



**MINUTES OF THE STUDY SESSION
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 8, 2011**

PLACE	James Areida Education Support Center, 1305 E. Vine Street, Lodi
TIME	7:15 p.m.
CALL TO ORDER	The Study Session was called to order at 7:25 p.m.
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. Tim Hern, Chief Business Officer; Mr. Art Hand, Assistant Superintendent, Facilities and Planning</p>
REPORTS LUSDAA Communication with the Board	Mr. Dale Munsch, President, Lodi Unified School District Administrators Association, Ms. Erin Lenzi, Treasurer, and Ms. Maria Cervantes, Secretary, presented a report on what LUSDAA members do in their jobs, the purpose of the Executive Board and Leadership Team. They thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak to them and for the opportunity to meet on a regular basis with the Superintendent. They then responded to questions and comments.
AVID System	Dr. Douglas introduced Ms. Cindy Mettler, Bear Creek High School, Ms. Pam Deines, Needham Elementary School, Mr. Vincent Kobelt, Delta Sierra Middle School; Ms. Carole Funge, Tokay High School, and Ms. Tammy Naylor, Bear Creek High School, and students Maria DeJesus Gomez and Kelly Gomez. They presented a report on the Advanced Via Individual Determination (AVID) an elementary through post-secondary college readiness system designed to increase school-wide student learning and performance. The AVID system accelerates student learning, uses research based methods of effective instruction, and provides meaningful and motivational professional development. It serves all students, but specifically focuses on students in the academic middle. At the conclusion of the report, staff responded to questions and comments.
Virtual Academy/ K-12 Inc. Program	Dr. Washer introduced the K-12 Virtual Academy and the K-12 Inc. Program, that provides effective alternatives to traditional programs in an independent study environment. The partnership between the District and K12 Virtual Schools would create a new virtual K-8 Academy. Mr. Hand and Mr. Andrew Ehrenfield, from K-12, Inc., outlined the program, which offers online learning options to help educators meet the needs of struggling students, advanced learners, at-risk and homebound students, as well as dropout prevention, increased ADA, credit recovery, and overcrowded classrooms. Discussion of the pros and cons from the perspective of Board members, staff and audience members was held. Dr. Washer clarified the purpose of the report as being for the Board to indicate if they are interested in looking further into the program. The Board gave direction to staff to proceed.

Basic
Budget 101

Mr. Hern presented information on the basics of school budgets and the background of state funding. Information on the AB1200 and AB 2756 documents, which give oversight of the District's finances to the County Office of Education and State Superintendent of Public Instruction, was also presented. The numerous 'ifs' of the Governors' Budget Plan were presented and concerns with what the results of those 'ifs' might mean to the District were presented.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 10:53 p.m.

Clerk of the Board

President of the Board