



**LAKE TAHOE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 22, 2005**

SOUTH TAHOE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY
1735 Lake 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 Doug Forte Madeline Fernald Sue Novasel Board Member Elect: Angela Swanson Student Rep: Mari Peshon	Dr. James Tarwater Beth Delacour Steve Morales Angie Freeman	Steve Hayward	Carry Loomis Ted Long Duane Wallas Lori & Dave Gaskin Norma Santiago Chris Campion Lorenzo Gigliotti Alan Tolhurst

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 STHS Library.

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. to the adjoining Career Center office. She reconvened into regular session at 6:07 p.m.

Item 5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Item 6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Item 7. ACTION ON ITEMS FROM CLOSED SESSION

A. Personnel Order No. 2005-06-09

- i. *Hire:* instructional assistant, substitute teachers, counselor, secretary, coaches, substitute bus driver, and teacher.
- ii. *Accept Amended Leave of Absence:* teacher.
- iii. *Accept Resignation:* instructional assistant, bus driver, culinary arts instructor.

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

B. Discipline

- i. *Recommendation for Suspended Expulsion No. 2005/2006-03*

The student was under the influence of marijuana and in possession of marijuana paraphernalia, the second expellable offense. The recommendation is to place the student on a suspended expulsion until October 17, 2006.

Mr. Forte made a motion to approve the recommendation for suspended expulsion; Mrs. Bannar seconded the motion. *Ayes:* David/Bannar/Fernald/Forte/Novasel. *Noes:* None.

C. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Government Code 54957.6)

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

Item 8. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

No comments.

Item 9. ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND REPORTS

A. Recognition of Outgoing Board Member and Presentation of Commemorative Plaque

Wendy David presented a plaque to Madeline Fernald in appreciation of her service on the Board of Education from 2001 to 2005.

B. Report by South Tahoe High School

Principal, Marcia Kaster and students highlighted some of the recent success at South Tahoe High School, such as Gregory Gaskin being selected as a semi-finalist for the National Merit Scholarship, AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination), SMILE (Students Making It A Little Easier), SPAT (Student Principal Action Team), ALLY (Gay/Straight Alliance), and the International Club. Several athletes displayed the championship trophies which were won by the Girls Cross Country team and the Boys Soccer team. The Cinco De Mayo dancers performed "The Mexican Hat Dance". Marilyn Pawling explained how the Read 180 program is working. Marcia Kaster gave an update on the "4 x 4 Block Schedule" proposal and the attendance incentive "Great Car Giveaway" contest. She then took the Board on a brief tour of the recently-modernized facilities.

C. Report by Carry Loomis on the Lake Tahoe Environmental Science Magnet School Leadership Group

Ms. Loomis updated the Board on the activities of the Leadership class, which involves about 45 students. Their recent canned food drive netted 2350 cans for the Women's Center.

D. Update on the EVERYBODY COUNTS AND EVERY DAY COUNTS! Attendance Incentive Program

Dr. Tarwater updated the Board on the "EVERYBODY COUNTS AND EVERY DAY COUNTS!" campaign which supports school efforts to increase student Average Daily Attendance (ADA) rates from the base 2004/2005 percentage rate of 92.7% district-wide to 97%. He is encouraged by the increased attendance since we kicked off the program last month. All of the schools are offering various incentives for good attendance. The High School is giving away a new car at the end of the school year in a contest for good attendance. This is made possible through the generosity of STAT (Support South Tahoe Athletic Teams) and no district funds will be used. The district stands to gain approximately \$200,000 for each 1% of increased attendance, half of which will be disbursed to the schools that show improvement.



E. Student Representative Report

Mari Peshon reported that the Dodgeball tournament was a huge success with students from all sectors participating. They raised almost one thousand dollars for the District's "sister school district" in Gulfport, MS. There will be a dance on December 10th and the Mr. Viking competition will be held on December 17th. Mari is working on a Peer Counseling Program and a Citizenship Night.

F. Board of Education Report

Sue Novasel enjoyed the Dodgeball Tournament and the Boy's state championship games in Reno. She congratulated both the Boys Soccer and the Girls Cross Country teams on their recent wins. She also attended a STAT meeting and School Site Council. **Barbara Bannar** also enjoyed the Dodgeball Tournament. She spent some time with Jackie Nelson going over STMS' plans to address the program improvement issue. She thanked STAT for their continued support of athletics. **Wendy David** encouraged the Board Members to review the nomination form for the El Dorado County School Boards Association awards in January. She was excited to hear about the new flexibility plan for No Child Left Behind and feels that it is a good thing for the State. Ms. David said that it was nice to see all of the activities the students are involved in at STHS, especially the new clubs which model collaboration and acceptance. She complimented Mari Peshon on her involvement.

G. Superintendent Report

Dr. Tarwater enjoyed the recent music concert and is looking forward to the completion of modernization of the Little Theatre by spring. He is leading teachers and principals in the implementation of High Point and Read 180 literacy programs and assessments. He told the Board that the District is preparing for the State audit of categorical programs. He also noted that the data reported in the Tahoe Daily Tribune was found to be incorrect and Educational Data Systems which processed the data will correct the data and resubmit it to the State.

Item 10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

A. Approve Request to Form a Superintendent Committee to Explore the Feasibility of Potential Joint-Use Facilities

Dr. Tarwater reported that communications have been initiated with the City of South Lake Tahoe to explore the feasibility of developing joint public facilities that will serve LTUSD, the City and possibly El Dorado County. He feels that the District could utilize its assets to better serve our citizens and attract others to the community. The concept would also include a Sports/Performing Arts facility and a new track at STMS for alpine running events. The District has land available at Al Tahoe to create a tri-government center using some Proposition 47 funding. He said that the climate is right for such a venture since all local government needs to be more creative in providing services in the most economical fashion. Combining maintenance and transportation services, sharing in gas purchases, etc. would enhance productivity. Sue Novasel has also been having discussions with local leaders about the feasibility of such a project.

Public Comment:

El Dorado County Supervisor-elect, Norma Santiago, gave her endorsement of the concept of a community civic center. She said that we must include a community input process.

City Councilman, Ted Long, said that he supports the concept of reducing costs by joining forces. He said that a "one stop" government facility would benefit the community. He agreed with Norma Santiago that the community needs to be involved.

The Superintendent asked if two Board Members would be willing to serve with him on a committee to explore the possibility of potential joint-use facilities with the City and County. Sue Novasel and Wendy David volunteered to serve on the Committee.

Mrs. Bannar made a motion to approve the request to form a Superintendent Committee; Mrs. Novasel seconded the motion. Ayes: David/Bannar/Fernald/Forte/Novasel. Noes: None.

B. Approve Request to Amend the Identification of GATE (Gifted and Talented Education) Students for Grades 4-8

Dr. Tarwater explained that the current definition of "high achievement" for students to be recommended for the GATE program is 89% in Language Arts and Math on the California Standards Test (CST). He requested that the GATE Plan be amended to change the identification criteria on the "high achievement" standard from 98% to 90% on both English Language Arts (ELA) and Math CST results, coupled with 95% on either ELA OR Math CST results. He also requested that the District use the Otis-Lennon School Ability Test (OLSAT) in place of CSTs for new students. The cost would be \$25 per student if parents wish their student to be tested. Dr. Tarwater is strengthening the GATE Program with the addition of two academies. In May, there will be a week-long GATE Academy at the Magnet School for fourth, fifth, and maybe sixth grade students which will include advanced technology and leadership techniques. In the Summer, there will be a fee-based GATE Academy which would have a different focus each year.

Mrs. Fernald made a motion to approve the request to amend the identification of GATE students for Grades 4-8; Mr. Forte seconded the motion. Ayes: David/Bannar/Fernald/Forte/Novasel. Noes: None.

C. Approve 2006-2007 Budget Calendar

Dr. Tarwater explained that the Board annually reviews a schedule for the budget development process. The 2006/07 Budget Calendar indicates action to be taken and specifies time lines of the action.

Mrs. Fernald made a motion to approve the 2006-2007 Budget Calendar; Mrs. Bannar seconded the motion. Ayes: David/Bannar/Fernald/Forte/Novasel. Noes: None.

D. Certification of Provision of Standards-Aligned Instructional Materials

Angie Freeman explained that the Board is required to certify previously-approved Resolution No. 2005/06-07 in order to allow the District to use the Instructional Materials Fund (IMF) for something beyond core textbooks.

Mr. Forte made a motion to approve the certification of provision of standards-aligned instructional materials and previously-approved Resolution No. 2006/07; Mrs. Bannar seconded the motion. Ayes: David/Bannar/Fernald/Forte/Novasel. Noes: None.

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Item 11. CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution No. 2005-2006-11, Authorization to Dispose of Surplus Property

Quarterly Investment Portfolio Report for the Quarter Ended September 2005

Agreement for Legal Services with Girard, Vinson & Trujillo, LLP

Donations: i. Pumping services at the Magnet School cafeteria by Alpine Septic & Pumping.

ii. Free-standing cooking cart to South Tahoe High School cafeteria from Lynn and Tom Haen.

iii. Twenty all-day passes to Area 51 from Brian and Cindy Shinault to the Lake Tahoe Environmental Magnet School for the attendance incentive program.

iv. Eighty lift tickets from Sierra-at-Tahoe to the elementary schools for the attendance incentive program.

v. Eighty Recreation Swim or Ice Skating passes from the City of South Lake Tahoe Parks & Recreation Department to LTUSD for the attendance incentive program

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

Item 12. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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