Staff: Amy F. Meyer

Type of Item: Informational Action

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

I am writing to respectfully request permission for one of my senior students, Campbell Meade, to attend the 2025 National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, scheduled for October 26th – November 2nd, as a guest participant traveling with the Rogue River FFA Chapter, under the supervision of Advisor Nicole Bambino.

I need to know if this is acceptable, and if the district will accept responsibility/liability as if she were attending the event with Three Rivers School District.

Provide history/background information on your proposal:

As I continue to get established in my role as the new FFA Advisor at Hidden Valley High School, I am not yet in a position to plan or facilitate a trip of this magnitude. However, Campbell has shown outstanding leadership and dedication to the FFA program, and she was graciously extended an invitation to join the Rogue River FFA delegation for this national event.

Campbell currently serves as both the Hidden Valley FFA Chapter President and the Southern Oregon District FFA Treasurer. She is a highly driven student who has consistently demonstrated excellence in leadership, communication, and commitment to agricultural education. This opportunity would provide her with further exposure to national-level FFA programming, leadership development, and career readiness experiences that she can bring back to benefit our chapter and region.

List the advantages of your proposal:

Campbell Meade's attendance at the National FFA Convention offers numerous benefits. As the Hidden Valley FFA President and Southern Oregon District Treasurer, she will gain advanced leadership development, career readiness training, and exposure to national-level agricultural programming. She will engage with over 68,000 FFA members from across the country and participate in hands-on workshops, leadership seminars, and the nation's largest youth career expo. Educational tours through historically and agriculturally significant sites will broaden her perspective beyond what is available in Oregon. Her participation is self-funded through personal fundraising and grants, with full supervision provided by experienced Rogue River FFA Advisors, ensuring student safety and adherence to travel protocols. This unique opportunity will allow Campbell to bring back valuable insights, energy, and inspiration to benefit the Hidden Valley FFA Chapter and local community.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

The primary concern with this proposal is that Campbell will miss approximately four days of school during her senior year, which could affect her academic progress. Additionally, she will be under the supervision of staff from another school district, which may raise logistical or liability concerns. Because Hidden Valley's FFA Advisor is not attending, there will be no direct on-site staff from her home school. The travel also involves a significant financial commitment of about \$1,700, and while fundraising is in place, this may pose a risk if shortfalls occur. Finally, approving this request could set a precedent for similar out-of-chapter travel proposals in the future, which may require consistent policy or oversight.

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

Several alternatives were considered but ultimately not recommended. One option was for the Hidden Valley FFA Advisor to attend the National Convention and include a small group of students; however, the short timeline makes it unrealistic to organize and fundraise for a larger trip. Another alternative involved the advisor shadowing the Rogue River FFA group to provide on-site supervision, but this would result in multiple days of lost instruction at Hidden Valley, the need for a substitute teacher, and additional travel expenses. Postponing the trip until next year was also explored, but as a senior, Campbell would no longer be eligible to attend. While virtual participation is available, it lacks the full value of the in-person experience. Lastly, waiting for a state or regional event was considered, but these do not offer the same scale or national exposure as the convention in Indianapolis.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes No