



**LAKE TAHOE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
DISTRICT MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE**

MINUTES OF JANUARY 24, 2008 MEETING

EDUCATION CENTER BOARD ROOM
1021 Al Tahoe Boulevard, South Lake Tahoe, CA

5:30 P.M. OPEN SESSION

Committee Members Present		Committee Members Absent	Consultants Present	Guests Present
Jim Tarwater Debra Yates Jim Watson Jackie Nelson Ivone Larson Rick Angelocci Chris Campion Steve Hayward Steve Morales Carl Ribaud Ken Ralls	Beth Damerl Angela Swanson Sue Novasel Brooke Laine Dave Norton Harry Segal Jim Weinberg John Marchini Rich Belli Beth Delacour	Arturo Rangel Cindy MacLean Sheri Schimmel Peter Grant	Jim Kisel, Steve Newsom, Rita Frink, LPA Architects Julia Jenkins, Lew Edwards Group Charlie Feinstein, Katherine Perkins, KNN	Angie Keil Larry Green Karen Houser Michael Doyle Madonna Doyle Sara Thompson Wendy David Mark Romagnolo Brett Long Sue O'Connor Kae Reed

Item 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Open Session of the special meeting of the Lake Tahoe Unified School District Board of Education was called to order by Superintendent, Dr. James Tarwater, at 5:34 p.m. at the Education Center Board Room.

Item 2. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

No comments.

Item 3. COMMITTEE INTRODUCTIONS & MEETING AGENDA REVIEW

The participants introduced themselves. Dr. Tarwater reviewed the Agenda and indicated it would be re-ordered because some people needed to leave to attend the STMS Public Presentation by Manuel Scott of "Freedom Writers" fame.

Item 7. SOUTH TAHOE MIDDLE SCHOOL MASTER PLAN

Jim Kisel, Steve Newsom, and Rita Frink with LPA Architects, met with school representatives yesterday and explained the site and program improvement goals that they envision for South Tahoe Middle School including complete campus modernization – building 'D' classroom wing, construct new one-storey library/media center and 'student union', construct new one-story sixth grade village, remodel shops for indoor PE program, remodel library for music program, demolish 'C' (4) classroom wing and construct a new quad, and reorganize bus and auto drop-off.

Item 6. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CONCEPTUAL SITE MASTER PLANS

Jim Kisel, Steve Newsom, and Rita Frink explained the site, education, new construction goals for:

BIJOU COMMUNITY SCHOOL:

Construct new (6) TS – pre-K & kindergarten, remodel (2) K into library/media center & Computer lab, construct new joint-use mini-gym with Boys & Girls Club, upgrade campus exterior aesthetics, complete/renovate play field turf areas, reconfigure/improve hard courts and kindergarten play area.

LAKE TAHOE ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE MAGNET SCHOOL:

Complete DSA approved plans for modernization buildings and utility systems infrastructure, add photo-voltaic panels to sloped roof structures to maximize solar orientation, PTA adding play structures, Parking lot and drop-off improvements, and storm water management.

SIERRA HOUSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

New library/media center & computer lab, reconfigure library pod area for pull-out programs, and drop-off & parking lot safety improvements and expansion.

TAHOE VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Parking lot and drop-off safety improvements and expansion, remove (4) portables due to declining enrollment, and

Item 4. PRELIMINARY COMMUNITY SURVEY/POLLING RESULTS

Julia Jenkins, consultant from the Lew Edwards group told the committee that the recent survey involved 403 completed telephone interviews with registered voters in the Lake Tahoe Unified School District. All interviews were completed between January 15 and January 18, 2008. The overall margin of error for the results of this survey is +/- 4.5%. She reviewed the results of the telephone poll and said that there is a good, strong base of support for a Proposition 39 bond in the district. Information about the bond proposal builds support with many possible bond projects making more than 70% more likely to support a bond proposal from the district. She concluded that, although the overall results indicate that a cost of \$40 per \$100,000 of assessed value is possible.

Item 5. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Charlie Feinstein, consultant from KNN Financial, explained what Proposition 39 entails with regard to bond elections. It was approved by voters in 2000 and lowered the pass threshold to 55%. Proceeds from Prop. 39 bond elections may only be used for equipment and real property and the maximum tax rate is \$60 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation. Mr. Feinstein went on to explain the historical success of California education bond measures, LTUSD's statutory bonding capacity, and the history of assessed valuation in Tahoe. He explained the financial implications of a bond measure on homeowners, commercial, and time-share owners, the latter having a very minimal impact on owners' property tax bills, if the measure passes. Since the District has the potential to receive approximately \$11 million in funding from the State at this time, it is the most opportune time to pass a bond measure. Considering the economic climate, that money may not be available to capture for another 10-20 years.

Item 8. CLOSING AND WRAP-UP

The next meetings and time table for a bond election are scheduled as follows:

Now	Development of Final Bond Financing Plan
February 7, 2008	Site Survey/Needs Assessment Findings Report Finalized ES/MS/HS Site Concepts
February 13, 2008	Funding Sources Analysis Cost Estimates & Scope Prioritization Finalize Master Plan Program Recommendations Local Bond Campaign Process Kick-Off
February 18, 2008	Special Meeting of the Board of Education to pass a Resolution calling for a Bond Election Adopt Master Plan
February 19, 2008	Deadline to deliver resolution calling Bond Election to the Registrar of Voters
June 3, 2008	Election Day

Dr. Tarwater adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

DR. JAMES TARWATER, SUPERINTENDENT