

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

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
April 12, 2004**

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

Staff Members Present: Diane Scheerhorn, Anita McIntosh, Barbara Davis, Steve Morales, Ed Costa, Beth Delacour, Jackie Nelson, Karen Gillis-Tinlin, Susan McAllister, Bertha Mayfield, Pedro Aluiso, Mark Romagnolo, Marie Meagher, Jodi Dayberry, Katrina Sanford, Vivian Rider, Jill Carter.

Guests Present: Anna Hartman, Joy Rothschild, Helda Castillo, Anglea Swanson, Elva Adler

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:13 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

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

Item 4. Public Hearing Session

Joy Rothschild paid tribute to Midge Mercado, a long time employee of the District that recently passed away. Midge worked for the District for 18 years and touched the lives of many students. She will be missed.

Jodi Dayberry asked the Board to preserve the CSR program and the elementary librarians. She stated that we can not afford to lose more students. She thanked those who have worked so tirelessly on Measure L.

Item 5. Discussion and Action

Resolution 2003/04-15, Intention to Close Two Elementary Schools.

Diane Scheerhorn introduced three options for the Board to look at. Many hours have been spent putting together the plans that were developed. She shared the elementary school comparison; current demographics; closure plans; closure rational; diversity; and transportation concerns.

Diane read an email from Francie Heim at El Dorado County of Education. It stated that the District needs to have a long range plan should Measure L not pass in order for a positive certification for the Second Interim Report. The County is also requesting a third interim report in the near future.

Dr. Scheerhorn made a recommendation to the Board that they move forward with Plan B with the option to close Meyers Elementary and Al Tahoe Elementary.

Wendy thanked the administration for the incredible amount of work and asked if there is a motion to accept. **Mrs. Novasel made a motion the accept plan B with the option to close Meyers and Al Tahoe. Mrs. Fernald seconded the motion.** Mrs. Fernald asked why Bijou over Al Tahoe? Diane Scheerhorn explained that there is interest by Boys and Girls Club to stay in the area and another community agency would like to use Al Tahoe along side Boys and Girls Club. Bijou has the highest concentration of walkers. Barbara Bannar spoke to the issue of diversity and difficult choices that need to be made should Measure L not pass. She will be on the busses to make sure that these cuts (if needed) will work. **Ayes: David, Fernald, Bannar, Novasel. Noes: None. Absent: Forte.**

Mrs. David stated that the Board realizes that CSR is good for students, but if Measure L does not pass, this is what is necessary.

Item 6.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Mrs. David at 5:42 pm.

**Diane Scheerhorn, Superintendent and
Secretary to the Board of Education**