

5-11-10 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Comment read to the School Board by
RBTA President, Amy Santa Cruz



Board Videocast: <http://www.rbusd.org/boevideoarchives> (Minute 33:32)

It has recently been stated by a community member that the Redondo Beach Teachers Association should be the conduit for telling the parents of our students about the RB Educational Foundation. Pursuing parents to solicit donation money is not our job. Our job is to secure the safety and emotional well being of our students at all times and to teach the mandated curriculum using a differentiated approach which addresses all students' needs.

In regard to the District's 3.8% reserve, we have never said to go below the 3.00%. RBTA has noted that RBUSD could dip only .8% into that reserve and still be at a healthy 3.00% (the traditional "standard of budgetary health" mandated by the state). Districts are now allowed to go below the 3.00% for the next couple of years provided they have a plan in place to replace those monies.

Another source of "new" revenue is the PARS early retirement incentive offered this year to retiring teachers. By funding PARS up front, the district will see additional income of over \$200,000 this coming year. Each no pay/furlough day equals \$220,000.

Teachers have never said to dip below 3%, I want to make this perfectly clear, we have never said to dip below the 3%, we do not solicit personal gifts of any kind from the parents as has been suggested, we do support the RB Education Foundation appropriately, and most importantly, we do our job which is to teach the youth of Redondo Beach.

Go to www.sbut.org RBTA – News to read statements made to the RBUSD School Board regarding no pay/furlough days and the budget.

RIF Comment by Amy Santa Cruz

<http://www.rbusd.org/boevideoarchives> (Minute 1:56:13)

When the Board was voting to uphold the RIF Hearing judicial finding which would result in teacher layoffs, Amy Santa Cruz spoke to the actual hearing proceedings and related some of the RIF'd teacher's comments.