



**LAKE TAHOE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 8, 2005**

DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM  
1021 Al Tahoe Boulevard

5:00 PM - REGULAR CLOSED SESSION  
6:00 PM - REGULAR OPEN SESSION

Board Members / Reps.	Staff Members Present		Guests Present
Wendy David Barbara Bannar Sue Novasel Doug Forte Madeline Fernald  <b>Student Rep: Mari Peshon</b>	Barbara Davis Mike Curran Beth Delacour Steve Morales Angie Freeman Scott Ramirez Suzy Krzaczek Torrill Purvis Bob Anderson	Jim Watson Joe Pfeil Kellee Koeppen Holly Greenough Karen Nighswonger Valerie Mansfield Jody Dayberry Carol Murdock Karen Gillis-Tinlin	Cynthia Terry Kaitlyn Judge Dan Allison Jenna Judge

**Item 1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Open Session of the regular meeting of the Lake Tahoe Unified School District Board of Education was called to order by Wendy David at 5:00 p.m. at the District Office Board Room, 1021 Al Tahoe Boulevard.

**Item 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A revised personnel order was submitted.

**Mr. Forte made a motion to approve the agenda as revised; Mrs. Fernald seconded the motion. Ayes: David/Bannar/Fernald/Forte/Novasel. Noes: None.**

**Items 3-5. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION / RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION**

Mrs. David announced the items to be discussed in closed session. The regular meeting adjourned to closed session at 5:01 p.m. and reconvened into regular session at 6:07 p.m.

**Item 6. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

**Item 7. ACTION ON ITEMS FROM CLOSED SESSION**

Mrs. David noted that they did not complete closed session items and would be adjourning to closed session again at the end of the meeting. The following items were acted upon.

**A. Conference with Labor Negotiators**

The Board discussed labor negotiations with STEA and CSEA. **No Action.**

**B. Personnel Order No. 2004/05-18**

- i. *Hire*: substitute teachers, temporary reading support teacher, and temporary (1 block) French teacher.
- ii. *Accept Retirement*: 6 FTE teachers and Vehicle Maintenance Supervisor.
- iii. *Accept Unpaid Leave of Absence*: five teachers (3 FTE)

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

**C. Discipline**

i. No. 2004/05-24, Expulsion Recommendation

The student severely injured another student by punching him in the face and shattering bone structure. In September 2003, the student was suspended for possession of marijuana. **The student will be expelled until January 24, 2006.**

ii. No. 2004/05-27, Expulsion Recommendation

The student physically and verbally attacked another student and has exceeded the maximum days of suspension allowable in a school year. **The student will be expelled until February 10, 2006.**

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

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**Item 8. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC**

**Torrill Purvis** received a notice of non-reelect and asked the Board to re-evaluate why she had been terminated.

**Item 9. ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND REPORTS**

**A. Report by South Tahoe Middle School Student Representative(s)**

**Cynthia Terry** and **Kaitlyn Judge** told the Board about the Random Acts of Kindness program, the North State Leadership Conference on May 10<sup>th</sup>, the Honor Roll Breakfast for 375 students, motivational speaker, Tyler Durman's recent visit, and the trip to a leadership conference in Anaheim on April 1<sup>st</sup> for thirty-two students. **Suzy Krzaczek** thanked the *Tribune* for the nice article on the Leadership program. She also thanked Carry Loomis and Stacy Hembree for their help and inspiration. They received the Outstanding Activity Award from the California Association of Student Leaders for the third year in a row.

Public Comment: **Val Mansfield** told the Board what a great experience the Leadership Day was for her fifth graders from Sierra House.

**B. Report by South Tahoe High School Student Representative(s)**

**Mari Peshon** said that over 700 students attended Winter Formal. They had a video on respect and staying away from drugs during IL today, there is a music concert on Thursday, Freshman orientation for parents on March 30<sup>th</sup>, a Dodgeball Tournament in April and a Blood Drive on March 25<sup>th</sup>.

**C. Report by Mark Garratt on Save STAT**

**Lori Garcy** congratulated Mark Garratt and Peter Grant on being honored in *Sports Illustrated* for their efforts on behalf of sports in South Lake Tahoe. **Marcia Kaster** and **Jack Stafford** presented plaques to the STAT volunteers for their work in raising \$200,000 for athletics this year: Mark Garratt, Peter Grant, CC Bachelder, Sandy Bobman, Mark Acri, Nancy Dalton, John and Maria Hash, Joan Bigalow, Karin Holmes and Ted Long. **Mark Garratt** thanked Weidinger Public Relations, the Tahoe Daily Tribune, KOWL/KRLT, the Board, and the administration at STMS and STHS for their help in achieving the goal. He said it was a great opportunity for the community to "get closer to the flame and realize how bright the fire is."

