



**MINUTES OF THE STUDY SESSION
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
August 16, 2011**

PLACE	James Areida Education Support Center, 1305 E. Vine Street, Lodi
TIME	6:30 p.m.
CALL TO ORDER	The meeting was called to order at 6:30 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. Tim Hern, Chief Business Officer; Mr. Art Hand, Assistant Superintendent, Facilities and Planning</p> <p><u>Recorder:</u> Mrs. Lois John, Executive Assistant</p>
REPORTS Green Tech Academy High School	<p>Mr. Hand introduced the report detailing the development of the preliminary building and site plans for the proposed new Green Tech Academy High School. He introduced participants in the process including Board members, staff, and design and education professionals. The team of presenters then walked the Board through the campus as a student might experience it.</p> <p>The academy is designed to provide an opportunity for all students to be college and career ready by equipping them with then necessary skills by working in small learning communities built around the academy model. The site for the Green Tech Academy High School is located between Bear Creek and McNair High Schools in North Stockton, with a proposed opening in 2014.</p>
Strategic Planning	<p>Dr. Washer presented information on creating an education destination through strategic planning. A strategic planning process was proposed that would build on the Board's goals, with the involvement of the Board, staff, community and students as an integral part of the process. The process would result in specific long-term plans that would provide direction and specific steps to accomplish the goals. As the District currently has adopted Mission, Vision, Values and Goals, the Board would have the option of reconfirming or revising what is currently in place.</p>

The Board was charged with determining if this is the right time to embark on developing a Strategic Plan. They entered into discussion, sharing their thoughts and ideas on the concept. They agreed that the current Goals should stand, with the inclusion of a new goal that would reflect the Board’s belief in preparing students to be “career and college ready.” Dr. Washer will provide the Board with samples of Strategic Plans from other districts for their review. Additional Study Sessions specifically focusing on designing a Strategic Plan may be needed.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Clerk of the Board

President of the Board