



**MINUTES OF THE STUDY SESSION
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 25, 2011**

PLACE	James Areida Education Support Center, 1305 E. Vine Street, Lodi
TIME	6:00 p.m.
CALL TO ORDER	The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. Attendance was recorded and the President led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.
PRESENT	<p><u>Board Members:</u> Mr. George Neely, President; Ms. Bonnie Cassel, Vice-President; Mr. Joe Nava, Clerk; Mr. Michael Abdallah; Mr. Ken Davis; Ms. Ruth Davis; Mr. Ron Heberle</p> <p><u>Administrators:</u> Dr. Cathy Washer, Superintendent; Mr. Mike McKilligan, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel; Mr. Doug Barge, Interim Chief Business Officer; Mr. Tim Hern, Chief Business Officer, Mr. Art Hand, Assistant Superintendent, Facilities and Planning</p> <p><u>Recorder:</u> Mrs. Lynn Aebi, Executive Assistant</p>
REPORTS Goals and Objectives	<p>Dr. Washer introduced the report on Goals and Objectives, explaining it as being an opportunity for the Board to talk about specific strategies and ideas to enhance the current goals. Highlights of ideas discussed included the following:</p> <p>Mr. Neely suggested embracing the Vision Statement by adding: “Lodi is an Education Destination.” He recommended adding to the Goals: “Every school at or above an API of 800 by the 2014-15 school year.” Board members spoke favorably of this, seeing it as measureable and attainable. They agreed that student achievement should drive the budget, not the other way around. Referencing Goal D, Mr. Heberle requested that for a more efficient and organized beginning to the new school year, teachers be in place the first day of school; supplies and materials ready to used. He also asked that teachers be hired early for optimal selection; and Class Size Reduction be reinstated. Ms. Cassel proposed implementing a policy at the secondary level for citizenship/character education. Board members presented and discussed other ideas and suggestions. Members of the audience also addressed the Board with their comments and suggestions.</p>
Governor’s Budget Proposal: Effect on the District	Mr. Barge presented the report on the state’s fiscal crisis and the effect the 2011/12 Governor's budget proposal will have on the District. He presented the following information: The budget shortfall at the state level is expected to be \$26.7 billion; for 2010/11 the Governor proposes to maintain the enacted budget as is; in 2011/12 the Governor is proposing two options for balancing the Budget: Plan A, if voters agree, proposes ‘flat’ funding for education; however, ‘flat’ funding means more cuts for the district; if voters

do not agree, Plan B would require an additional \$12 billion in cuts to the state budget. Mr. Barge identified an estimated \$11 million in cuts to the District. He reported on other key components of the budget with Board members, staff, and members of the audience participating in the discussion.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Clerk of the Board

President of the Board