

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

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES  
June 22, 2004**

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

**Staff Members Present:** Diane Scheerhorn, Anita McIntosh, Steve Morales, Ed Costa, Beth Delacour, Jan Tabarez, Becky Fortier, Brittainy Lehman, Melissa Berry, Ken Gerrard, Carla Zezula, Jerry Carter, Jodi Dayberry, Karen Miner, Carol Murdock.

**Guests Present:** Phillip Berry, Nola Berry, Megan Roberto, Mari Peshon, Brooke Wilkinson, Marsha Roberto, J. Junge, Beverly Gerrard, Jessica Farrell, Umang Patel, Les Wright, Brooke Laine, Dave Galicia, Kelly Galicia, Jim Weinberg, Billy Ferchland.

**Items 1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:06 pm by Wendy David in the Board Room of the District Office at 1021 Al Tahoe Blvd.

**Item 2. Approval of Agenda**

Changes to the agenda were: Item 11E moved to Item 11A and Personnel Order No. corrected to read 03/04-22. **Mrs. Fernald made a motion to approve the agenda as amended; Mr. Forte seconded. Ayes: David, Fernald, Bannar, Novasel, Forte. Noes: None**

**Item 3/4. 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 5:08 pm.

**Item 5/6. Reconvene into Regular Session/Pledge of Allegiance** - The Board reconvened into regular session at 6:11 pm. The pledge of allegiance was said.

**Item 7. Action on Items from Closed Session**

**A. Conference with Labor Negotiators**

**No Action.**

**B. Personnel Order No. 2003/04-22**

- i. Hire: Sub Teacher, Instructional Assistants, Spec. Ed..
- ii. Resignation: Teacher; .40 Teacher; Inst. Assistant.
- iii. Promotion: Senior Secretary

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

**C. Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release**  
**No Action.**

**D. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation**  
**No. Action.**

**E. Discipline**

i. *No. 2003/04-32, Expulsion Recommendation*

The student was expelled until June 22, 2005 for drug paraphernalia and a knife. The expulsion will be suspended and the student will return to school under nine conditions.

ii. *No. 2003/04-33, Expulsion Recommendation*

The student was expelled until June 22, 2005 for being under the influence. The expulsion will be suspended and the student will return to school under nine conditions.

iii. *No. 2003/04-34, Extension of Suspension Notice*

The student's suspension will be extended until the Board decides whether or not to expel.

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

**Item 8. Public Hearing Session for SELPA Wide Annual Service Delivery Plan and SELPA Wide Annual Budget Plan for 2003-04**

No comments.

**Item 9. Public Hearing Session**

Umang Patel appealed to the Board to keep Melissa Berry as a teacher at the High School. He considers her one of the best teachers and a valuable asset.

Megan Roberto told the Board that she will be a senior next year and finds Melissa Berry to be an excellent teacher, helpful to all, and an advisor to the class of 2006. She made a heartfelt appeal to keep her as part of the staff.

Marsha Roberto spoke of Ms. Berry's willingness to take on the school newspaper when no one else would. She feels that as a teacher she has made a difference.

Ken Gerrard has been friends with Melissa Berry for a long time and knows her to be dedicated to friends, family, and students. He asked the Board to take another look to make sure that a mistake has not been made.

Les Wright of the Lake Tahoe Marathon described the problems with the city buses and the insurance they take out for the marathon. He would like to use our buses for the marathon and have his money go to the school district if something can be worked out.

Jodi Dayberry spoke about the need for class size reduction in our elementary schools. If the Board believes that children should come first, then providing them with the best learning environment should be a priority. She presented a petition asking the Board to hold a workshop to explore implementation of the modified CSR program.

Jim Weinberg spoke to the Board about keeping CSR and urged them to schedule a workshop to look at the options available.

Karen Miner addressed the issue of CSR. She knows the benefits that it provides to the upper grades and feels it is a shame that an alternate plan was never brought up during the focus groups for consideration. She suggested that we not fill an administrative position and use the funds toward CSR.

**Item 10. Announcements, Correspondence, and Reports**

**A. STEA Report** - Carla Zezula read a statement from the South Tahoe Educators Association. It listed the negotiation items that they wish to work on for the upcoming year. Those items are: class size; unit member hours; safety; transfers; compensation and benefits; and No Child Left Behind Act compliance. They wish to begin meeting in July.

