



**LAKE TAHOE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 9, 2005**

EDUCATION CENTER 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 Madeline Fernald Absent: Doug Forte	Dr. James Tarwater Barbara Davis Beth Delacour Angie Freeman	Marcia Kaster Vivian Rider Melissa Berry Katrina Sanford	Carry Loomis Jennifer Scanio Peg Kortess Cookie Rork Anita Vietes Kim Elder Kae Reed	Audrey Olmer Boris Shiloff Brooke Laine Chris Campion Angela Swanson Norma Santiago

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 Education Center Board Room.

Items 2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Wendy David announced items to be discussed in closed session at 5:00 p.m.

Items 3-4. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION/ RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Wendy David adjourned the regular meeting to closed session at 5:01 p.m. and reconvened into regular session at 6:12 p.m.

Item 5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Item 6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Item 7. ACTION ON ITEMS FROM CLOSED SESSION

A. Personnel Order No. 2005-06-01

- i. *Hire:* Alt. Ed. Counselor, teachers:(Spanish, French, Reading Specialist), craftworker (painter), principal's secretary (Magnet School), campus security assistant, transportation supervisor, vehicle maintenance supervisor, sub teacher, ROP instructors.
- ii. *Accept Resignations:* teachers, instructional assistants, bus driver trainer, Assistant Superintendent.
- iii. *Accept Retirement:* senior maintenance worker

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

B. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

The Board conferred with Allen Vinson, Attorney, regarding a significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (b) in two potential cases. **No action was taken.**

C. Annual Expulsion Report

Barbara Davis provided the Board with an up summary of the thirty-eight expulsion cases during the 2004/2005 school year. **No action was taken.**

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Item 8. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

No comments.

Item 9. ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND REPORTS

A. Lake Tahoe Educational Foundation

- i. Brooke Laine presented a check to Wendy David on behalf of the Lake Tahoe Educational Foundation as their contribution toward Class Size Reduction for the 2005/2006 school year. The Foundation raised \$80,000 in a few months through a membership drive, Sunday breakfasts at Passaretti's, and the "Our Community, Our Schools" food fest in July.
- ii. Wendy David presented the inaugural "**Kids First Award**" to Ms. Laine on behalf of the Board of Education to recognize their outstanding contribution to the District. This new award will be presented at future board Meetings to others who support our schools.

B. Board of Education Report

Madeline Fernald announced that she will not run for election in November when her term expires as she has taken a new position in Minden that will require a lot of time. She thanked Barbara Davis for her service to the District.

Sue Novasel attended the first "Fair Share Day" at the high school where lots of people were making their donations to the sports programs for next year. She also said that Barbara Davis will be missed and Ms. Novasel has also enjoyed her time on the Board with Mrs. Fernald.

Barbara Bannar thanked Dr. Tarwater for taking the Board's hopes and dreams and beginning to create the kind of District they had envisioned. She also thanked Barbara Davis for her service.

Wendy David thanked Barbara Davis for being a friend and mentor over the past eight years and for what she's brought to the District. She is delighted with the positive energy and is looking forward to seeing four wonderful elementary schools open in the Fall.

C. Superintendent Report

Dr. Tarwater updated the Board on the status of enrollment at the Lake Tahoe Environmental Science Magnet School. He said that 303 applications have been received to date and 58 of those are new to the District. The application deadline is August 10th and parents will be notified by the 12th about acceptance.

Dr. Tarwater told the Board that he received a notification regarding a recent court ruling that will enable the District to reapply for a \$132,000 claim that the State denied. He has negotiated a flat fee of \$3,500 with a law firm to assist in the recovery of this money.

Item 10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

A. Approve Implementation of Preppie Kindergarten at Bijou Community School, Tahoe Valley Elementary School, and Sierra House Elementary School.

