

**Lake Tahoe Unified School District
1021 Al Tahoe Blvd
So. Lake Tahoe, CA 96150**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
March 9, 2004**

Board Members Present: Wendy David, Madeline Fernald, Sue Novasel, Doug Forte, Barbara Bannar.

Staff Members Present: Diane Scheerhorn, Angie Freeman, Barbara Davis, Steve Morales, Ed Costa, Beth Delacour, Jim Watson, Mark Romagnolo, Pedro Lopes, Becky Fortier, Lisa Huard, Jackie Nelson, Marcia Kaster, Jodi Dayberry, Vicky Pierce, Karen Gillis-Tinlin.

Guests Present: Richard Solbrig, Paul Sciuto, Mari Peshon, Teresa Peshon, Bill Kaster.

Items 1 - 2. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Wendy David in the Board Room of the Lake Tahoe Unified School District Office at 1021 Al Tahoe Blvd., South Lake Tahoe. The pledge of allegiance was said.

Item 3. Approval of Agenda

Diane Scheerhorn said that a document declaring the Board's intent to grant an easement was posted prior to approval. It was posted due to a misinterpretation of the process for the scheduled public hearing. In order to give the public ample time for protest, she asked the Board to add this item to the agenda for approval. The Board found that there was an immediate need to take action.

Mrs. Fernald made a motion to add Item 6.D. Resolution No. 2003/04-22, Intention to Grant a Forest Conservation Easement to the South Tahoe Public Utility District and approve the agenda as amended; Mrs. Bannar seconded. Ayes: David, Fernald, Bannar, Novasel, Forte. Noes: None

Item 4. Public Hearing Session - No comments.

Item 5. Announcements, Correspondence, and Reports

A. The Drug Store Project - Lisa Huard told the Board that she wrote a grant at the beginning of February and was notified that LTUSD was awarded \$5,000 per year for three years from El Dorado County Master Settlement Agreement Tobacco Prevention and Education Project Mini-grant Program. The money will be used to fund "The Drug Store Project" which will be conducted with all seventh graders, March 31st. A parent night to explain the Project will be held on March 21st at South Tahoe Middle School.

B. Educational Options Survey - Barbara Davis distributed the results of a survey regarding Education Options survey which was made available to students and parent both inside and outside LTUSD as well as staff from 12/19/03 through

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2/13/04. There were 395 responses. She summarized the report indicating that CSR, music, core academics, and athletics were seen as the most valuable programs the district currently provides. Other results indicated that students needs are being met by the district. Mrs. Davis was thanked for getting the information to the Board in a timely manner.

C. Superintendent's Report - Mari Peshon, Sophomore Class President, reported that Winter Formal had the best turnout in the past four years with over 600 students in attendance. The June 15th prom will be held at Heavenly. She also reported on upcoming events such as "Mr. Viking", a charity fund raiser in April; Air Band in May; a blood drive in April; and Open House on March 18th.

Diane Scheerhorn reported to the Board on the School Services of California financial conference in Sacramento and the El Dorado County Superintendent's retreat that she attended. She said that the District needs to move forward with South Tahoe Educators Association negotiations and asked the Board how they want to be involved in the process. It is on the closed session agenda for Thursday's meeting so that members can decide the structure of this year's negotiations. She thanked everyone for their efforts on behalf of Measure L and encouraged people to help on the phone banks.

D. Board of Education Report

Barbara Bannar said she was impressed with the involvement in Measure L and thanked everyone for their efforts. She said that the High School and Meyers Destination Imagination teams made it to State finals, which will be held in the middle of April in Clovis.

Wendy David reminded the Board that it is important for them to be at the phone banks and doing speaking engagements. Riq Oberhaus has set up speaking engagements which he will bring to the steering committee at 4:00 pm tomorrow. A fund raiser is set for March 24th at LewMarNels and the committee is hoping to raise \$10,000. Mrs. David encouraged people to clear up the misinformation regarding the senior exemption. It is available to every senior 65 and older. She complimented the High School "Viking Pride" newspaper, it is wonderful.

Sue Novasel thanked everyone for working on the phone banks. She and Mrs. Fernald worked on the issue of Citizen Advisory Committee. They believe that accountability is an important part of getting the vote. Information from other districts was gathered and will be presented at Thursday's Board Meeting.

