



**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL
TOWN HALL MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
APRIL 14, 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 6:00 p.m. Roll was called and the President led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.
PRESENT	<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
PUBLIC INPUT – BUDGET REDUCTIONS	<p>The following individuals/groups addressed the Board regarding possible budget reductions:</p> <p>Ms. Karen Isaak, teacher, Nichols Elementary School, and colleagues, re: importance of retaining a full-time principal position at their site.</p> <p>Ms. Cheryl Nilmeyer, principal, Larson Elementary School, and colleagues, re: important roles and responsibilities of elementary principals and vice-principals.</p> <p>Ms. Christina Haley, teacher, Borchardt Elementary School, and colleagues, re: retaining vice-principal positions on larger elementary campuses.</p> <p>Ms. Martha Snider, teacher, McAuliffe Middle School, re: read budget reduction ideas from four of her students.</p> <p>Ms. Debbie Clark, teacher, Parklane Elementary School, re: retaining full-time vice-principal and instructional coach positions.</p> <p>Ms. Martha Snider, teacher, McAuliffe Middle School, re: expand technology usage; utilize regional transit; sell UTV/satellite dish; district-based purchasing; internet advertising; sponsorship by businesses.</p> <p>Ms. Katie Connelly re: request that GATE Categorical Funding not be swept into the General Fund.</p> <p>Mr. Matthew Lorenzen, parent, Nichols Elementary School, re: least impact on students; eliminate non-essential administrators rather than teachers; contract out for services.</p> <p>Ms. Susan Heberle, retired teacher, Tokay High School, re: make educating children a priority; effective use of technology; use credentialed personnel who aren't classroom teachers; provide for other positions to volunteer in classrooms.</p> <p>Ms. Beverly Winchester, instructional coach, and colleagues, re: retaining instructional coaches as support for teachers.</p>

Mr. Dennis Silber, teacher, Clairmont Elementary School, re: potential loss of elementary school counselors, as they are a direct link to Title I schools; reduce overstaffing at district office.

Ms. Denise Shigematsu, principal, Oakwood Elementary School, re: value of principals in providing support to teachers; retaining vice-principals and counselors; suggestions for compromise for Title I schools.

Ms. Louise Roachford-Gould, principal, Creekside Elementary School, re: uniqueness of Title I schools, be cognizant when making budget reductions; importance of vice-principals and instructional coaches.

Ms. Lori Celiz, teacher, Ansel Adams Elementary School; re: suggested reducing or reallocating instructional coaches; reducing transportation; combining Elkhorn and Podesta Ranch schools.

Mr. Dave Hurley, teacher, Sutherland Elementary School, re: review necessity of district and site administrative positions; retain instructional coaches.

Ms. Sonja Renhult, teacher, Live Oak Elementary School, re: eliminating *Reading Lions*; use testing materials included with curriculum.

Ms. Lynn Locke, teacher, Reese Elementary School, re: suggestion to offer afternoon care to a.m. kindergarteners.

Ms. Claudia Mennuti, teacher, Bear Creek High School, re: more assertiveness in conserving energy by Maintenance & Operations.

Mr. Elliott Grauman re: reducing classified administrative positions; eliminate district car use by an administrator; caution about bringing laid-off HVAC employees back on temporary assignments when positions were eliminated.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Clerk of the Board

President of the Board