

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

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
October 26, 2004**

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

Student Representative Present: Mari Peshon

Staff Members Present: Lorraine M. Garcy, Anita McIntosh, Barbara Davis, Beth Delacour, Mike Curran, Steve Morales, Marie Meagher, Lisa Huard, Pedro Aluiso, Carol Murdock, Jodi Dayberry, Becky Fortier, Jackie Nelson, Karen Gillis-Tinlin, Michael Davis.

Guests Present: Billy Ferchland, Mark Garratt, Karsen Garrett, Carry Loomis, Duane Wallace, Peter Grant, Ted Long, Angela Swanson, Ann Rasmussen, Julie Butler, Peter Butler, Jan McCarthy, Ed McCarthy, Chris Champion.

Items 1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 5:06 p.m. by Wendy David in the Multi-Purpose room at South Tahoe Middle School, 2940 Lake Tahoe Boulevard, South Lake Tahoe.

Item 2. Approval of Agenda

Dr. Garcy asked that Item 9.A., the presentation by Harry Segal, be postponed until the November 9, 2004 meeting and Item 12.A. be amended to read Fire Science. **Mr. Forte made a motion to approve the agenda as amended; Mrs. Bannar seconded. Ayes: David, Forte, Bannar, Novasel. Absent: Fernald. Noes: None**

Item 3-4. Announcement of Items to be Discussed in Closed Session/Adjourn to Closed Session

Wendy David announced the items for discussion and adjourned into closed session at 5:08 p.m.

Item 5. Reconvene into Regular Session

The Board reconvened into regular session at 6:14 p.m.

Item 6. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Item 7. Action on Items From Closed Session

**A. Conference with Labor Negotiators
No Action.**

B. Personnel Order 2004/05-10

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

C. Discipline

i. No. 2003/04-32, Recommendation for Revocation of Suspension of Expulsion The student has failed to abide by the requirements for a suspended expulsion. The recommendation is to revoke the suspended expulsion and expel until June 22, 2005.

ii. No. 2004/05-05, Expulsion Recommendation The student was in possession of marijuana and paraphernalia, this is the second drug related offense. The recommendation is a suspended expulsion with 10 conditions.

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

D. Superintendent Evaluation

No Action.

Item 8. Communications From the Public

No Comments

Item 9. Announcements, Correspondence, and Reports

A. Presentation of Payment to Jenny Francis of Marine Research by Harry Segal on Behalf of the Third Grade Classes - Postponed until 11/9/04.

B. Board of Education Report

Sue Novasel reported that Board Clerk, Madeline Fernald's husband had suffered a heart attack and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Doug Forte attended the County School Board Association meeting. It was enjoyable and he found that we have a lot in common with other districts. Approximately 45% of the districts in California are going through the same pains as we are.

Wendy David shared information about parcel tax attempts by many other districts in the state. Most are looking for a way to supplement Class Size Reduction. It was wonderful to attend the football game even if the weather was not great.

C. Superintendent's Report

No Report.

Item 10. Public Hearing

Dr. Garcy introduced the draft and explained which areas of the resolution were open to changes.

Lisa Huard asked the Board to consider adding the salary of a school resource officer to the resolution. The City of South Lake Tahoe will no longer partially fund this position.

Ted Long urged the Board to bring community members into the resolution process and suggested that we get parents and teachers to sit down and discuss the problems and programs. He said that no matter what is done, there is no fairness when it comes to taxes and we need to bring the focus to the value received and not the cost.

Peter Grant requested that we conduct more of an open forum like last Board meeting and wondered if two weeks will be enough time.

Angela Swanson asked that we list the items in section 3 according to priority and move class size reduction to "A".

Duane Wallace wanted the Board to work on the inequity in the draft and would like the unions to bring cuts to show their willingness to reduce costs. We need to show where the cuts will be and how it effects the students if this does not pass. He has heard some concerns over the \$120 amount. Perhaps we can use some political help to increase the amount of ADA for districts like ours. He requested a financial plan that makes sense.

Ed McCarthy thanked the Board for their effort to create something fair. He has received calls from some who think that bigger high end homes should pay more.

Wendy David asked for a recap of the options that we where presented with last week. Square footage had been set aside due to the unreliable information on the records.

Ted Long would like us to effectively communicate to all the need for support for the schools and that good education creates value for all in the community.

Sue Novasel said that public education is important and this is a reasonable tax.

Duane Wallace suggested that we not rush to decisions in haste, we need something that will pass this time.

Peter Grant asked if we had any numbers from the county of how bad the square footage numbers are and just how much exposure is there to suits if we go that way.

Jan McCarthy wondered just how many would actually fight a tax based on square footage.

Peter Grant said we need to take the focus off of the money and we need to focus on the important issues of education for our schools.

Chris Campion asked if we could do a sampling on line for the square footage numbers. His numbers and some of his neighbors is lower than actual.

Carry Loomis said that last time we were told there was only one way to do this and now we have choices, she doesn't understand the change. We need to get this information out.

Dr. Garcy said that the experts looked at the types of parcel taxes that have passed and how they were structured, along with those that have been challenged. This is where the options came from that were brought before the Board.

Wendy David said we need all of you take this message back to the community.

Barbara Bannar felt that the Board has more knowledge this time based on other districts' success.

Doug Forte understands the frustration and realizes that no tax is fair to everyone. Another district tried a parcel tax based on square footage and due to the warehouses in the area it just doesn't work. We are working to make this as fair as possible.

Angela Swanson asked if we have any projections on the budget with the income and without? Can we get a six year projection by November 9th ?

Mike Curran said that the information is put together as of the end of October for the First Interim report. It takes about six weeks to pull all of this together and verify that the budget for this year is accurate and the cuts made thus far were responsible.

Angela Swanson stated that she would rather see us wait until November of 2005 to see that this money will add back in the programs over the long haul and not just for the short term.

Chris Campion asked the Board to consider a tiered system based on value ranges such as \$0 - 400,000 at one level, \$400,000 - 800,000 at the next level, etc. The community may not be convinced of the need for a parcel tax, perhaps if we let them see more pain they might be more willing to support the tax.

Julie Butler has heard from others that \$120 will fail and she has told them that if it does next time it will be \$180. The need doesn't go away.

Carol Daum said she would like to see a parcel tax pass and if we bring back CSR will we reopen a school. She asked if some of the funds from a parcel tax could fund incentives to get some teachers to retire. Perhaps we could increase the tax to \$150.

Dr. Garcy stated that she does not believe that the funds can be used for staff incentives, but she will find out.

The question of senior exemptions came up and even though we would like to simplify the process, it is required that we verify yearly. We will work with any seniors that may be having problems with the exemption form.

Wendy David thanked the attendees for their input and comments. A decision will be made on November 9th. It was requested that funding for a school resource officer be added to the draft resolution.

Item 11. Discussion and Action

A. First Reading of Board Policy Additions and Revisions

ADD: BP 2140; Evaluation of the Superintendent
REVISE: BP 6179; Supplemental Instruction
BP 6162.52; High School Exit Examination
BP 5131.7; Weapons and Dangerous Instruments
BP 5126; Awards for Achievement
BP 4154, 4254, 4354; Health and Welfare Benefits
BP 5141.6; Student Health and Social Services

No Action.

Item 12. Consent Agenda

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

Item 13. Adjourn

Another meeting for public input will be scheduled for next Wednesday at the District Office at 6:00 pm. The meeting was adjourned by Mrs. David at 7:53 p.m.

**Lorraine M. Garcy, Superintendent and Secretary to
the Board of Education**