



**LAKE TAHOE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 9, 2006**

BIJOU COMMUNITY SCHOOL
3501 Spruce Avenue, South Lake Tahoe, CA

5:00 PM - REGULAR CLOSED SESSION
6:00 PM REGULAR OPEN SESSION

Board Members / Reps.	Staff Members Present		Guests Present
Barbara Bannar Doug Forte Angela Swanson Sue Novasel Absent: Wendy David	Dr. James Tarwater Beth Delacour Angie Freeman	Jill Carter Marcia Kaster Christina Grubbs Jim Watson Steve Hayward Karen Gillis-Tinlin	Pedro Lopez Otilia Figueroa

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 Barbara Bannar at 5:04 p.m. at Bijou Community School.

Items 2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Barbara Bannar announced items to be discussed in closed session at 5:04 p.m.

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

Barbara Bannar adjourned the regular meeting to closed session at 5:05 p.m. and reconvened into regular session at 6:08 p.m.

Item 5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Item 6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

A. Personnel Order No. 2005/06-19 (Government Code 54957)

- i. Hire:* .5 Physical Education Teacher, Instructional Assistants, and Substitute Teacher
- ii. Accept Family Medical Leave of Absence:* Administrative Assistant, Lead Technology Specialist
- ii. Accept Leave of Absence:* Bus Driver
- iii. Accept Resignation:* Instructional Assistant
- iv. Accept Retirement:* Principal's Secretary

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

B. Conference with Labor Negotiators

Dr. James Tarwater, Superintendent, Terri Ryland, CPA, and Beth Delacour, Director of Human Resources conferred 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)

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

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

i. Recommendation for Suspended Expulsion No. 200/5/06-18

The student was under the influence of marijuana at STHS in March 2006 and in March 2003 was in possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia at STHS. **The student will be placed on a suspended suspension under strict conditions including loss of driving and open campus privileges until the end of this school year.**

ii. Recommendation for Suspended Expulsion No. 200/5/06-19

The student was suspended for refusing to participate in class at STMS and has reached the maximum allowable days of suspension in a school year (20). **The student will be placed on a suspended suspension until the end of the school year in the CARE II program under strict conditions.**

D. California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) Waivers for Graduation for Students with Disabilities: 0506-7, 0506-8, 0506-9, 0506-10, 0506-11, 0506-12, 0506-13, 0506-14, 0506-15, 0506-16, 0506-17, 0506-18 (Education Codes 35146, 56101, 60851)

Request to waive the requirement to successfully pass the CAHSEE for a student with disabilities who have taken the CASHEE with modifications and have received the equivalent of a passing score.

Mrs. Novasel made a motion to approve the waivers numbered 0506-7, 0506-8, 0506-9, 0506-10, 0506-11, 0506-12, 0506-13, 0506-14, 0506-15, 0506-16, 0506-17, 0506-18 for Students with Disabilities; Mr. Forte seconded the motion. Ayes: Bannar/Forte/ Swanson/Novasel. Noes: None. Absent: David.

Item 8. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

No comments.

Item 9. PUBLIC HEARING (Government Code 3547)

A. California Department of Education Waiver

Dr. Tarwater explained that this is a public hearing to determine if there is public support to continue to purchase non-state-adopted materials using instructional materials funds: Everyday Math for Grades K-6. The last petition was 5/10/05. Barbara Bannar opened the public hearing at 6:16 p.m. and hearing no comments, closed the public hearing at 6:16 p.m.

B. Approve Petition Request to the State Board of Education

Mr. Forte made a motion to approve the Petition Request to the State Board of Education; Mrs. Swanson seconded the motion. Ayes: Bannar/Forte/ Swanson/Novasel. Noes: None. Absent: David

Item 10. ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND REPORTS

A. Report by Bijou Community School

Karen Tinlin, Rene Gorevin, Christina Grubbs, and Linda Loughrin reported on increased parent participation at the school, the Title I Intervention Program the very successful parent training program – Kinderblocks, and their conflict management program. Mrs. Tinlin said that they are making great stides in involving their students and parents in a total learning experience that brings schools and families together.

B. Report by South Tahoe High School on Status of the 4 x 4 Block Schedule

Marsha Kaster and Marilyn Pawling explained the complexities of how a Master Schedule is put together to meet the needs of the 1356 students that have already pre-registered for next year. They are still working on determining which courses they will be able to offer based on staffing. Mrs. Kaster indicated that they will probably need two “Back-to-School Nights” next year since students will have four new courses each semester. With regard to the question regarding adequately preparing students for the rigorous state and Advanced Placement tests in the spring, Mrs. Kaster indicated that they will set aside a week before testing for review of the prior semester courses. Both Mrs. Pawling and Mrs. Kaster are confident that they will have schedules in students’ hands before they leave for the summer. They will provide another update at a meeting in June.

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Item 10. ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND REPORTS (continued)

C. Update on the South Tahoe High School Biomass Boiler System

Steve Morales reported on the proposed South Tahoe High School Biomass Fueled Boiler System Replacement Program which has been awarded a grant of \$243,500 from the United States Department of Agriculture to replace the boiler system at STHS. He said that Patricia Hickson of the Sierra Nevada Forest Protection Campaign was instrumental in writing the grant for this project. He said that there are about 25,000 tons of forest waste each year which is usually disposed of through controlled burns. The Biomass System will consume about 2200 tons a year and the waste must be converted into "chips" before it is used in the boiler system, which will promote local industry. El Dorado County, and Supervisor Norma Santiago in particular, have been very supportive of the project. Mr. Morales feels that the payback on this project will be \$100,000 annually after approximately eight years. He expects the system to be online by September 2007. Schools will also integrate this renewable energy source subject into their science curricula.

