



**LAKE TAHOE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 24, 2004**

District Office Board Room  
1021 Al Tahoe Boulevard

5:00 p.m. - REGULAR OPEN SESSION  
6:30 p.m. - REGULAR CLOSED SESSION

Board Members Present	Staff Members Present		Guests Present	
Wendy David Madeline Fernald Barbara Bannar Doug Forte Sue Novasel	Diane Scheerhorn Anita McIntosh Barbara Davis Beth Delacour Ed Costa Steve Morales Marie Meagher Michelle Reilly Marilyn Pawling Scott Ramirez Joan Buscher Pedro Aluiso	Janna Gard Frank Kovac Jim Watson Aaron Barnett David Mason Becky Fortier Michael Davis Vicky Pierce Jodi Dayberry Steve Hall Marcia Kaster	Carry Loomis Mark Lyon Joy Rothschild Bill Crawford	Craig V. Tischh Chris Campion Hellen Barclay Vaughna Bendickson

**Item 1-2. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Open Session of the regular meeting of the Lake Tahoe Unified School District Board of Education was called to order by Wendy David at 5:09 p.m. at the Lake Tahoe Unified School District Office Board Room, 1021 Al Tahoe Boulevard, South Lake Tahoe. The pledge of Allegiance was said.

**Item 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mrs. Scheerhorn requested that Item 6.B. be changed from approval to presentation.

**Mrs. Novasel made a motion to approve the agenda as amended; Mr. Forte seconded the motion.**

**Ayes: Bannar/David/Fernald/Forte/Novasel Noes: None. Absent: None.**

**Item 4. PUBLIC HEARING SESSION**

Wendy David wanted to clarify that what had been said in jest about extra time for those in favor of the parcel tax was not to be taken seriously. All those speaking, no matter the subject matter, will be limited to the five minute time limit.

Frank Kovac presented with pride and pleasure the final copy of the WASC report. It has been a long and successful process.

Dale Roberts questioned how the money from the parcel tax will be spent and the financial outlook for the coming years. Diane Scheerhorn provided him with the information.

**Item 5. ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND REPORTS**

**A. AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress)/API (Academic Performance Index) Presentation**

Barbara Davis presented this complicated subject matter through the use of Powerpoint. API is a State created test to show how schools raise student achievement. It is part of the criteria in the AYP. The API was created to mimic the AYP which is a federal performance measure. It sets a specific target

number to show growth. If a school is close to the target, they are still considered below the passing level. Letters will be going out to the parents of students at Bijou next week giving them the choices that are available to them as a program improvement school. This will include transfers and transportation. The middle school has also been designated as a Program Improvement School. They currently provide students with tutoring services to aid in improvement. These tests are used as indicators for No Child Left Behind. California will use both. Questions were asked about how the numbers are set and the programs that are available to Middle School students.

## **B. Superintendent's Report**

Diane Scheerhorn reported that there are email problems with AOL addresses. We can offer LTUSD mail boxes if we can't resolve the problem with AOL. AOL is currently throwing out emails from the District as spam.

The Board had requested one hour meetings with leadership to discuss each site. The Board was asked whether 8:30 am or 7:30 am worked best. This Thursday, the meeting will start at 8:30 am. Each week we will define what the next meeting will cover and the starting time. Thursday meetings will be scheduled from now until the election.

Handouts with instructions for accessing the community calendar through the website were provided. The Board policies are also available through the District's website.

The handouts used for the presentation to the Chamber of Commerce were provided to the Board. When a Board member requests information, it will be provided to all members.

The Board was asked their preference for a Friday Letter which would summarize events of the week or would they prefer to be informed as events unfold. Wendy David prefers to be kept informed as things happen and the others agreed.

Coldwell Banker has offered to conduct a fund raiser by collecting old cell phones and ink cartridges. They will do all the work and provide the money to the District. Barbara Bannar mentioned that some of the classes in our District may already be participating in fund raisers like this. We will check with the sites to see if there are classes already participating.

## **C. Board of Education Report**

Sue Novasel recently returned from accompanying the softball club to Florida. It was quite a shock to play teams that are able to practice all year. There were some really great teams. On her return, she went to the California School Boards Association Institute. She had the opportunity to learn a great deal about the Brown Act and governance. It was a great experience.

Doug Forte along with Wendy David did a presentation last Wednesday on Measure L and received a favorable response. On Thursday, a large group presented to the Chamber of Commerce. There is a nice article on Measure L in STMS express newspaper.

Madeline Fernald said that Measure L is the topic of conversation whether it is a birthday party or a dinner party around Tahoe. She was saddened by the comments of the Secretary of Education about the National Educators Association being a terrorist group. She is concerned when she hears remarks like this. Thanks to everyone who is working so hard on Measure L.

Barbara Bannar reminded everyone of the fund raiser for Measure L at Chevy's tomorrow.

Marcia Kaster mentioned that the high school open house has been changed to March 18<sup>th</sup> and middle

school will be March 11<sup>th</sup> .

**Item 6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

**A. Accept Donation From Wells Fargo Bank** Diane Scheerhorn introduced Hellen Barclay, Manager of Wells Fargo Bank, and Vaughna Bendickson, District Manager of Wells Fargo Bank. They had the opportunity last year to participate in the Team up for Our Schools program. In support of the students and teachers, they received \$30 with every new account opened. They presented the District with a check for \$2,710 and look forward to a strong partnership this year. They also thanked the community for their support. Ms. Barclay will present to Leadership the banking programs available for the students in our District.

