



**LAKE TAHOE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 11, 2006**

EDUCATION CENTER BOARD ROOM  
1021 Al Tahoe Boulevard, So. 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 Angela Swanson Sue Novasel <b>Absent:</b> Doug Forte  <b>Student Rep:</b> Mari Peshon	Dr. James Tarwater Beth Delacour Angie Freeman Kristine Russell Heather Hendrick Susan Baker Steve Hayward Jodi Dayberry	Jim Watson Jackie Nelson Suzy Allione Marilyn Pawling Karen Gillis-Tinlin Steve Morales	Chris Campion Pam Curtzwiler

**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 5:03 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 5:03 p.m.

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

Wendy David adjourned the regular meeting to closed session at 5:04 p.m. and reconvened into regular session at 6:24 p.m.

**Item 5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

**Item 6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Dr. Tarwater asked that Item 3.B. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation be deleted from the agenda. **Mrs. Swanson made a motion to approve the agenda as amended; Mrs. Bannar seconded the motion. Ayes: David/Bannar/Swanson/Novasel. Noes: None. Absent: Forte**

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

**A. Personnel Order No. 2005/06-18 (Government Code 54957)**

- i. *Hire:* Substitute Cafeteria Assistant, Instructional Assistant, Substitute Instructional Assistant, Substitute Teacher, and Substitute Bus Driver.
- ii. *Accept Family Medical Leave of Absence:* three certificated staff members.
- iii. *Accept Resignation:* Instructional Assistant, Substitute Bus Driver, and Head Coach
- iv. *Accept Retirement:* Principal's Secretary

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

*Item B was deleted from the agenda.*

**C. 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) (continued)**

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

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

- i. Recommendation for Revocation of Suspension of Expulsion No. 200/5/06-08*  
The student, while on a suspended expulsion, was arrested for possession of marijuana at STHS. **The student will be expelled until November 14, 2006.**
- ii. Recommendation for Suspended Expulsion No. 200/5/06-16*  
The student left campus and smoked marijuana at lunch. In February, he was suspended for being in possession of alcohol on campus. **The student will be placed on a suspended suspension until March 13, 2007 under strict conditions.**
- iii. Recommendation for Expulsion No. 200/5/06-17*  
The student was suspended in February for drinking alcohol at school and in March for leaving campus during school time. He has exceeded the maximum allowable days of suspension (20). **The student will be expelled until January 2007.**

**Item 8. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC**

No comments.

**Item 9. ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND REPORTS**

**A. Student Representative Report**

Mari Peshon reported brought along two guests, Ernesto Mosqueda and Enrique Sandoval, STHS soccer players, who told the Board how they are making a difference by volunteering to help students in the Academic Adventures program at Bijou School. She also reported on planned activities for Geek Week to motivate students to do their best on the State tests in May.

**B. Board of Education Report**

**Angela Swanson** enjoyed the visit by Disneyland staff and Jiminy Cricket. She has been visiting schools and has learned how to run a SmartBoard. She will spend the day tomorrow visiting with Susan Baker at STHS. **Barbara Bannar** said that she is very proud of District staff and everyone involved in the recent successful visit by a team from the State for the Categorical Program Monitoring (CPM) audit. **Sue Novasel** enjoyed the visit from the State and got good input. She attended the Health Council's Wellness Policy meeting which is in the process of developing a policy related to student health and nutrition. She had a good visit at Sierra House this morning and thanked Jim Watson, Kristi Wilson, Jodi Dayberry, and Denise Wilson. **Wendy David** said that she is incredibly proud of all that's happened in the last two weeks, the agreement with STEA on all-day kindergarten, the successful CPM visit, and the Magnet School's success in the Disneyland Environmental Challenge. STHS's "Singing in the Rain" production was fabulous. Mrs. David encouraged everyone to support the Lake Tahoe Educational Foundation and CSR through a \$50 membership donation.

**C. Superintendent Report**

Dr. Tarwater thanked Mari and Randy Peshon for all they do to support students. He also thanked those involved in preparing for the CPM visit. He had his first meeting with the new Administrative Interns, Heather Hart, Rene Gorevin, Sue O'Connor, Christina Grubbs, and Rhonda VanDeusen who will be part of the program for the next two years. He also gave a brief update on attendance numbers and Bijou continues to lead with 95.6% up from 92.5% last year. The High School has an attendance percentage change of 5.7% for the seventh month – 92.1% up from 86.4% at this time last year. Overall, the District is up about .5 over last year.