D. Student Representative Report

Mari Peshon was unable to attend so Marsha Kaster updated the Board on upcoming events. Senior Awards Night is June 8th and the Senior Prom is June 10th at Sierra-at-Tahoe. Bob Grant indicated that the school will be bussing students to the Prom unless they have "professional drivers" (limo, taxi, etc.) No parent drivers are allowed. Grad Night is June 16th. The ASB is working with the Lake Tahoe Ed. Foundation on "wall of honor" for former graduates. Eight former grads will be inducted at the LTEF Dinner on May 25th. Marcia loves the new high tech message board.

E. Board of Education Report

Sue Novasel said that she attended the Cities, Counties, Schools (CCS) Partnership Conference recently with Angela Swanson and Councilmember Kathay Lovell. They also toured some facilities in Davis and met with Supervisor Norma Santiago on the way back. The City is very interested in a new facility because the FAA will only allow them five years at the Airport.

Angela Swanson enjoyed visiting schools for Open House – the new message board at STHS is a great addition. She is helping proctor State tests and congratulated teachers at every grade level for preparing the students well. She reminded people about the Parent Night for the new Independent Learning Academy on 5/11 and 5/18 and the LTEF Food Fest on June 25th.

Barbara Bannar reminded people about the Sierra House PTA Fundraiser at Baja Fresh May 19/20.

F. Superintendent Report

Dr. Tarwater accompanied Bob Comlossy and his fifth grade class to Disneyland last week to accept the first place place in Disney's Jiminy Cricket Environmental Challenge. He had the opportunity to speak with State Superintendent, Jack O'Connell; Acting Secretary for the EPA, Dan Skobeck; Disney CFO, Tom Staggs, Secretary of Agriculture, AJ Palmara. He also spoke with Melinda Terry, a STHS graduate, who is now Deputy Secretary for Legislation in the California Resources Agency. He was very proud of the kids. He recently received a call from the US Forest Service to discuss another ecological problem in Tahoe Keys where the bass fish population is causing problems.

Item 11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

A. Appointment of Community Representatives to the STHS Principal Interview Committee and Status Update of Business Department Positions

Beth Delacour gave the Board an update on the status of current vacant positions – principal, CFO, and psychologists. The Board chose the following community representatives to sit on the interview committee for the STHS Principal position: **Alissa Nourse (David by proxy); Randy Peshon (Forte); Chris Champion (Swanson); Anita Vieites (Novasel); and Christina Proctor (Bannar)**. Dr. Tarwater will be choosing the staff members for the committee. He asked the Board to allow administration some flexibility in terms of salary offered for Chief Financial Officer. There are only two applications so far and we may have to engage School Services of California if we cannot find a suitable candidate. **The Board agreed to allow some flexibility in the salary range offered.**

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Item 11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION (continued)

B. Adopt the Decision of the Administrative Law Judge In the Matter of Non-Reemployment of Certificated Employees

Beth Delacour presented the decision on the Administrative Hearings that were held on April 14, 2006 regarding the non-reemployment of 18.182 FTE (full-time equivalent) certificated employees. **Mrs. Novasel made a motion to adopt the Decision of the Administrative Law Judge; Mrs. Swanson seconded the motion. Ayes: Bannar/Forte/Swanson/Novasel. Noes: None. Absent: David.**

C. Approve Declaration of Need For Fully Qualified Educators for 2006/2007

Beth Delacour explained that the District is required to submit an annual declaration to the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing stating the anticipated number of subject area and emergency permits. She expects about five teachers to be on "limited assignments" next year. **Mr. Forte made a motion to approve the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for 2006/2007; Mrs. Novasel seconded the motion. Ayes: Bannar/Forte/Swanson/Novasel. Noes: None. Absent: David.**

D. Authorize Director of Facilities to Advertise for Bids for Various Projects

Steve Morales requested authorization to advertise for bids for individual projects at all school sites in the District. He said that all projects are listed in the Facilities Master Plan and the bids will go out over two building seasons. **Mrs. Novasel made a motion to authorize the Director of Facilities to advertise for bids; Mr. Forte seconded the motion. Ayes: Bannar/Forte/Swanson/Novasel. Noes: None. Absent: David.**

E. Approve Revised Course of Study for Automotive 1-2 Grades 10-11

South Tahoe High School has submitted the course of study has been updated to reflect the use of a new textbook. **Mrs. Novasel made a motion to approve the revised course of study; Mr. Forte seconded the motion. Ayes: Bannar/Forte/Swanson/Novasel. Noes: None. Absent: David.**

Angela Swanson requested that Item 12.B.v. be pulled from the Consent Agenda so that she could recuse herself from the vote to avoid a conflict of interest.

Item 12. CONSENT AGENDA

Item 12. B.v. Agreement with Richard Gonzalez & Associates for the coordination of District activities with the Office of Public School Construction and the State Allocation Board.

Mrs. Novasel made a motion to approve Item 12.B.v.; Mr. Forte seconded the motion. Ayes: Novasel/ Bannar/Forte. Noes: None. Absent: David. Abstain: Swanson.

Item 12. CONSENT AGENDA

The Board approved the following items:

Payment Order No. 2005/2006-11, Contracts with i. CSU Chico, Inter-SELPA Agreement; 2006-2008 Charter Community School CARE Program for Grades 9-12, EDCOE for county services; Resolutions No. 2005/2006-25, 2005/2006-26 and 2005/06-27; a donation of \$500 from Chief Muren, and the minutes of the April 11, 2006 Board Meeting.

Mrs. Novasel made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda without Item 12.B.v.; Mr. Forte seconded the motion. Ayes: Novasel/ Bannar/Forte/Swanson. Noes: None. Absent: David.

Item 13. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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