In July, the Board approved the "Preppie Kindergarten" concept for the Magnet School and asked Dr. Tarwater to provide information on implementing the program at all elementary schools. Dr. Tarwater explained that the program is for children who have late birthdays (August through December 2nd) and may not be developmentally ready for regular kindergarten classes. He also requested that the Board approve a process and a Notice of Intent to Enroll in Preppie Kindergarten form for parents whose children's birthday fall after December 2nd and before March 1st. These students would not be eligible to enter Preppie K until their fifth birthday occurs. This offers more options for parents. The Preppie Kindergarten students would enter Kindergarten the following year unless it is determined that they are ready for first grade. **Mrs. Fernald made a motion to approve the implementation of Preppie K at all elementary schools pending the application of 20-25 students; Mrs. Bannar seconded the motion. Ayes: David/ Bannar/Fernald/ Novasel. Noes: None. Absent: Forte**

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Item 10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION (continued)

B. Approve Implementation of ~~Kid Zone~~ Child Care Program for Grades 1-5 at All Elementary Schools from 7:30-9:10 a.m.

The Board has approved a fee-based Kindergarten Extended Day Childcare Program at the Lake Tahoe Environmental Science Magnet School which will operate from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. for the convenience of parents of Preppie Kindergarten and Kindergarten students, and a fee-based before-school child care program, called ~~Kid Zone~~, for students in grades 1-5. Dr. Tarwater said that he had heard from teachers who suggested that this program would also be extremely beneficial for working parents at all elementary schools. He explained that this would be a stand-alone program which would pay for itself. An attendant will be hired as soon as enrollment in the program reaches seven children. The child/attendant ratio would be 1:14. Dr. Tarwater explained anticipated participation rates and a cost analysis. Sue Novasel asked that the manual clearly spell out what happens on snow days and that a report be made to the Board in three months as to the progress of the program.

Mrs. Novasel made a motion to approve the implementation of the Kid Zone Child Care Program at all elementary schools; Mrs. Bannar seconded the motion. Ayes: David/ Bannar/Fernald/ Novasel. Noes: None. Absent: Forte.

C. Approve Proposed Change in Fee for Kindergarten Extended Day Child Care Program

The Board approved the implementation of a Kindergarten Extended Day Child Care Program at its July 12th meeting. The cost was estimated at \$10 per day / \$50 per week. Dr. Tarwater explained that, after reviewing the cost analysis and negotiating with CSEA, he sees a need to change the charge to parents from \$10 per day / \$50 per week to \$12 per day / \$60 per week. **Mrs. Fernald made a motion to approve the proposed change in fees for the Kindergarten Extended Child Care Program; Mrs. Bannar seconded the motion. Ayes: David/ Bannar/Fernald/ Novasel. Noes: None. Absent: Forte.**

D. Approve New Tenth Grade Course of Study: Advanced Placement World History and Approve Instructional Materials and Textbooks for the New Course of Study

Marcia Kaster explained that the High School is adding a new advanced placement course of study which is designed to develop greater understanding of the evolution of global processes and contacts, in interaction with different types of human societies. She said that 92 tenth grade students are enrolled in this course, which she's adding as another opportunity for higher level students. Melissa Berry explained the content of the course how the textbooks were selected – Textbook: The Earth and Its Peoples – A Global History. Ancillary Materials: Discovering the Global Past – A Look at the Evidence. Supplementary Video Materials: The World: A Television History.

Mrs. Bannar made a motion to approve the new course of study and supporting materials; Mrs. Fernald seconded the motion. Ayes: David/ Bannar/Fernald/Novasel. Noes: None. Absent: Forte.

Item 11. CONSENT AGENDA

The Board approved the following items:

Payment Orders: No. 2004/05-14 and No. 2005/2006-2
Approve School Nutrition Crystal Dairy, C & M Food Distributing
& Purchasing Formal Bids: The Danielson Company, and Sysco Food Services.
1st Reading of Board Policy: Personnel – Resignation
Resolutions: No. 05/06-1 and 05/06-2, Authorizations to Dispose of Surplus Property
Contracts: Consulting Service Agreement with Capitol Public Finance Group
Donations: Grant Wolf & Associates – Banner for EMS
Board Minutes: June 28th, July 12th, and July 19th.

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

Item 12. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

AND SECRETARY TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION