



**LAKE TAHOE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 10, 2006**

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 Doug Forte Angela Swanson Absent: Sue Novasel Student Rep: Mari Peshon	Dr. James Tarwater Beth Delacour Steve Morales Angie Freeman Harriett Lacey	Jim Watson Karen Gillis-Tinlin Jackie Nelson Teri Allmeroth Sue O'Connor	Staci Moraida Debbie Moraida June Denney

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 5:05 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 5:05 p.m.

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

Wendy David adjourned the regular meeting to closed session at 5:06 p.m. and reconvened into regular session at 6:13 p.m.

Item 5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Item 6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Angela Swanson asked that Item 11. B. i. Certification for Annual Accounting and Reporting Obligations for Collection of Developer Fees be moved to Discussion and Action and be renumbered Item 10. C.

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

Item 7. ACTION ON ITEMS FROM CLOSED SESSION (Government Code Section 54954.5)

A. Personnel Order No. 2005-06-11 (Government code 54957)

i. Hire: substitute teachers, instructional assistants, substitute bus driver, and teachers.

Mr. Forte made a motion to approve the personnel order as with the exception of item 7.A.i.d – a 1.0 Teacher (Prob 1); Mrs. Bannar seconded the motion. Ayes: David/Bannar/Fernald/Forte/Swanson. Noes: None. Absent: Novasel.

B. Conference with Labor Negotiators

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.**

Item 7. ACTION ON ITEMS FROM CLOSED SESSION (Government Code Section 54954.5)

C. Discipline (Education Code 35146 and Government Code 54950)

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

- i. *Recommendation for Suspended Expulsion No. 2005/06-04*
The student was under the influence of marijuana at STHS, the second drug-related offense. **The student will be placed on a suspended expulsion until November 10, 2006.**
- ii. *Recommendation for Suspended Expulsion No. 2005/06-05*
The student stole a purse and wallet containing \$200 from another STHS student. In March 2005, the student was suspended for being under the influence of marijuana. **The student will be placed on a suspended expulsion until November 22, 2006.**
- iii. *Recommendation for Suspended Expulsion No. 2005/06-06*
The student was observed giving another student an OxyContin pill at STHS. **The student will be placed on a suspended expulsion until November 23, 2006.**
- iv. *Recommendation for Suspended Expulsion No. 2005/06-08*
The student was in possession of a 1 3/4 inch locking blade knife and a piece of a marijuana pipe at STMS. In November 2004, the student admitted to being under the influence of marijuana at STMS. **The student will be placed on a suspended expulsion until November 14, 2006.**
- v. *Recommendation for Suspended Expulsion No. 2005/06-09*
The student was in possession of a controlled substance, OxyContin. The student had a previous expulsion (2003/04-14) for smoking marijuana at STHS. **The student will be placed on a suspended expulsion until November 23, 2006.**
- vi. *Recommendation for Expulsion No. 2005/06-10*
The student brandished a knife and rushed toward another student on a school bus. **The student will be expelled until December 6, 2006.**
- vii. *Recommendation for Readmission After Expulsion No. 2004/05-14*
The student was expelled for selling drugs or narcotics in December 2004 and has met all conditions of expulsion. **The student will be allowed to return to STHS for the second semester of the 2005/06 school year.**
- viii. *Recommendation for Readmission After Expulsion No. 2004/05-32*
The student was expelled in 2005 for stealing a district vehicle and driving it around town. The student was also an accomplice in a break-in at STMS where master keys, money, and the keys to the vehicle were stolen. **The student will be allowed to return to STHS.**

Item 8. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

Staci Moraida told the Board that she is a student with the Home School Outreach Program and is attending the Board Meeting as a project for her Civics class.

Item 9. ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND REPORTS

A. Review of Resolution 2006/2006-14, Determination of District Needs for 2006/2007

Beth Delacour said that in past years, when it has become necessary to make cuts in certificated staffing, criteria is needed to determine the seniority order of teachers since many of them were hired at the same time. If it becomes necessary to lay off teachers this year, Mrs. Delacour would like to pass a resolution outlining the current criteria. She said that she was presenting this item as a report only in order to give the Board and the public time to comment on the criteria before asking for final approval of the resolution at the next meeting.

B. Student Representative Report

Mari Peshon said that there is not a lot going on since school is just back in session this week after the break. Seniors are beginning to submit their Senior Project proposals, finals are in two weeks, and their latest fund raiser is the "Blue and Gold" stickers which can be purchased from Mr. Kovac. They are scheduling another Dodge Ball Tournament and are looking for teams from the community to participate.

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

C. Board of Education Report

Angela Swanson will be visiting all schools in January to see programs and give staff members an opportunity to chat with her. She asked the Board to set aside some time to start a dialogue on the Board's educational vision. She wants to have an academic calendar that makes sense for the community and wants to talk about facilities, technology, and expectations for college and the work force. Mrs. David said that she and Dr. Tarwater will sit down and plan this. Wendy David said that Sue Novasel took her daughter back to Tulane University, which sustained damage in Hurricane Katrina, and she will be visiting our sister school district while she is there. She reminded everyone about the monthly Passaretti's's breakfast fund raiser on Sunday, January 14. Doug Forte announced the 41st Annual Winter Classic Basketball Tournament which the Optimist Club is hosting this weekend at STMS.

