



**LAKE TAHOE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 14, 2006**

SOUTH TAHOE MIDDLE SCHOOL
2904 Lake Tahoe Boulevard, South Lake Tahoe

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 Sue Novasel	Dr. James Tarwater Beth Delacour Steve Morales Phoebe Haugen Harriett Lacey Jim Watson Karen Gillis Tinlin Marcia Kaster Jackie Nelson JJ Clause Linda Kurek	Scott Ramirez Vivian Rider Joe Pfeil Maria Luquin Christina Grubbs Jodi Dayberry Pam Lannen Kristine Russell Steve Hayward Valerie Mansfield	Del Laine Max Dreeke Bonnie Dreeke Bill Kaster

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 5:13 p.m. at the South Tahoe Middle School Library.

Items 2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Wendy David announced items to be discussed in closed session at 5:13 p.m.

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

Wendy David adjourned the regular meeting to closed session at 5:14 p.m. and reconvened into regular session at 6:09 p.m. at the South Tahoe Middle School Multi-purpose Room.

Item 5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Item 6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

A. Personnel Order No. 2005-06-13 (Government code 54957)

- i. Hire: substitute teacher*
- ii. Accept Leave of Absence: teachers*
- iii. Deny Leave of Absence: teacher*
- iv. Accept Rescinded Leave of Absence: teacher (.2 FTE)*
- v. Accept Retirement: cafeteria supervisor and certificated employee*
- vi. Accept Change in Status: teacher*

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

Wendy David announced that South Tahoe High School Principal, Marcia Kaster, will retire in June 2006.

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

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.**

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/Novasel/Swanson. Noes: None

i. Recommendation for Suspended Expulsion No. 2005/06-12

The student consumed alcohol at STHS in January and was suspended for drinking on campus in October 2005.

The student will be placed on a suspended expulsion with strict conditions.

ii. Recommendation for Suspended Expulsion No. 2005/06-13

The student hit another student in the eye. The student had a previous expulsion that expired on 1/26/06. **The student will be placed on a suspended expulsion to attend school in Nevada.**

Item 8. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

Steve Hayward, STEA Vice-President, spoke on the grievance he has been working to resolve. He reported that teachers in grades 1-5 have been given back their prep time. He thanked all who helped in the process. Christina Grubbs (Bijou teacher) said that all kindergarten teachers have approved the idea of an all-day kindergarten program and asked the Board to have an open discussion about the issue and to make a decision as soon as possible.

Item 9. ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND REPORTS

A. Report by South Tahoe Middle School

Jackie Nelson shared the student-produced newsletter and announced that STSM Leadership student have been recognized by the California Association of Student Leaders for the Outstanding Activities Program Award. Music teachers, JJ Clause and Linda Kurek introduced two students that will go to All State Honor Band next weekend – Melissa Ewing and Chris Garrett. Garrett Singer told the Board about his experience in the Honor String Orchestra last weekend in Sacramento. Melissa and Chris performed a short selection of music for the Board. Teacher, Sally Loomis and two of her student, Heather Barber and Shawna Rollins made a PowerPoint presentation on planets and Carol Murdock explained the SmartBoard technology.

B. Report on Correction to the 2004/05 Physical Education Testing Results

Dr. Tarwater reported that the initial results of the Physical Education Testing which was conducted at Grades 5, 7, and 9 in 2004/2005 were incorrect due to a processing error by Educational Data Systems, a contractor to the California Department of Education. After reviewing District PE testing data and working with EDS, accurate data was posted to the CDE website on February 2, 2006. The corrected data revealed that students tested were actually above State averages – 17.4% above at fifth grade, 14.1% above at seventh grade, and 3.5% above at ninth grade.

B. Student Representative Report

Mari Peshon was absent due to the STHS Boys Varsity Basketball play-off game in Reno.

C. Board of Education Report

Angela Swanson thanked people for their support on the recent loss of her father. She praised Jackie Nelson on the STMS Leadership program. **Doug Forte** enjoyed the spaghetti dinner fund raiser at the Environmental Magnet School. He visited Tahoe Valley school last week. **Sue Novasel** also enjoyed the spaghetti dinner. She will report at a later date on the joint-use facilities discussions. **Barbara Bannar** commended the STMS teachers on making the necessary changes for improvement. **Wendy David** also enjoyed the spaghetti dinner.

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

D. Superintendent Report

Dr. Tarwater reported that he and two teachers, Beth Quandt and Sandy Moulton, met last week with the UC Davis Tahoe Environmental Research Committee in Truckee with a view to including the South Shore in the curriculum development for Tahoe Science Education.