**B. Superintendent's Report** - Dr. Scheerhorn wanted to thank all the parents and staff for all their help during such an emotional time. It is difficult to celebrate the end of a school year along with the end of a school. She attended four different retirement parties this week. In conjunction with Bob Ferguson, the Superintendent of El Dorado Union High School District, CSBA will be drafting cell phone use policy during emergencies. They will include an alert to the parents and no cell phone usage during the first 30 minutes of an emergency. Blockage of lines due to heavy use has been a problem in other districts also. Preliminary start times have been decided on for the sake of the transportation department. Compliance with State mandates for instructional time has also been considered. The negative declaration document has been filed and will be posted tomorrow. It will be brought before the Board on August 10, 2004. Bill Wright will attend to assist with explanations.

**C. Board of Education Report**

**Madeline Fernald** complimented the Middle School and the High School for very well done graduation ceremonies and enjoyed the powerful speeches by the students. The staff has done a great job during such a hard time.

**Doug Forte** was very impressed by the High School graduation. Compliments to the High School staff and maintenance crew. This was the best with the seating changes and the quality of the program. Great job.

**Sue Novasel** could not participate in Sober Grad Night this year, but reports were great. The kids enjoyed it and the community support was tremendous. Brooke Laine was there taking photos for the students.

**Barbara Bannar** reported on the success of the ROP program under the leadership of Marcia Kaster. The program is going great.

**Wendy David** thanked the Board members for the time they have spent at the elementary schools these past few weeks. Their presence was important to the parents and staff. A grant writing by Lisa Huard, Virginia Matus-Glenn and several community groups is under way. If granted, we could receive part of the \$2,000,000. It must be submitted by July 9, 2004.

**Item 11. Discussion and Action**

**A. Approve 2004/05 Budget**

Ed Costa went over the changes since the tentative budget was introduced on June 8, 2004. Questions from the Board were: Who tracks the ADA? That is through several different departments and through the software which is currently School Max.. What will the income be from the Al Tahoe facilities? Until we have MOU's in place for the agencies that wish to use it, we do not know for sure. How much of the budget includes Lottery money? About 2%. Superintendent Scheerhorn cautioned the Board regarding projected budgets. The concern lies around any additional loss in ADA above a 2% loss. Mrs. David thanked Mr. Costa and Ms. Tabarez for all their hard work and excellent presentation. **Mrs. Fernald made a motion to approve the 2004/05 Budget; Mr. Forte seconded. Ayes: David, Fernald, Bannar, Novasel, Forte. Noes: None.**

**B. Update School Calendar 2004/05**

The change to the calendar includes the movement of Back to School night at the High School from September 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup>. This change is to accommodate the Lake Tahoe Community College use of our facilities. **Mrs. Novasel made a motion to approve the change; Mrs. Bannar seconded. Ayes: David, Fernald, Bannar, Novasel, Forte. Noes: None.**

**C. Board Meeting for Summer**

Due to vacation and other commitments, some members would like to cancel the July 27, 2004 Board meeting. **Mrs. Bannar made a motion to cancel the meeting; Mrs. Novasel seconded. Ayes: David, Fernald, Bannar, Novasel, Forte. Noes: None.**

The Board retreat was discussed and July 15<sup>th</sup> was chosen.

**D. Approve Certification of SELPA Annual Service and Budget Plan**

The budget and plan are for this current year. It is required by the State. Marie Meagher spoke to the Board about the services and programs; staffing shortages;

and how the department is funded. **Mrs. Fernald made a motion to approve the plan; Mrs. Bannar seconded. Ayes: David, Fernald, Bannar, Novasel, Forte. Noes: None.**

**E. Approve Resolution No. 2003/04-27, To Support Regional Occupational Program Teachers as Employees of Lake Tahoe Unified School District.**

This resolution is based on an agreement with STEA, PERB, and the District to allow ROP teachers to be STEA bargaining unit members. **Mrs. Bannar made a motion to approve; Mr. Forte seconded. Ayes: David, Fernald, Bannar, Novasel, Forte. Noes: None.**

**Item 11. Consent Agenda**

Items on the agenda were: Payment Order No. 2003/04-12; Contract to Laine Photolabs, Inc.; Legal Services Rate Increase for Girard & Vinson; GATE Application; Agreement with Student Accident Insurance for the 2004/05 School Year. **Mrs. Novasel made a motion to approve the consent agenda; Mr. Forte seconded. Ayes: David, Fernald, Bannar, Novasel, Forte. Noes: None.**

**Item 12. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned by Mrs. David at 7:53 pm.

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