Madeline Fernald asked that anyone interested in being a member of the Citizen Oversight Committee let her know. The Board will appoint a group of not less

than seven and not more than eleven members. Diane Scheerhorn listed the member categories. She said that the phone banks are inspiring and most people are aware of the issue and are registering to vote. The recent School Site Council meeting at the High School was intense and there is a lot of misinformation out there. She thanked Mr. Lopes for helping to reach the Spanish speaking parents.

Marcia Kaster, STHS Principal, took the opportunity to update the Board about the March 25th AVID visitation and luncheon on March 26th at Embassy Suites, the WASC visitation on March 28th, students' speeches to the Kiwanis Club, and the "Sound of Music" performance April 1-4 at STHS featuring at least two "famous" nuns (Marcia Kaster and Barbara Davis).

Item 6.

Discussion and Action

A. Approve Director of Facilities to Advertise for Bids for Modernization Project - Steve Morales asked for the Board's approval to seek bids for the first phase of modernization at Sierra House (\$600,000-\$700,000 for infrastructure, heating/cooling, etc.) which should meet the 50% requirement to make the District eligible to receive modernization money. **Mrs. Fernald made a motion to approve the request; Mr. Forte seconded. Ayes: David, Fernald, Bannar, Forte, Novasel. Noes: None.**

B. Approve Calendars for 2004/05 and 2005/06

Diane Scheerhorn asked that the Board not take action on the calendars until a meeting with Marcia Kaster and her cabinet can discuss setting firm graduation dates. **No Action.**

C. First Reading, Board Policy 6158 - Barbara Davis explained the proposed changes. Board Members may call her or Diane Scheerhorn with comments. **No Action.**

D. Resolution No. 2003/04-22, Intention to Grant a Forest Conservation Easement to the South South Public Utility District

- Diane Scheerhorn explained the intent to grant and easement of 10 acres of STHS property. A public hearing will be held on March 23, 2004 at 6:00 pm. Richard Solbrig and Paul Sciuto of the Utility District were in attendance to answer questions. **Mrs. Novasel made a motion to approve the resolution; Mrs. Fernald seconded. Ayes: David, Fernald, Bannar, Forte, Novasel. Noes: None.**

Item 7.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Novasel made a motion to approve the consent agenda; Mrs. Bannar seconded. Ayes: David, Fernald, Bannar, Forte, Novasel. Noes: None.

Item 8-9. Announcement of Items to be Discussed in Closed Session/Adjourn to Closed Session - The items to be discussed in closed session were announced and the Board adjourned into closed session at 7:02 pm.

Item 10 Reconvene into Regular Session - The Board reconvened into regular session at 7:21 pm.

Item 11. Action on Items from Closed Session

A. Personnel Order 2003/04-16

- i. Hire: Substitute Teacher, Instructional Assistant
- ii. Unpaid Leave of Absence: Speech Pathologist
- iii. Change in Status: Teachers
- iv. Hire for Extra Duty Services: Cross Country Ski Coach, Track Coach, Extra Period
- v. Accept Resignation: Sub Cafeteria Asst., Bus Driver
- vi. Accept Retirement: Teachers, Principal

Mrs. Fernald made a motion to approve the personnel order; seconded by Mr. Forte. Ayes: David, Fernald, Bannar, Forte, Novasel. Noes: None.

B. Discipline

- i. Recommendation for Suspension of Expulsion No. 2003/04-22.
The student was expelled for possession of marijuana and alcohol. The expulsion is suspended under 9 conditions.
- ii. Recommendation for Revocation of Expulsion No. 2003/04-17.
The student violated the conditions of the suspended expulsion and will be expelled until December 9, 2004.
- iii. Recommendation for Revocation of Expulsion No. 2003/04-19.
The student violated the conditions of the suspended expulsion and will be expelled until second semester 04/05 school year.

Mr. Forte made a motion to approve the recommendations; seconded by Mrs. Novasel. Ayes: David, Fernald, Bannar, Forte, Novasel. Noes: None.

Item 12. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Mrs. David at 7:47 pm.