



**LAKE TAHOE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 22, 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 Student Rep: Mari Peshon	Barbara Davis Mike Curran Beth Delacour Steve Morales Angie Freeman Jim Watson Jackie Nelson	Judy Schwartz Nancy Muller Gretchen Zeller Kathleen Whatford Bob Anderson Bob Anderson Susan Baker	David Brown Justin Brown Brooke Laine Jim Stevens Yvonne Larson

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 agenda was submitted, adding Item 10.D. Approval of Bid Award to Fregoso Builders for STHS Modernization in accordance with Section 54954.2 of the Government Code.

Mr. Fernald made a motion to approve the agenda; Mrs. Novasel seconded the motion. Ayes: David/ Bannar/Fernald/Forte/Novasel. Noes: None. Mrs. Banner made a motion to add Item 10.D. to the agenda; Mr. Forte 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 6:03 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

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

B. Personnel Order No. 2004/05-18

- i. *Hire:* instructional assistants
- ii. *Accept Retirement:* 3.6 FTE teachers

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

C. Discipline

- i. *Recommendation for Suspension of Expulsion, No. 2004/2005-28*
The student was in possession of marijuana at school, the second drug related offense. **The student will be placed on a suspended expulsion until January 21, 2006.**
- ii. *Recommendation for Expulsion, No. 2004/2005-29*
The student was distributing marijuana at South Tahoe Middle School and poses a continuing threat to safety. **The student will be expelled until January 2006.**
- iii. *Recommendation for Suspension of Expulsion, No. 2004/2005-30*
The student was in possession of drug paraphernalia and tobacco products, the second drug related offense. **The student will be placed on a suspended expulsion until February 28, 2006.**

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

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Item 8. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

No comments

Item 9. ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND REPORTS

A. Report on AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination)

Marcia Kaster introduced teachers Susan Baker, Sue Channel, Frank Kovac, Amy Jackson (AVID Counselor), and Ivone Larson (AVID Program Manager – Sacramento). The AVID program in grades 7-12 is a direct path to a four-year college for many students who, without the program, might never get there. Susan Baker stated that LTUSD has one of the most incredible AVID programs in the State of California and both STMS and STHS are Demonstration Schools. At STMS, there are 136 AVID students and 68 of those are enrolled in advanced courses. At STHS, of the 164 students enrolled, 59 are taking Advanced Placement classes. Sue Channel and Frank Kovac shared their experiences and data from the STHS AVID program. Erica Garcia, Ryan Buchan, Martha Weldon, and Nate Sweeney told the Board how AVID has helped them.

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

Megan Roberto and Mari Peshon were unable to attend due to a prior commitment.

C. Board of Education Report

Barbara Bannar attending a meeting at STHS regarding changing schedules. She asked if the Board Bylaw on Remuneration could be reviewed. Madeline Fernald visited Tahoe Valley and STHS. She congratulated the High School Symphonic Band and Orchestra on winning the gold at Anaheim last weekend. Sue Novasel encouraged people to attend Challenge Day. She is looking for volunteers for Sober Grad Night. Doug Forte visited Bijou, Tahoe, Valley, and STHS and said the schools look great. He will visit some of the AVID classes in the future. Wendy David is very proud of STHS and their music performances in last few weeks. Challenge day was great and the kids were well behaved. Senior Project is June 8th and 9th and over 150 community members sit on the panels – volunteers are always needed. Bijou Reading Day is March 31st. Doug Forte added that Tahoe Valley has 5,000 daffodils to sell as a fund raiser.

D. Superintendent Report

Reminder of the Superintendent's Round Table at STMS on March 24th and 31st.

