

Board of Directors Meeting
School District 4J, Lane County
200 N. Monroe Street
Wednesday, August 3, 2011, 7:00 p.m.

TO: Board of Directors

**FROM: Dr. Sheldon Berman
Superintendent of Schools**

RE: Reports and Recommendations

VI. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1) Report on Summer Bridge and Summer Schools

In its fifth year of operation, **Summer Bridge** gives a group of 150 to 200 eighth grade students district-wide an opportunity to experience high school during the summer prior to 9th grade. Each of the four high schools hosts its own Summer Bridge program. Activities focus on building a connection to school and enhancing students' ability to handle both the academic and social challenges of high school. Summer Bridge teachers and counselors use this time to form important relationships that students can rely on for support that continues throughout freshman year. Middle school staff recommend students for Summer Bridge on the basis of a wide set of criteria, all of which suggest that an early start would be critical to success in high school.

The **4J Middle School Summer Academy** serves approximately 180 incoming sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students during a four-week session. Students are referred from their elementary or middle school and come together at Madison Middle School for instruction in math and language arts. Each student is part of a small group, led by an adult, that moves throughout the half-day program that is taught by 4J middle school teachers. Students receive additional instruction that helps them review previous material and prepare for academic success in the upcoming school year.

Summer Academy also includes an Algebra option for middle and high school students needing to make up one or more Concept tests.

The **4J Title 1 Summer School** serves approximately 285 incoming kindergarten and first, second and third grade students during four weeks of half-day sessions. Students are referred from our Title 1 elementary schools (charter, private and regular) and come together at Chavez Elementary School for instruction in reading and math. Each classroom teacher has the help of two instructional assistants. Students often work with an adult in small instructional groups. Both breakfast and lunch are served free of charge.

2) Review Paid School Meal Prices for 2011-12

The district's food service program is intended to be financially self-supporting, however expenses have exceeded revenues during six out of the last seven years. It is difficult to forecast operating costs for 2011-12 until employee contracts are settled, however, it is likely that the General Fund will again need to subsidize food services, based on this past experience.

At this meeting, staff will provide an update on financial projections for food services in 2011-12, talk about the factors driving increased costs, and discuss the potential need to increase breakfast and lunch meal prices during the 2011-12 school year to ensure that food services are self-supporting.

More detailed information about food services annual financial performance is attached.

VII. CONSENT GROUP – ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. Approve Board Meeting Minutes

The superintendent recommends approval of the board meeting minutes of the regular board meeting held July 13, 2011.

VIII. COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS BY INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

IX. ADJOURN

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