**B. Presentation of Aeries Eagle**

Craig Tischh from Eagle Software presented an overview of the Aeries student information system. Eagle is a California company and this software was designed for California schools. It currently being used in 230 districts in the State and is CSIS compliant. Many members of the staff are present who can also answer questions. This program was looked at earlier, it was, however, in the developmental stages at that time.

Thanks to Steve Morales and Scott Ramirez for their work in bringing this before the Board.

Sue Novasel asked about the security included in the system.

Joan Buscher stated that she is delighted to recommend the program. Scott reported that we have contacted many different sites and they are excited to recommend the Aeries system. Marcia Kaster expressed her concerns with the current program and the lack of accuracy. She said that we are responsible for these students and their information. The Board asked about the timeline for approval. Steve Morales said that he will bring this forward to the Board in the near future in order to have time for training and implementation prior to summer.

Scott asked that the Board look at the recommendations from the members who have to live with it. Dr. Scheerhorn will keep the Board posted on the progress.

**C. Approve Amended Resolution 2003/04-14, Intention To Dismiss Certificated Employees**  
**Motion to approve the amended resolution was made by Mrs. Fernald; seconded by Mrs. Bannar.**  
**Ayes: Bannar/David/ Fernald/ Forte/Novasel. Absent: None. Noes: None**

**D. Proposed Calendars for 2004/05 and 2005/06**

Dr. Scheerhorn presented calendars with the ideas that have been suggested so far. In the 2004/05 calendar: the staff development days have been defined; a change in the two weeks during winter holidays; and moving spring recess from the end of the month in March to April 18<sup>th</sup>. Good Friday is still in question. Hopefully we will bring the final 2004/05 calendar to the Board in March. One of the staff development days will be after Veterans day in 04/05 and one will be on Halloween in 05/06.

Jodi Dayberry expressed concerned about ADA if the District starts the Holiday break in mid-week.

A set date for graduation will be an issue that we will discuss in the future.

Wendy David asked about who has the final approval of the calendar - the Board does.

**E. Approve Operational Agreement with South Lake Tahoe Women's Center**

Diane Scheerhorn introduced the agreement and what it represents. They provide great services for the community and it is great to see this cooperation.

**Motion to approve the agreement was made by Mrs. Fernald; seconded by Mrs. Novasel. Ayes: Bannar/David/ Fernald/ Forte/Novasel. Absent: None. Noes: None**

**F. Approve Resolution 2003/04-21, California Cash Reserve Program**

Interim Chief Financial Officer, Ed Costa, introduced the California Cash Reserve Program. We have participated in this each year, even though the District has never had to use it. Should we need to use of this program, this paperwork would be in place. It is for the 2004/05 school year.

Wendy David asked, if there was to be a need for this, will it come back to the Board to approval? It would be brought back to the Board before participation.

**Motion to approve the resolution was made by Mr. Forte; seconded by Mrs. Bannar. Ayes: Bannar/David/ Fernald/ Forte/Novasel. Absent: None. Noes: None**

**G. Discussion on the Formation of a Parcel Tax Oversight Committee**

Diane Scheerhorn has gathered information on the formation of a parcel tax oversight committee. She has contacted Santa Rosa, Novato, and Monterey Peninsula for information on how they created their committees. Handouts were given to the Board which include committee guidelines and composition of the committee. Perhaps this will help us to formulate our own committee. These will provide ideas for us to look at. We will need to look at the various groups that we may want to include on the committee including parents, real estate, city and TRPA are just a few.

Jodi Dayberry asked how is the oversight committee will be staffed. The Board will make the appointments.

Bill Crawford asked to speak to the Board regarding the oversight committee. He felt that it was horrible for the Board to appoint an oversight committee to watch over the parcel tax. He stated that it is an undemocratic process and the Board was giving away it's authority to an unelected committee and allowing them to make fiduciary decisions.

Wendy David thanked him for his comments and let him know that the committee, as required by the resolution, will not make any fiduciary decisions. They will only oversee the funds from the parcel tax and verify that they are spent only on the items listed in the resolution.

The Board discussed the options available for putting together the process of selection and decided on a Superintendent's Committee of the Board. Sue Novasel and Madeline Fernald agreed to serve with Dr. Scheerhorn on the committee and will present their recommendations to the other members of the Board.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION**

Wendy David announced that the Board would discussing pending litigation, Personnel Order No. 2003/04-15, and conferencing with legal counsel.

**Item 7-8. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION / RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION**

The regular meeting adjourned for a short recess at 7:01 pm, into to closed session at 7:21 pm, and reconvened into regular session at 8:42 pm.

**Item 9. ACTION ON ITEMS FROM CLOSED SESSION**

**A. Personnel - Pending Litigation**

**No Action.**

**B. Personnel Order 2003/04-15**

- i. Hire: Interim Chief Financial Officer; Instructional Assistant
- ii. Accept Resignation: Wrestling Coach; Cross Country Coach, Girls'; Teacher
- iii. Approve Unpaid Leaves of Absence: Teachers
- iv. Deny Unpaid Leave of Absence: Bus Driver
- v. Hire for Extra Duty Services: SDAIE Trainers

**Motion to approve the Personnel Order was made by Mrs. Fernald; seconded by Mrs. Novasel.**  
**Ayes: Bannar/David/ Fernald/ Forte/Novasel. Absent: None. Noes: None**

**C. Conference With Legal Counsel - Property Mitigation at South Tahoe High School and South Tahoe Public Utility District**

**No Action.**

**Item 10. ADJOURN**

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.**

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**DR. DIANE SCHEERHORN, SUPERINTENDENT  
AND SECRETARY TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**