**Item 10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

**A. Approve California History-Social Studies Curriculum Adoption 2006 for Grades K-5**

Heather Hart and Jim Watson explained how the Social Studied Curriculum Committee decided on the recommendation to adopt McMillan/McGraw Hill's California Vistas program as the curriculum for Grades K-5 pursuant to the six-year adoption cycle required by the State. Ms. Hart gave the Board an overview of the proposed curriculum.

**Mrs. Novasel made a motion to approve the California History-Social Studies Curriculum Adoption 2006 for Grades K-5; Mrs. Bannar seconded the motion. Ayes: David/Bannar/Swanson/Novasel. Noes: None. Absent: Forte.**

**Item 10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION** (continued)

**B. Approve California History-Social Studies Curriculum Adoption 2006 for Grades 6-8**

Suzy Allione explained the adoption process and the recommendation to adopt Teachers' Curriculum Institute (TCI) program as the curriculum for Grades 6-8 pursuant to the six-year adoption cycle required by the State. She said that it was developed by teachers and is currently being previewed at STMS by Deb Treiber and Howard Alford.

**Mrs. Swanson made a motion to approve the California History-Social Studies Curriculum Adoption 2006 for Grades 6-8; Mrs. Bannar seconded the motion. Ayes: David/Bannar/Swanson/Novasel. Noes: None. Absent: Forte.**

**C. Approve Proposed Independent Learning Academy**

Susan Baker explained a proposal to centralize the District's two independent study programs (Home School Outreach and Contract Independent Study 9-12) in four classrooms at one location at Al Tahoe School. She said that students will have much more of a sense of belonging by having their own school site, separate from the rest of the student population, where they can meet with one of the four certificated teachers weekly to review assignments. Not only will the students have the flexibility that comes with the Independent Learning Academy, they will also have the opportunity to participate in team sports, music, dances, field trips, and other extra-curricular activities. Amy Jackson explained that when the program is up and running, enrichment workshops will be offered for parents and students. Open Houses are scheduled for 5/11/06 and 5/18/06 to provide more information to the public.

**Mrs. Novasel made a motion to approve Independent Learning Academy; Mrs. Bannar seconded the motion. Ayes: David/Bannar/Swanson/Novasel. Noes: None. Absent: Forte.**

**D. Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policies**

i. BP 5116.1 Intradistrict Open Enrollment (School of Choice Program)

ii. E 5116.1 Intradistrict Open Enrollment Application Form

*Public Comment:* Kristine Russell asked the Board if they could consider changing the proposed policy to include all staff in the district, not just those working at a particular school, as many staff member do not know their assignments until August due to the Reduction in Force process.

Dr. Tarwater explained that this policy needs to be revised to reflect the District's current priorities and procedures regarding open enrollment, where parents can choose to which elementary school they want to send their children depending on space availability. He will send a letter to parents upon approval of this policy and revised open enrollment application forms advising them of their choices. The Board discussed the policy and Ms. Russell's request.

**Mrs. Novasel made a motion approve the policy and application form with a change to Priority Number 5 to read "Students whose parent/guardian is an employee of the Lake Tahoe Unified School District"; Mrs. Bannar seconded the motion. Ayes: David/Bannar/Swanson/Novasel. Noes: None. Absent: Forte.**

**E. Sublease and Ground Lease for Clearwire Cellular Equipment**

Steve Morales explained that Clearwire LLC is seeking a lease to install equipment at the current STMS athletic field cell tower currently leased by Cingular Wireless. Clearwire wishes to sublease the cell tower from Cingular and lease 49 square feet from LTUSD at a rate of \$1500 per month.

**Mrs. Bannar made a motion to approve the Sublease and Ground Lease for Clearwire Cellular Equipment; Mrs. Swanson seconded the motion. Ayes: David/Bannar/Swanson/Novasel. Noes: None. Absent: Forte.**

**Item 11. CONSENT AGENDA**

*The Board approved the following items:*

Payment Order No. 2005/06-10; Agreement Amendment to Fixed Fee Contract between School Innovations & Advocacy, Inc. and Lake Tahoe Unified School District to process mandated cost claims; Reject Claim for Damages Against Lake Tahoe Unified School District and Refer Matter to Insurance Administrator; and Adopt Board of Education Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 28, 2006.

**Angela Swanson recused herself from the vote to avoid a conflict of interest. Mrs. Bannar made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted; Mrs. Novasel seconded the motion. Ayes: David/ Bannar/Novasel. Noes: None. Abstain: Swanson. Absent: Forte.**

**Item 12. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

**AND SECRETARY TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**