D. Superintendent Report

Dr. Tarwater reported announced the new "Academic Adventures" program which will start up in February and run for six weeks, three days a week. It is a new after-school program at Bijou and South Tahoe Middle School which will provide free tutoring in small groups to students in grades 3-8, focusing on Reading, Language Arts, and Math. This is in response to those schools being designated "Year 2 Program Improvement" schools by the State. Dr. Tarwater said that the District fared well through the recent storms and no major damage was reported. He is working with the Sheriff's Department to ensure that the Magnet School will be available in the event of an emergency to house and feed those in need. STMS had a new floor installed in the Multi-purpose room, the High School Little Theatre had some minor facility upgrades, and the Board Room and Education Center lobby got a new coat of paint and new carpets.

Item 10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

A. First Reading of Board Policies

Dr. Tarwater explained that the Board Policies being presented for replacement, addition, or deletion are in response to recent changes in laws. California School Boards Association provides sample policies which the District may adapt to meet its needs, but most of the wording is required by law. He asked the Board to submit any corrections or suggested revisions to Angie Freeman before January 18 so that they can be incorporated in the policies for a second reading and adoption at the January 24, 2006 meeting. **No action was taken.**

B. Approve Single School Plans for Student Achievement

i. Bijou Community School

Principal, Karen Tinlin, explained the major components of the school plan which is required by the State as a condition of receiving funding. Bijou is in Year Two of Program Improvement status and she indicated that many changes have taken place to address this issue. They have changed their assessments from three to four times a year and using the same assessments at every grade level has been incredibly successful. Data Meetings are held on a regular basis to look at data for every single child and to make plans to implement immediate intervention when needed. This year, they have a Title I EIA teacher, Renee Gorevin, who organizes the assessments. The BLAST program is another new program wherein a team of teachers go into classrooms for thirty minutes of guided reading and then move on to the next class. Mrs. Tinlin is excited about getting the new Waterford computers in place. There will be three computers per K-1 classroom. In November, they started before- and after-school reading/math groups in advance of the "Academics Adventures" program to get a head-start on interventions. This year they are focusing more on taking tests. Training has been improved also. GLAD Training is great for teachers of ELL and English proficient students. Kindergarten Parent Trainings have been a major success – beginning with 11 parents in November and increasing steadily. Between High Point, Smart Boards, the BLAST Program, the Newcomers Program, etc., Mrs. Tinlin feels that things are going forward in a positive direction.

ii. South Tahoe Middle School

Principal, Jackie Nelson, said that they are working to give kids diverse ways of feeling connected. She said that there have been many major changes to curricular offerings this year. They started in September with the introduction of High Point. By December, it was evident that changes needed to be made as many students were three to four grade levels below where they should be. Students were moved into concentrated Math and Language Arts classes in lieu of electives. She has found that students really like the High Point class. She analyzed the assessments of the twenty-four students who were suspended this year and found that they were all three to four grade levels below normal. STMS has a new CARE II program to cater to students with discipline problems.

Dr. Tarwater said that we are all moving ahead and he is convinced that we will make the targeted ten percent increase. He believes that teachers need to have the tools needed to teach and he thanked the Board for providing ninety-five additional computers. Mrs. David said that she appreciates Dr. Tarwater's leadership and the passion for the kids expressed by both Mrs. Tinlin and Mrs. Nelson.

Mrs. Bannar made a motion to approve the Single School Plans for Bijou and STMS as submitted; Mr. Forte seconded the motion. Ayes: David/Bannar/Forte/Swanson. Noes: None. Absent: Novasel.

Item 10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION (continued)

C. Approve Resolution No. 2005-2006-13, Certification for Annual Accounting and Reporting Obligations for Collection of Developer Fees

Angela Swanson requested that this item be pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion. She wants to have more financial details on expenditures from the account added to the resolution to ensure that the account is not just growing. Developer fees must be spent within five years of collection or returned. Dr. Tarwater's recommendation would be to include the detail in the five-year Master Plan which will be developed. Ms. Swanson requested that details of expenditures be attached to this resolution for the records. (Upon later research, it was determined that a four page detailed report was not provided for the Board Packet – the report was later provided to the Board and attached to the Resolution for the record.)

Mrs. Swanson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2005-2006-13 pending attachment of financial details; Mrs. Bannar seconded the motion. Ayes: David/Bannar/Forte/Swanson. Noes: None. Absent: Novasel.

Item 11. CONSENT AGENDA

The Board approved the following items:

- A. i. No. 2005/2006-7 – Funds charged: general, cafeteria, deferred maintenance, capital facilities, and school facilities.
- B. i. ~~Resolution No. 2005/06-13, Certification for Annual Accounting and Reporting Obligations for Collection of Developer Fees~~ – MOVED TO ITEM 10.C.
 - ii. Resolution No. 2005/06-15, Abolish Classified Staff Position
 - iii. Resolution No. 2005/06-16, Designated Signers and Payment Arrangements for Sheakley Uniservice, Inc., Flexible Benefits Account
 - iv. Resolution No. 2005/06-17, Designated Signers Authorized to Deposit and Withdraw LTUSD Monies in LAIF (Local Agency Investment Fund)
 - v. Resolution No. 2005/06-18, Designated Authorized Agents to Sign Orders, Other Documents, and Application for Federal Aid.
- C. Amendment to Flexible Benefit Plan
- D. Donations:
 - i. \$100 Charles in memory of Toni Anderson to the STMS Clothes Closet.
 - ii. \$2500 in set pieces and supplies from Kirk Morris to the STHS Drama Department.
 - iii. \$3500 in stair parts and supplies from Bill Sherburn to the STHS Drama Department.
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Mr. Forte made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended; Mrs. Bannar seconded the motion. Ayes: David/Bannar/Forte/Swanson. Noes: None. Absent: Novasel.

Item 12. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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