



**LAKE TAHOE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 23, 2006**

SOUTH TAHOE HIGH SCHOOL
EDUCATION CENTER BOARD ROOM
1021 Al Tahoe Boulevard, So. Lake Tahoe

12:12 P.M SPECIAL OPEN SESSION
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 Doug Forte Student Rep: Mari Peshon	Dr. James Tarwater Beth Delacour Angie Freeman Jim Watson Judy Schwartz Jackie Nelson Mark Romagnolo Marie Meagher Carol Murdock Jodi Dayberry Karen Gillis-Tinlin Sue O'Connor	Conor Freeman Max Meeker Matthew Emond Jessica Schroeder Elia Solorzano Arelly Robles Alejandra Ramirez Charlotte Lee Natalie Turner Eva Gonzalez Jorge Orozco Greg Gaskin	Josh Miller Brandon Brown Alex Johnson Jessica Bettencourt Jack Williams Michael Monahan Evan Sarosik Paige Cefalu Audrey Olmer Kae Reed Chris Campion

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 12:20 p.m. at Room B-9 of South Tahoe High School.

Item 2. SENIOR STUDENTS' LUNCH

The Board shared lunch with nineteen high school seniors who related their experiences about the school district. Students discussed topics such as safety, nutrition, environmental concerns, the 4 x 4 block schedule, attendance incentives, and the "fair share" donation for athletics with the Board. They will use these comments for further discussion when they have a retreat.

Item 3. RECESS REGULAR OPEN SESSION

Wendy David recessed the meeting at 12:49 p.m.

Item 4. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM

Wendy David reconvened the meeting into Regular Session at the District Office Board Room at 5:02 p.m.

Items 5. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Wendy David announced items to be discussed in closed session at 5:03 p.m.

Items 6-7. 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 6:12 p.m.

Item 8. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Item 9. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Item 10. ACTION ON ITEMS FROM CLOSED SESSION (Government Code Section 54954.5)

A. Personnel Order No. 2005/06-20 (Government Code 54957)

- i. *Hire*: instructional assistants, coach, and substitute teacher.
- ii. *Hire for Summer School*: instructional assistants, teachers, campus security assistant, and secretary.
- iii. *Accept Leave of Absence*: teacher
- iv. *Accept Return from Family Medical Leave of Absence*: teacher
- v. *Accept Resignation*: teacher and instructional assistant
- vi. *Accept Retirement*: School Office Assistant/Secretary HSO

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

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

- i. *Recommendation for Suspended Expulsion No. 2005/06-20*
The student was in possession of drug paraphernalia and previously, possession of a water bottle containing hallucinogenic mushrooms. **The student will be placed on a suspended suspension under strict conditions.**
- ii. *Readmission After Expulsion No. 2004/05-35*
The student was expelled in April 2005 for fighting in class and hitting another student over the head with his cast. **He has met all expulsion requirements and is permitted to return to South Tahoe Middle School.**

Item 11. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

No comments.

Item 12. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Tahoe/Alpine SELPA Annual Service Delivery Plan and Budget Plan

Wendy David opened the hearing to inform the public about the Special Education (SELPA) budget plan and services that are offered at each school site, including Alpine County and private schools at 6:13 p.m. and hearing no comments, closed the public hearing at 6:13 p.m.

B. Approve Tahoe/Alpine SELPA Annual Service Delivery Plan and Budget Plan

Marie Meagher explained the SELPA Service and Budget Plan and a brief discussion ensued regarding encroachment on the general fund by Special Education and the possibility of the District moving away from being a SELPA and making the County take this under their direction. **Mrs. Bannar made a motion to approve the Tahoe/Alpine SELPA Annual Service Delivery Plan and Budget Plan; Mrs. Novasel seconded the motion. Ayes: David/Bannar/Forte/Swanson/Novasel. Noes: None.**

