

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

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
May 21, 2004**

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

Staff Members Present: Diane Scheerhorn, Anita McIntosh, Ed Costa, Jan Tabarez, Steve Morales, Shelley Giannotta, Beth Delacour, Marcia Kaster, Don Borges, Jack Stafford, Jim Valdes, Jim Watson, Karen Gillis-Tinlin, Jackie Nelson, Mark Romagnolo, Pedro Aluiso, Michelle Reilly, Karin Holmes, Becky Fortier, Sandy Bobman, Marie Meagher, Jodi Dayberry.

Guests Present: Sandie Finkel, Doug Van Gordon, Glenn Pershing, Barbara Cunninham Pershing, Jeff Tillman, Carry Loomis, Sheri Schimmel, Dave Borges, Chuck Diane, Sarrah Griffis, Andy Braun, Chris Holmes, George DuPuy, Russ Woons, Eddie Walker, Holly Cook, Stading, Randy Inglis, Mark Garratt, Andy Williams, Jen Bronken, Neal Trebotich, Kelly Sheehan, Chris Campion, Penny Stewart, Melinda Garratt, Keith Norberg, Pat Baghd?, Madonna Smith, Dave H., Cathy Gitt, Lynn Norton.

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 a.m. 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. Novasel made a motion to approve the agenda; Mrs. Fernald seconded. Ayes: David, Fernald, Bannar, Novasel. Absent: Forte. Noes: None

Item 4. Public Hearing Session

Holly Cook shared an idea to help raise money for the school district. She would like to see those who voted for Measure L go ahead and contribute the \$60.00.

Sandie Finkel read a letter from a former student asking the Board to consider the importance of athletic programs in our schools. She also predicted a mass exodus of students from the high school to surrounding schools if we cut or discontinue athletics.

Mark Garratt addressed the Board about the problems that would be caused by cutting or discontinuing athletics. He feels that truancy and discipline will be an issue. The PE requirement will cause the District to hire more teachers. He suggested that we cut programs equally, such as AP and approach the Boosters' Clubs for help with funding.

Sheri Schimmel spoke to the Board about the feeder programs in our area that involve the younger students.

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Jeff Tillman, representing the Chamber of Commerce, reminded everyone that his organization had offered to help in any way they could after the defeat of Measure L. He asked the Board to approach the Chamber of Commerce and ask for financial help with athletics. He does not want to see students shut out over money.

Andy Braun wanted to know how much money is needed to continue the athletic program. He suggested that we could cut other programs like ESL, AP and Leadership. The nation is concerned about the health of our young people and participation in athletics helps keep them moving.

Larry Reilly encouraged the Board to ask big business in our area for help with the athletics not only in the high school, but also in the middle school. He feels that athletics are a foundation for life.

Jennifer Bronken spoke to the Board about the CSR program. It makes more sense for the sake of the children. It is a better return on our investment.

Item 5. **Workshop**

Wendy David said the workshop discussions will cover athletics at the Middle School and the High School, Class Size Reduction information and program and staff considerations for the 2004/05 school year.

Diane Scheerhorn presented data packets and the Athletic Review Agenda. She shared the legal ruling on athletic fees and that the judgement is that we can not charge for participation.

Ed Costa reviewed the previous years' athletic budget for both the middle school and high school levels.

Jim Valdes presented the Middle School's suggestions for their athletic program in 04/05. The three options are intermural, regular athletics with some sports eliminated, and full program with participation fees.

Marcia Kaster, Jack Stafford, and Don Borges presented their ideas for next year along with a breakdown of the cost of each program. Their hope is to raise the funds needed through community assistance. They will break down the funds needed by the fall, winter, and spring seasons. For the fall season they will need to raise \$68,000 by July 16th, for winter they will need to raise \$36,000 by October 15th, and for spring they will need to raise \$40,000 by January 14th. Mr. Stafford told the Board that they feel that 80% of the target amount is needed by their set date if they are to proceed with that season's sports.

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The Board recommended that the High School pay the NIAA fees and commit to participate for the entire year. They should also go forward with contact in the community.

Ms. Novasel suggested that a Middle School Booster Club be established and that they should work toward a fully funded program also.

Dr. Scheerhorn introduced the staff requests for mail service, receptionist at the District Office, bilingual secretary/office assistants for elementary support, and supervisor for yard duty. Safety is an issue along with the communication factor. With more students at the elementary sites, there are concerns over serving the needs of the students as well as the parents.

CSR option 2 was discussed along with funding differences from the first estimate to the current data on the program. Option 2 will be researched and more information brought back for the Board to discuss.

Chris Champion addressed the Board regarding the rumors he has heard through PTA meetings. The funds from the lease with STPUD were not discussed nor the second option for CSR. This information may have saved one school. He also asked about the Golden Handshake option and the bargaining structure.

Jim Weinberg asked about the timeline for receivership. He is surprised that people just don't understand that by September 2005 or 2006 there may be no choices. If the state takes over, there will be no sports. He said that the little kids have had their academic careers disrupted almost completely and education should come first.

Item 6. Discussion and Action

A. District Program considerations for the 2004-05 School Year

- i. Discussion on Athletics - Ms. Novasel made a motion was made to support the complete implementation of the sports program with the \$90,000 for STHS and \$17,000 for STMS. Should funding be available from the District, the Board will revisit their funding decision. Ms. Fernald seconded it. Ayes: David, Fernald, Novasel. Noes: Bannar. Absent: Forte.**
- ii. Discussion on CSR (Class Size Reduction) - No Action.**
- iii. Support for Financial Programs and Staff - No Action.**

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Item 7. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Mrs. David at 9:41 a.m.

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