

**ESCONDIDO UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Budget Communications Committee Minutes  
April 16, 2008**

<b><u>Committee Objectives</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Build capacity towards understanding the financial impacts to EUSD resulting from the California budget crisis</li> <li>▪ Review potential solutions under consideration</li> <li>▪ Effectively communicate budget information to EUSD stakeholders</li> </ul>
<b><u>Call to Order</u></b>	Gina Manusov, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m. with 28 committee members in attendance. Also in attendance were board members Joan Gardner and Linda Woods.
<b><u>Welcome/Objectives</u></b>	<p>Today's objectives:</p> <p>Summarize highlights from the April 3 and April 10 board meetings</p> <p>Compile list of new ideas or suggestions from committee members</p>
<b><u>Topics Discussed</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Highlights from April 3 and April 10 board meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>April 3 Budget Workshop handout</li> <li>April 10 Budget Workshop handout</li> <li>April 10 2008-09 Preliminary Budget handouts</li> <li>Supplemental Employee Retirement Program handout</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Fund balance and reserves</li> <li>▪ Committee members expressed concern relative to the dissemination of consistent budget information from different stakeholder groups – suggestion made to send out joint communiqué from district and employee associations</li> <li>▪ Additional reduction suggestions for consideration</li> <li>▪ Next actions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Board budget workshop April 18 (special board meeting)</li> <li>Regular board meeting April 24</li> <li>Committee meeting April 30 to debrief (possibly our final meeting)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b><u>Summary Talking Points</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Committee members will continue to communicate information to peers, parents, and the community.</li> <li>▪ Special board meeting tomorrow, Thursday, April 18, at 2:00 in the Board Room to continue budget discussion – public meeting – all are welcome to attend.</li> <li>▪ Explain fund balance/reserves – what it is, how it's used.</li> <li>▪ Containment of health care costs – possible employee contributions for health insurance in the future.</li> <li>▪ Committee is requesting consideration of a joint communiqué from employee associations and district to include clarification regarding work year reductions and fund balance/reserves</li> <li>▪ Stress importance of maintaining a positive outlook and remembering that we as a district are a team – a negative attitude serves no one, particularly the children</li> <li>▪ If there is a lack of understanding about something, encourage staff to ask questions of employee associations, become involved, attend association meetings</li> <li>▪ Encourage visits to the district web site</li> <li>▪ Encourage board meeting attendance</li> <li>▪ Final decisions have not been made – changes occur at every board meeting</li> <li>▪ Ongoing budget reductions are still needed – the work is not finished – future year discussions will begin shortly</li> </ul>
<b><u>Adjournment</u></b>	The meeting adjourned at 3:13 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 30, at 12:00 in the Pine Room.