Item 13. ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND REPORTS

A. Report by Lake Tahoe Educational Foundation on Activities and Upcoming Events

Greg Bergner, LTEF President, said that they are happy to continue to fund Class Size Reduction (CSR) next year in the amount of \$80,000 and he recapped their many fundraising efforts and the membership drive. He hopes to see many people at the Celebration of Education to honor retirees and Wall of Honor recipients. Brooke Laine said that she is excited about all of the things the Alumni Association has accomplished – the new electronic reader board at STHS, the provision of musical instruments, Alumni Lane, the Wall of Honor, and seats for the theatre which is in the works. They are planning a big two-day event for alumni for Homecoming in September. Audrey Olmer and Paige Cefalu updated the Board on their plans for the Second Annual Food Fest “Our Community, Our Schools” which will be held at Heavenly on June 25th. Childcare will be available at the Rec. Center and Tahoe Gymnastics.

Item 13. ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND REPORTS (CONTINUED)

B. Report on Governor's May Revise

Dr. Tarwater updated the Board on what the Governor and the State of California have in store for us for the coming years. Funding for California K-12 schools for 2006/07 will be \$67.1 billion – \$2.9 billion more than this year. There will be more money for counselors in grades 7-12; arts and music; classroom supplies and instructional materials; preschools; libraries; and English learner materials, to name a few. The Governor will also pay back \$300 million in 2007/08 and \$450 million on 2008/09 (and annually until paid off), which is money owed to schools in resolution of the Education Funding Suit. Nothing, however, will be done for declining enrollment districts, which accounts for about 50% of districts at this time.

C. Report on Master Plan Facility Improvement Projects

Steve Morales made a report on all of the budget requests for facilities for the next year which includes replacing roofs and repairing parking lots and playgrounds. Mr. Morales and Angela Swanson jointly announced that the District has received word from the State that they will be issuing an IOU to the District for approximately \$905,000 for work that has already been done at STMS. Ms. Swanson complimented Dr. Tarwater for maximizing dollars and making sure that LTUSD gets its fair share.

D. Student Representative Report

Mari Peshon said that she will bring her successor to the next Board Meeting after elections are held. She enjoyed lunch with the Board today. She also reported on the Senior Trip, Airband, Senior Project, Award Night, Prom, Senior Picnic and Graduation dates.

E. Board of Education Report

Angela Swanson sat in on the STHS Cabinet meeting and enjoyed the discussion on the mechanics of the 4 x4 schedule. She is participating in continued discussions with the City and County regarding joint use facilities. She announced that Chris Campion, whom she selected for the STHS Principal Selection Committee, is unable to participate and she selected Madeline Fernald as an alternate.

Sue Novasel thanked the Ed. Foundation for their reports and for all the work they are doing on behalf of the District. She attended STHS School Site Council and Marcia Kaster's retirement party that followed, adding that Marcia will be missed. She also congratulated Mari Peshon on her impending graduation.

Barbara Bannar announced this week's Art Show at the Environmental Science Magnet School and the concerts at South Tahoe Middle School. She enjoyed her visit to Tahoe Valley School today. Mrs. Bannar presented a gift to Mari Peshon in appreciation of her service to the Board for the past two years.

Doug Forte enjoyed the conversations with students today at STHS and he shared some of the comments that the students made regarding the "fair share donation" for sports, safety, the 4 x 4 block schedule, and attendance incentives. He announced that the Optimist Club is holding a free fishing derby on June 10th.

Wendy David enjoyed the conversations with students today and she shared some of the comments that the students made regarding environmental concerns and nutrition. She said that the Board will use these insights when they have their retreat. She said that volunteers are still needed for Senior Project and she thanked her fellow Board Members for covering for her while she was on vacation.

F. Superintendent Report

Dr. Tarwater said that he is working with David Jinkens, City Manager, to draft a Memorandum of Understanding for approval at the next Board Meeting. The GATE Author's Academy was successful with 42 students participating with children's author, Laura Duksta, who also visited other schools.

