



**LAKE TAHOE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF  
July 19, 2005**

EDUCATION CENTER BOARD ROOM  
1021 Al Tahoe Boulevard, South Lake Tahoe

6:00 p.m. Special Open Session

Board Members Present	Staff Members Present	Guests Present	
Wendy David Sue Novasel Madeline Fernald Doug Forte  <b>Absent:</b> Barbara Bannar	James Tarwater Angie Freeman Barbara Davis Steve Morales Beth Quandt Darryl Quandt Linda Wysong Nancy Muller Katrina Sanford	Jenny Kortez Jones Christy Smith Lori Marino Mary Kortge Jana DiGrande Angela Swanson	Rick Angelloci Dan Allison Alice Brady Laura Chappel Kristi Leonard Bridjet Orr Don Kortez

**ITEMS 1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Open Session of the special meeting of the Lake Tahoe Unified School District Board of Education was called to order at 6:05 p.m. at the Education Center Board Room by Wendy David.

**ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**ITEM 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

**ITEM 4. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC**

No comments.

**ITEM 5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

**A. Lake Tahoe Environmental Science Magnet School**

The Board discussed the formation of a new magnet school at the old Meyers Elementary school site during a July 12, 2005 study session in keeping with the new Vision Statement "Creating Learning Opportunities to Achieve Success". Dr. Tarwater provided an additional cost analysis on the opening of the school – approximately \$332,600, with an additional \$26,000 to outfit the cafeteria, and \$110,000 for staffing. The Developer Fee Justification Study outlined the possible uses of the developer fees and Dr. Tarwater explained how the District will use that fund. He also explained that the main focus of the school will be environmental science. 1400 informational letters and applications are ready to be mailed to K-5 parents upon approval of the school. In addition to the regular K-5 school, the Lake Tahoe Environmental Magnet School will also have a Preppie Kindergarten program and childcare options which were approved at the July 12<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. Dr. Tarwater will assume the responsibility of Principal of the school and a School Site Council will be formed. The Board held a brief question and answer session with the audience. *Public Comment:* Kristi Leonard said that she is ecstatic to see all of the energy and the positive communication.

**Mrs. Fernald made a motion to approve the creation of the Lake Tahoe Environmental Science Magnet School; Mr. Forte seconded the motion. Ayes: David/Fernald/Novasel/Forte. Noes: None. Absent: Bannar.**

*A brief recess was called so that parents could obtain application forms and for media photos.*

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**ITEM 5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION (continued)**

**B. Proposed Revised Transportation Schedule and School Start Times**

Dr. Tarwater explained that the start and end times for all schools have been redesigned to improve attendance rates and to establish good attendance habits. The goal is to bring attendance rates up to 97% through incentive plans at the schools. The District proposes adding two extra bus routes and drivers to accomplish this new schedule, which will be supported by the increased revenue from higher attendance. The proposed new times are: STHS 7:55 am - 2:40 pm; STMS 7:45 am 1:55 pm; Bijou 8:55 am - 3:05 pm; Sierra House 9:10 am - 3:20 pm; Tahoe Valley 9:10 am – 3:20 pm; LTESMS 9:20 am – 3:45 p.m. which may be adjusted depending on participation in the program and labor negotiations. **Mrs. Fernald made a motion to approve the revised transportation schedule and school start times; Mr. Forte seconded the motion. Ayes: David/Fernald/Novasel/Forte. Noes: None. Absent: Bannar.**

**C. Approve Superintendent to Award Various Construction Contracts**

Dr. Tarwater explained that the District is currently out to bid on several asphalt overlay projects. Scheduled Board Meetings will not align with time lines for award of successful bids. He requested approval to allow him to award those bids to the successful low bidder. No general fund monies will be used and the range will be \$250,000 - \$300,000 between five or six sites. **Mr. Forte made a motion to approve the Superintendent to award various construction contracts; Mrs. Fernald seconded the motion. Ayes: David/Fernald/Novasel/Forte. Noes: None. Absent: Bannar.**

**ITEM 6. REPORTS**

**A. Presentation on Current Facilities Modernization Projects**

Steve Morales, Director of Facilities provided a brief update on the current modernization projects in a Power Point presentation.

**ITEM 7. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Authorization to Dispose of Surplus Property**

Steve Morales said that he has identified 198 desks, which are currently being stored at the Meyers facility, as surplus property of little or no value and requested the Board to approve the declaration and authorize the disposal of the items. **Mr. Forte made a motion to approve the consent agenda as submitted; Mrs. Novasel seconded the motion. Ayes: David/Fernald/Novasel/Forte. Noes: None. Absent: Bannar.**

**ITEM 8. ADJOURN**

Mrs. David adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

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**DR. JAMES R. TARWATER, SUPERINTENDENT  
AND SECRETARY TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**