



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

PLACE	James Areida Education Support Center, 1305 E. Vine Street, Lodi
TIME	6:15 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. Michael Abdallah; Ms. Ruth Davis; Mr. Ron Heberle</p> <p><u>Administrators:</u> Dr. Cathy Washer, Superintendent; 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>
ABSENT	Mr. Ken Davis (personal absence); Mr. Joe Nava, Clerk (personal absence)
REPORTS Strategic Plan	Dr. Washer introduced the discussion on the strategic planning process and presented a draft of Goal E for College and Career Readiness, "Provide a comprehensive educational program that prepares students to be successful in higher education and the world of work," and information on samples of strategies and outcomes related to the expansion of Goal D, "Maximize resources to improve the achievement of students in a safe and positive learning environment."
Minimum Competency Skills for Elementary Students Entering Middle School	Ms. Catherine Pennington, Assistant Superintendent, Elementary Education, reported on the progress of implementation of the district-developed minimum competency skills in English-Language Arts and mathematics and reviewed plans for continued K-12 articulation. Skills and concepts were presented which represent the competency skills for students entering middle school.
Comprehensive High School Courses Update	Staff presented a report regarding the District's high school program in relation to offering additional courses in core areas. They presented an update on the implementation of the Board direction to offer additional high school science course options (non-college prep) and flexibility in mathematics course placements. Participating in the presentation were

the principals of the four comprehensive high schools. The Board entered into discussion with staff responding to questions and comments. The Board asked for additional information to be brought back at a future board meeting and also clarified directions that they had given at previous meetings.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 p.m.

Clerk of the Board

President of the Board