



**LAKE TAHOE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 8, 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 Student Rep: Mari Peshon	Dr. James Tarwater Beth Delacour Angie Freeman Harriett Lacey		Terri Ryland Brooke Laine

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 5:08 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 5:08 p.m.

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

Wendy David adjourned the regular meeting to closed session at 5:09 p.m. and reconvened into regular session at 6:09 p.m.

Item 5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Item 6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Item 7. ACTION ON ITEMS FROM CLOSED SESSION

An amended personnel order was submitted, adding the hiring of a coach. **Mrs. Fernald made a motion to accept the amended Personnel Order; Mrs. Bannar seconded the motion. Ayes: David/Bannar/Fernald/Novasel. Noes: None. Absent: Forte.**

A. Personnel Order No. 2005-06-08 (Government Code 54957)

- i. Hire:* violin coach, .1 FTE teacher for Cyber High, .1 FTE teacher for credit recovery, coach, and substitute teachers.
- ii. Accept Leave of Absence:* bus driver.
- iii. Accept Family Medical Leave of Absence:* two teachers.
- iv. Accept Resignation:* teacher.

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

B. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Government Code 54957.6)

Dr. James Tarwater, Superintendent and Beth Delacour, Director of Human Resources conferenced with the Board regarding negotiations with South Tahoe Educators Association (STEA) and California School Employees Association (CSEA). **No Action was taken.**

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Item 7. ACTION ON ITEMS FROM CLOSED SESSION (continued)

C. Discipline/Dismissal/Release (*Government Code 54957*)

The board gave direction to the Superintendent to release one probationary classified employee from employment.

D. Discipline (*Education Code 35146 and Government Code 54950*)

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

i. Recommendation for Suspended Expulsion No. 2005/06-01

The student was in possession of a 3" locking blade knife and was observed smoking a cigarette on campus. In February 2005, the student was suspended for being under the influence of alcohol. **The student will be placed on a suspended expulsion until September 27, 2006.**

ii. Recommendation for Expulsion No. 2005/06-02

The student was in possession of fireworks at STHS and in possession of a 3 1/4" locking blade knife the week prior to the fireworks incident. **The student will be expelled until October 7, 2006.**

E. California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) Waivers for Graduation for Students with Disabilities: 0506-1, 0506-2, 0506-3, 0506-4, 0506-5 (*Education Codes 35146, 56101, 60851*)

Mrs. Novasel made a motion to approve the request to waive the requirement to successfully pass the CAHSEE for students with disabilities who have taken the CASHEE with modifications and have received the equivalent of a passing score; Mrs. Fernald seconded the motion. Ayes: David/Bannar/Fernald/Novasel. Noes: None. Absent: Forte.

Item 8. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

No comments.

Item 9. ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND REPORTS

A. Report from Lake Tahoe Educational Foundation (LTEF)

Brooke Laine updated the Board on the great things that have been happening with the foundation. The "Our Community Our Schools" event this summer raised \$17,000 and plans are in the works to host this event again next year, with a goal to raise \$25,000. The membership drive drummed up 300 new members, many of whom are young parents. Their goal is to get to 1000 members. Memorial funds were set up in the names of two well-loved people – Cindy Pribyl and Daphne Forte -- which have provided much needed assistance to students in the areas of literacy and music. Between the membership drive and the monthly Passaretti's breakfasts, LTEF has funded \$80,000 this year to bring back Class Size Reduction in first and second grades. They've committed to this for the next two years also and are reviewing their finances and board composition to keep the momentum going.

B. Student Representative Report

Mari Peshon has been extremely busy organizing the Dodgeball tournament, which is much larger than last year's, with 32 teams competing over two nights. Students who have never participated in sports or even come as supporters will be involved. She met with Dr. Tarwater earlier this week and discussed plans to help her fellow students. She would like to see the AVID Tutoring Program reaching all students – a "Surrogate Sibling" program where SMILE students would be available in each homeroom to help students review their transcripts and make sure they're on track for graduation. Mari is also working with Jack Stafford on the attendance incentive program to which ASB has donated \$7,500 to purchase rewards such as coupons to restaurants all over town.

C. Board of Education Report

Wendy David said that Mari brings such life to the Board Meetings with her fresh, innovative ideas and that the Board is looking forward to having Mari accompany them to the Annual California School Boards Association (CSBA) Conference in San Diego at the end of the month. **Sue Novasel** is pleased with the successes of the High School Soccer team. **Barbara Bannar** said that the Girls Cross Country Team won State. She went to the Harvest Fest at the Magnet School and they are having a Gingerbread House decorating party soon. She also enjoyed meeting the AVID visitors at STMS recently.

Item 9. ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND REPORTS (continued)

D. Superintendent Report

Dr. Tarwater reported that a team of visitors from all over the State of California came to Tahoe last week to view the two AVID Demonstration Schools – STMS and STHS and Tahoe Valley Elementary. He said that some visitors noted how well-behaved the students were. Out of about 2600 AVID schools worldwide, LTUSD is the one of four districts that has both a high school AND a middle school that are National Demonstration Schools. Dr. Tarwater said it was very rewarding mixing with teachers all the way from San Diego. He enjoyed the discussion at the end of the visit between the visitors and the students. The students shared how they got involved in AVID and how the program has helped them. Dr. Tarwater welcomed Terri Ryland, CPA, the District's business consultant who was in attendance. She briefly described some of the things she is currently working on including the First Interim Report, position control, developer fees, use of facilities, and attendance tracking.

Item 10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

A. Set Date for Annual Organizational Meeting

Dr. Tarwater stated that Education Code 35143 provides that the Governing Board of each school district shall hold an annual organizational meeting. The Education Code also provides that the day and time of the annual meeting shall be selected by the Board. It was brought to the Board's attention that the big Winter Concert had to be moved to December 13th and will begin at 7 p.m. In order for all Board Members to attend it was suggested that the meeting start earlier. **Mrs. Novasel made a motion to set the date of the Annual Organizational Meeting as December 13, 2005 with closed session to start at 4:00 p.m., Open Session at 5:00 p.m. and a Public Hearing on Developer Fees at 6:00 (as previously scheduled); Mrs. Bannar seconded the motion. Ayes: David/Bannar/Fernald/Novasel. Noes: None. Absent: Forte.**

Item 11. CONSENT AGENDA

The Board approved the following items:

- A. Payment Order No. 2005/2006-5
- B. Resolution No. 2005/06-10, Establishment of a Special Reserve Fund for Post-Employment Benefits
- C. Vocational Education Application for Funding – Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Grant
- D. Agreement for Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment (BTSA) Participation
- E. \$500 from the El Dorado Community Foundation for the Primary Intervention Program (PIP) and \$1000 from Kiwanis Club of Lake Tahoe to the Drug Store Project.
- F. Board of Education Minutes from the regular meetings of October 11, 2005 and October 25, 2005.

Mrs. Bannar 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 6:53 p.m.

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