

Members of the District Bargaining Team: Randy Henry, John Niederkorn, Kim Forrest, Ed Santopadre, David Robertson.

Members of the VTA Bargaining Team: Tim Sisson, Kim Campbell, Todd Blanset, Gary Masterson, Brenda Hensley, Kent Puddy, Mark DeWeerd (CTA).

The bargaining session began with a District presentation on their desires concerning 2011-12 VUSD budget. During their presentation, the District talked about the possibility of trying to have a parcel tax voted in to help with the current fiscal situation of the District. It was stressed that if this was attempted it would need the support of not only community groups, but all parties within the District (Administration, Classified, and VTA).

The rest of the session was spent with both the District and VTA discussing monetary items that might compose any beginning point in financial contingency structure. The District again stressed its plan for 8%. The VTA Bargaining Team stated that it understood the financial issues of the District, but emphasized the financial concerns of its members. VTA stated that its members, on average, spend \$570 on its students (class supplies, lunch money, grad-night tickets, etc.) enhancing the students' experience in school. The Association also emphasized how important its proposals presented at prior sessions were to the contract settlement.

Many different discussions took place on each group's needs and thoughts on ways on how to best serve the interests of the District, the students, and the members of the Association. Several concepts were examined but no proposals were exchanged during the session. At the end of the session it was acknowledged that both sides had a better understanding of the position of the other. It was agreed that the teams should meet again as soon to try to reach settlement. The two teams will meet again on May 11th.