LA CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 101
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes of Board Workshop
Tuesday, March 9, 2010
7:00 PM
HS Library

Present: Mark Mansell, Melissa Miller, Bob Taylor, Wendy Chord, Cris Yaw and John Parsons
Minutes taken by: Laurie Kansanback
Staff Present: Brett Blechschmidt (Fiscal Officer), Dave Holmes, Lauri Landerholm, David Cooke, Bonnie Lock, Dan Bentson-Royal, Carol Patton, Scott Lincoln, Aaron McCoy and Greg Cooper

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mrs. Miller. Dr. Mansell then explained that this workshop was going to be devoted to budget information and designed in a way that would help board members disseminate budget data in a new way. He went on to say that the design of this workshop was done with an "abundance" mindset rather than a "scarcity" mindset. He asked that Board members keep in mind that money is a tool to help us accomplish the Board ends which are a written representation of our values as a district. He also asked that everyone be aware of avoiding scenarios that set up an "us and them" viewpoint, as well as keeping in mind our anchors for what is important and how can board policy reflect what we need to do. With that, board members began their "rounds" of five stations set up with administrative teams to discuss six essential questions around how we set the budget. The board members participated in this exercise until 8:15 when they came back together as a board. Dr. Mansell asked for quick feedback about the process and the board shared the following comments:

A. Liked the format
B. Liked the creative ideas for doing more with less
C. Focus was not all about money
D. Not enough time
E. Learned something at each station
F. Great information
G. LOVED IT!
H. Found it an enjoyable way to think differently about budget
I. Impressed with innovative thinking
J. Workshop was well-planned
K. Made the budget discussion much more interesting and relevant
L. Liked the feel of it
M. Can we do this same thing with other subjects?

The board adjourned to executive session at 8:33 to discuss a legal matter.

The board reconvened at 8:54 pm.

As this was a workshop meeting of the board, no action was taken.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

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