**D. Board of Education Report**

**Madeline Fernald** reported on a training for Latino parents to help them become more involved in the schools. She will accompany five music students to San Francisco for Grammy Career Day on March 24<sup>th</sup>. She said "Noises Off" was phenomenal. **Barbara Bannar** said that the Tahoe Valley Fifth Grade Spaghetti Dinner went well thanks to all of the parents and businesses who contributed. **Wendy David** encouraged people to check out the Spring Challenge Days on 3/22 and 3/23 at STMS/STHS. She asked Board Members to respond to Chris Campion's e-mail and asked for Board Members to set a more formal schedule for visiting schools.

**E. Superintendent Report**

**Lori Garcy** said she has sent out many invitations to the upcoming "Superintendent Round Table" discussions on March 24 and March 31. The first meeting will focus on hearing challenges from parents, students, staff, and the community and looking for ways to move into the next phase to plan for the next five years. The second meeting will be focus on looking for solutions and a third meeting will be held in the summer. Lori shared information on a web site for parents of high school students – [www.EDC-Scholarships.org](http://www.EDC-Scholarships.org). This web site was developed to provide a central location for viewing local scholarships and downloading prepared applications. The County unveiled this recently at STHS where local businesses who offer scholarships were introduced. The search for a new superintendent is moving along, with interviews planned for May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Item 10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

**A. Accept 2004/2005 Second Interim Report**

Mr. Curran, assisted by Harriett Lacey, presented the 2nd Interim Financial Report. This report shows the actual financial numbers as of January 31, 2005 with projections through June 30, 2005 as well as multi-year projections for the succeeding two fiscal years. Although there is a continual decline in enrollment each year, Mr. Curran predicts that the District will be able to meet its financial obligations during this period. This positive certification is a result of reductions in expenditures in all major areas, commensurate with the projected decline in revenue due to lower enrollment figures.

**Mrs. Bannar made a motion to accept the 2004/2005 Second Interim Report as submitted; Mrs. Fernald seconded the motion. Ayes: David/ Bannar/Fernald/Forte/Novasel. Noes: None**

**B. Report by Director of Facilities and Transportation and Recommendation for Increase in Transportation Fees**

Mr. Morales presented a report on LTUSD's transportation, including ridership and fees. He said that ridership increased 11% from 2003/2004 and a total of 3,225 passes were issued, 63% of which are "free or reduced". A discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons of increasing the fees and there was concern about putting an extra burden on a small percentage of the families and about coming back year after year with another increase. Mr. Morales said that the current general fund shortfall is \$264,000, current fees collected amount to \$104,380 and the proposed fee increase would bring in \$23,000. With a proposed saving in person of \$15,000, he predicts that the shortfall would be reduced to \$122,000 for 2005/2006 if the fee increase is granted. The new proposed fee would be \$150 for one student and \$250 for two or more students, \$70/\$125 for the reduced rate, and 10% discount for early payment. **Mr. Forte made a motion to approve the transportation fee increase; Mrs. Fernald seconded the motion. Ayes: David/ Bannar/Fernald/Forte/Novasel. Noes: None.**

**C. First Reading of Board Policies**

**i. BP 1312.3, Community Relations – Uniform Complaint Procedures**

Barbara Davis explained that the recent Williams case requires that all students have equal access to instructional materials, safe schools, and quality teachers. This is the revised policy and administrative regulations and a complaint form will also be added. Signs need to be posted at each school. Barbara Davis asked the Board to provide any feedback on the policy prior to the next meeting. **No Action.**

**Item 11 CONSENT AGENDA**

Approve Payment Order # 2004/05-09; approve Resolution No. 2004/2005-24 Authorizing the Issuance of LTUSD 2005 General Obligation Refunding Bonds and Amended Resolution No. 2004-2005-17 Determination of District Needs for 2005-2006, Reject Claim for Damages against LTUSD, Approve Contract for GLAD training, and approve minutes. **Mrs. Novasel made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted; Mrs. Bannar seconded the motion. Ayes: David/ Bannar/Fernald/Forte/Novasel. Noes: None.**

**Items 4-5. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION / RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION**

Wendy David adjourned the Board Meeting to closed session again at 7:57 p.m. and reconvened at 9:05 p.m.

**Item 7. ACTION ON ITEMS FROM CLOSED SESSION**

**D. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release**

**No Action.**

**Item 12. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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**DR. LORRAINE GARCY, INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT  
AND SECRETARY TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**