Item 14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

A. Proposal to Implement Two Programs to Address More Stringent Improvement Targets under the Academic Performance Index (API)

Dr Tarwater presented two proposals for approval: i. Class Size Reduction in Grade 3 from State CSR and Federal Title II Part A Funds and ii. District Title I Reading Intervention Program / Teacher at Bijou Community School, Sierra House Elementary School, and Tahoe Valley Elementary. He explained that State Superintendent, Jack O'Connell recently announced that Districts need to meet higher targets for subgroups, such as English Learners and Special Ed., students under the Academic Performance Index. To meet that challenge, he proposed to implement the two plans using Title II Part A and Title I Part A funds at a cost of approximately \$44,000 and \$323,000, respectively. The proposed plans will enable the District to hire back eight teachers. Space does not appear to be an issue as portables can be moved between schools.

Mr. Forte made a motion to approve implement both programs; Mrs. Bannar seconded the motion. Ayes: David/Bannar/Forte/Swanson/Novasel. Noes: None.

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Item 14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION (continued)

B. First Reading of Board Policies and Administrative Regulations Updates

- I. Replace BP 0420.4 / AR 0420.4 Charter Schools
- II. Replace BP 0500 Accountability
- III. Replace BP 1312.2 / AR 1312.2 / E 1312.2 Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials
- IV. Delete BP 1312 Complaints Concerning the Schools
- V. Replace AR 3311 Bids
- VI. Replace AR 3514.2 Integrated Pest Management
- VII. **Add** BP 4112.21 / Replace AR 4112.21 Interns
- VIII. **Delete** BP 4112.23 / **Add** AR 4112.23 Special Education Staff
- IX. Replace BP 4112.24 / AR 4112.24 Teacher Qualifications Under the No Child Left Behind Act
- X. Replace BP 4112.42/4212.42/4312.42 / **Delete** AR 4112.42/4212.42/4312.42 Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers
- XI. Replace AR 4115 Evaluation/Supervision
- XII. Replace AR 4154/4254/4354 Health and Welfare Benefits
- XIII. Replace BP 4215 Evaluation/Supervision
- XIV. Replace AR 5125 Student Records
- XV. Replace BP 5131.63 / AR 5131.63 5131.63 Steroids
- XVI. Replace BP 5145.6 / E 5145.6 Parental Notifications
- XVII. Replace BP 6159 / AR 6159 Individualized Education Program
- XVIII. Replace AR 6162.52 High School Exit Examination
- XIX. Replace BP 6164.4 / AR 6164.4 Identification of Individuals for Special Education
- XX. Replace BP 6190 Evaluation of the Instructional Program
- XXI. Replace AR 7150 Site Selection and Development
- XXII. Replace E 9323.2 Actions by the Board

No action was taken. The Board will review the updates and submit any proposed changes. Adoption is scheduled at the next meeting.

C. Schedule Minimum Day for June 16, 2006 Due to Graduation

Dr. Tarwater explained that the graduation ceremony will be held on Friday, June 16, 2006 at 4 p.m. and he requested that the schedule of all schools in the Lake Tahoe Unified School District be changed to a minimum day to assist schools and families in preparing for this event. After a brief discussion, the Board felt that this would place an undue hardship on parents of elementary and middle school students .

Mrs. Novasel made a motion to approve a minimum day on June 16, 2006 for High School students only and leave elementary and middle school students on their regular schedule; Mrs. Bannar seconded the motion. Ayes: David/Bannar/Forte/Swanson/Novasel. Noes: None.

Item 15. CONSENT AGENDA

The Board approved the following items:

Payment Order No. 2005/06-12; Agreement with CDE for the 2006/07 Community-Based English Tutoring Program; Amendment No. 2 between LTUSD and the South Tahoe Redevelopment Agency regarding tax increment allocation; quarterly investment report for 3/31/06; quarterly Williams Act Report through 3/06; and Board of Education Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 9, 2006.

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

Item 16. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

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