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CASB Freshman BOE Budget Workshop

Tabulated results from the State Budget Workshop presented by Glenn Gustafson (CIO, D-11) and Tracie Rainey (CSFP) to new Board of Education members at the CASB Conference, December 2009. A summary of the fifteen completed work boards from the class follows:

- 1. The largest cuts were to Capital Reserve: 10 of 15 had some reductions and most were big
- 2. Second was a tie between teacher salary reductions and the Instructional Staff (2200) Support with 7 of 15 cutting
- 3. Third was a tie between teacher aide reductions, Pupil Support (2100), Maintenance, and Transportation with 6 of 15 cutting
- 4. Fourth was a tie between the Superintendent Reductions (sharing) & Instructional Supplies & Materials reductions with 5 of 15 cutting
- 5. Fifth were Principal reductions (2400) with 4 of 15 cutting
- 6. Sixth was a tie between legal/audit, custodial reductions, Instructional Technology (IT) and utility reductions with 3 of 15 cutting
- 7. BOE, School Secretary and Business Services only had 2 of 15 cutting
- 8. Only one cut Risk Mgmt
- 9. Property Tax Collections, Non-Instructional supplies, Telecommunications had NO reductions

Observations:

- 1. Given the BEST program, surprised so many cut the Capital Reserve transfer
- 2. Surprised to many cut teacher salaries even though the average cut was small
- 3. Expected custodial and IT cuts would have been higher.