



**MINUTES OF THE STUDY SESSION
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MAY 24, 2011**

PLACE James Areida Education Support Center, 1305 E. Vine Street, Lodi

TIME 5:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Roll was called and the President led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT Board Members: Mr. George Neely, President; Ms. Bonnie Cassel, Vice-President; Mr. Joe Nava, Clerk; Mr. Ken Davis; Ms. Ruth Davis (from 5:47 p.m.); Mr. Ron Heberle

Administrators: Dr. Cathy Washer, Superintendent; Mr. Tim Hern, Chief Business Officer

Recorder: Mrs. Lois John, Executive Assistant

ABSENT Board Member: Mr. Michael Abdallah

REPORT Mr. Neely introduced the topic for discussion, followed by comments from Board Members and members of the audience.

2011 Governor's May Revision and Board Discussion on Budget Mr. Hern reported on information garnered from attending the School Services May Revision Workshop relative to the Governor's proposed budget revisions. Major budget points were reported as: 1) Proposes a flat-funded budget; 2) Eliminates 2.4 billion deferral; 3) Adds mental health services to school districts; 4) Continues to cut 15% from pre-schools; 5) Does not give additional funding to schools; and, 6) Continues to ask for tax extensions.

Staffing ratios that the District would be able to sustain with the Governor's May Budget Revision were presented for consideration by the Board. With the Governor's flat line budget the District would gain additional revenues that would enable the improvement of staffing ratios for the District, return a .5 counselor to each of the four comprehensive high schools (equals 2 FTE), one middle school vice principal funded from ARRA fund this year, one psychologist, one program specialist and two nurses.

Following discussion, the Board was in agreement for the recommendations to move forward with the understanding that no positions are being reinstated at this time, with the plan being to staff at new staffing ratios if the Governor's proposal is enacted.

ADJOURN The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Clerk of the Board

President of the Board