Item 10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

A. Adopt Resolution 2005-2006-14, Determination of District Needs for 2006/2007

Beth Delacour explained that this resolution has been on the last two Board agendas for review and comments. Some changes were incorporated as comments were received. She explained that, if it becomes necessary to make cuts in certificated staffing, a criteria is needed to determine the seniority order of teachers who were hired at the same time. **Mrs. Novasel made a motion to adopt Resolution 2005-2006-14; Mrs. Swanson seconded the motion. Ayes: David/Bannar/Forte/Novasel/Swanson. Noes: None.**

B. Adopt of Resolution 2005/2006-21, Resolution of Intention to Dismiss Certificated Employees (PKS and ADA)

Public Comment: STMS Spanish teacher, **Kristine Russell**, addressed the Board regarding the proposal on this resolution to cut Spanish by fifty percent. She said that, brain research shows that people who learn a second language at a younger age are more likely to have more advanced grey matter than those who learn at a later age. She pointed out that foreign language study enhances achievement in English and Mathematics. Mrs. Russell feels that we should be offering more Spanish at the primary grades, rather than cutting what is already in place and she asked the Board to develop a long term vision that will attract families to the District, instead of cutting programs that drive families away.

Beth Delacour explained the proposed cuts to staffing contained in the resolution and Dr. Tarwater reassured everyone that the Board is looking at all options and will not make any decisions lightly. He said that no decision will be easy, but all decisions should be student-driven. Beth Delacour recommended that no action be taken at this time until the Board has had the opportunity to review the proposal more thoroughly. **No action was taken.**

- B. C. Approve Purchase of The Destiny Resource Management Solutions by Follett for K-12** South Tahoe High Doug Dilts and Scott Ramirez explained why the textbook and library tracking system needs to be updated and how this product will help. The program, which is proposed for six school sites, would cut down on the loss of books and make tracking, inventorying, and tagging books easier using a centralized database. Dr. Tarwater indicated that this will cut down on the loss of books in excess of \$30,000 each year. The initial purchase price is \$40,809.60 with yearly support of \$7,200 for six school sites and it will be funded from lottery revenue. **Mrs. Swanson made a motion to approve the purchase of Destiny Resource Management Solutions; Mr. Forte seconded the motion. Ayes: David/Bannar/Forte/Novasel/Swanson. Noes: None**

D. Approve Single School Plans for Student Achievement

Marcia Kaster reviewed the Single School Plan for South Tahoe High School which is required by each school that operates programs funded through the Consolidated Application. She said that the plan was developed and approved by the School Site Council. She noted that some of the funding numbers have changed and need to be revised. **Mrs. Bannar made a motion to approve the Single School Plans for South Tahoe High School as submitted; Mrs. Novasel seconded the motion. Ayes: David/Bannar/Forte/Novasel Swanson. Noes: None.**

E. Discussion Regarding Five-Year Master Plan

The Board continued discussions on the development of a Five-Year Master Plan. Steve Morales indicated that he is gathering data and input from the school sites which he will be compiling for presentation to the Board at a later date. Terri Ryland, the District's financial consultant, is in the process of reviewing the funding related to facilities. Dr. Tarwater, Sue Novasel, and Angela Swanson are continuing discussions with the City and County regarding the proposed joint-use facilities. The Board expects to vote on the Five-Year Master Plan by May 2006. They scheduled a Special Board Meeting to continue to develop strategies for March 10th from 9 am to 1 pm at the Education Center. **No other action was taken.**

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Item 10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION (continued)

F. First Reading of 2006/2007 School Calendar

Dr. Tarwater explained that a draft of the school calendar has been circulated to both unions, staff members, parents, and the community, and comments have been received. A discussion ensued regarding the loss of ADA (average daily attendance) during the Thanksgiving and Christmas periods. The Board felt that December 18, 2006 through January 2, 2007 would be better for "Winter Break" instead of breaking mid-week. There was a discussion regarding having the three days before Thanksgiving as Staff Development Days. Changes will be incorporated into the draft calendar and a final calendar will be placed on the February 28, 2006 agenda for adoption. **No other action was taken.**

G. First Reading of Board Policies

- i. BP 1312.3 Community Relations: Uniform Complaint Procedures (including Exhibits 1312.4 (1) and (2) Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures.

Dr. Tarwater explained that due to the upcoming CPM (Categorical Program Monitoring) audit, this policy needs to be updated to comply with recent changes in the law. The Board was asked to submit any comments to the Superintendent. **No other action was taken.**

Item 11. CONSENT AGENDA

The Board approved the following items:

- A. Payment Order No. 2005/2006-8.
- B. Resolutions No. 2005/06-19, Resolution to Revise the Observance of "Lincoln Day" and No. 2005/06-20, Declaration of Surplus Property.
- C. STHS Overnight Field Trip to Ashland, Oregon March 7-11, 2006.
- D. Early Admission into the Preppie Kindergarten Program for Students No. 12132, 11397, 11254, 12100, 11509, 12099, 11372, and 12168.
- E. Donations : \$1000 from the Optimist Club to the Drug Store Project, \$1000 from South Lake Tahoe Rotary Club to the Drug Store Project, and \$800 from Soroptimist International of South Lake Tahoe to the Drug Store Project.
- F. Board of Education Minutes for the Regular Meeting of January 24, 2006.

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

Item 12. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

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