Item 10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

A. Report on CSR (Class Size Reduction) for 2005/2006

Barbara Davis explained some options to bring back CSR in one or two grades. The District may not have enough space to bring back a full day of CSR in first and second grade, but it might be feasible to have students spend a half day in a classroom of twenty or less. That would cost the District about \$55,000 for each grade. If CSR was brought back for a full day at first grade only, it would cost of \$78,000. The Board will keep this on the table and gather more information about how this could become a reality. **No Action. This item will be brought back to the April 12, 2005 Regular Board Meeting for more discussion.**

Public Comment: Judy Schwartz and Jodi Dayberry told the Board that teachers would like to see CSR return as it is very difficult for teachers to deal with over thirty kids in a classroom.

B. Report on "Fair Share" Voluntary Financial Contribution Program for Athletics

Public Comment: Casey Rise, Scott Hudson, Rebecca Koeck, Nancy Muller, and Justin Brown asked the Board not to consider cutting Alpine and Nordic Skiing as a way to save money, since skiing is very important in this community. Also, if a "fair share" donation is implemented, they feel it would not seem fair that these students' cost should be higher as they must buy their own equipment.

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Item 10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION (continued)

B. Report on “Fair Share” Voluntary Financial Contribution Program for Athletics (continued)

Michael Curran stated that a decision was made by the Board to fund all athletics programs next year, but he was asked to come up with some cost cutting ideas and a “fair share donation” proposal. Fall, winter, and spring sports cost \$237,42. He and Jack Stafford conducted a lot of research and contacted several other school districts. Their suggestions for reducing athletic costs are:

1. Combine football and basketball freshman and JV teams at STHS. Currently, Football serves 72 students at a cost of \$35,818, and Basketball serves 74 students at a cost of \$27,500. The suggestion would save \$15,000.
2. Eliminate both the Alpine and Nordic Ski Programs (19 students @ \$20,500). The suggestion would save \$20,500.
3. Scale back the fall and winter spirit teams into one competition squad. Currently serves 45 students at a cost of \$4,700. The suggestion would save approx. \$2,200.
4. All teams will compete in only regularly scheduled league contacts. The savings on this would vary.

The recommended “fair share donation” was suggested to be between \$90-\$500 per athlete at STHS and \$25-90 at STMS, depending on how many of the above four suggestions are implemented. If the District implements a “fair share donation”, the money would be placed in reserve to pay some of the ‘06-‘07 costs. That way the District would have a better idea of how the plan works and how much actual savings can be realized. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the suggestions. The Board will continue to seriously examine this issue and try to come up with something that is fair and equitable for families while maintaining their fiscal responsibility to the District. **No Action. This item will be brought back to the April 12, 2005 Regular Board Meeting for more discussion.**

C. Second Reading of and Recommendation Adoption of Board Policies

BP 1312.3, Community Relations – Uniform Complaint Procedures

Barbara Davis explained that the policy must be modified to reflect changes in the law regarding the Williams Settlement. She will give a report on the details of the settlement at the April 12th Board Meeting.

Mrs. Bannar made a motion to adopt Board Policy 1312.3; Mrs. Bannar seconded the motion. Ayes: David/ Bannar/Fernald/Forte/Novasel. Noes: None

D. Approval of Bid Award to Fregoso Builders for STHS Modernization

Director of Facilities, Steve Morales requested the Board, to award a \$1,660,00 bid to Fregosa Builders of Sacramento over Thompson Pacific Construction of San Rafael of \$2.5 million The project will be constructed from May through mid-August 2005 and the funding is Bond money. The bid fell within the engineers estimate and Mr. Morales feels confident with going forward with this bid. **Mrs. Fernald made a motion to approve bid award for Fregosa Builders; Mrs. Bannar seconded the motion. Ayes: David/ Bannar/Fernald/Forte/Novasel. Noes: None**

Item 11. CONSENT AGENDA

Approve Understanding of Professional Audit Services by Perry Smith, LLC

Mrs. Bannar made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted; Mrs. Fernald seconded the motion. Ayes: David/ Bannar/Fernald/Forte/Novasel. Noes: None.

Item 12. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

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