



**LAKE TAHOE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF JUNE 20, 2006**

EDUCATION CENTER BOARD ROOM
1021 Al Tahoe Boulevard, South Lake Tahoe, CA

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

Board Members / Reps.	Staff Members Present		Guests Present
Barbara Bannar Doug Forte Angela Swanson Sue Novasel Wendy David Student Rep: Mari Peshon	Dr. James Tarwater Beth Delacour Angie Freeman Steve Morales	Jerry Carter Lynn Dupree Marcia Kaster Steve Hayward Karen Gillis-Tinlin Carol Murdock Jim Watson	Janis Doyal Terri Ryland Debra Yates Randy Peshon Mark Garratt

Item 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Open Session of the special meeting of the Lake Tahoe Unified School District Board of Education was called to order by Wendy David at 5:04 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 5:04 p.m.

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

Wendy David adjourned the regular meeting to closed session at 5:05 p.m. and reconvened into special session at 6:15 p.m.

Item 5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Item 6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs. David indicated that Item 11.C. Approve Resolution No. 2005-06-28, Intention to Dismiss Classified Employees will be deleted from the agenda.

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

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

A. Personnel Order No. 2005/06-21 (Government Code 54957)

- i. *Hire:* Summer School – Certificated/Classified, school psychologists, Cafeteria Supervisor, Teachers, Coaches, Substitute Bus Driver, .2 FTE Vice Principal (STMS), Chief Financial Officer.
- ii. *Accept Promotion:* Principal’s Secretary
- iii. *Accept Leave of Absence:* Teacher
- iv. *Accept Retirement:* Campus Security Assistant
- v. *Accept Resignation:* Athletic Director, Instructional Assistant, Summer School Teacher

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.

Wendy David introduced Debra Yates and welcomed her to LTUSD as the new Chief Financial Officer. Beth Delacour distributed a press release to the audience announcing the hiring of a CFO.

B. Conference with Labor Negotiators

Dr. James Tarwater, Superintendent, Terri Ryland, CPA, 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)

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

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

i. Recommendation for Expulsion No. 200/5/06-19

The student has had excessive suspensions and other means of correction are not feasible. **The student will be expelled until March 21, 2007.**

ii. Recommendation for Revocation of Suspended Expulsion No. 2005/06-21

The student was drinking alcohol at school on May 2, 2006 and also on March 22, 2006. At an expulsion hearing on May 19, 2006, the Superintendent recommended a suspended expulsion; however on May 23, 2006, the student was again under the influence of alcohol. **The student will be expelled until May 2, 2007.**

iii. Recommendation for Suspended Expulsion No. 2005/06-22

The student was in possession of alcohol at school and has exceeded the maximum allowable number of days of suspension, triggering an Expulsion Hearing. **The student will be placed on a suspended expulsion until May 4, 2007.**

iv. Recommendation for Extension of Suspension No. 2005/06-23

The student has had two marijuana-related suspensions. **The student will be placed on a suspended expulsion and enroll in Mt. Tallac for the 06/07 school year under strict conditions.**

v. Recommendation for Extension of Suspension No. 2005/06-24

The student is considered to be a danger to himself and other students. **The student's suspension for threatening a staff member will be extended until an Expulsion Hearing can be held.**

D. California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) Waivers for Graduation for Students with Disabilities: 0506-19, 0506-20 (Education Codes 35146, 56101, 60851)

Dr. Tarwater explained that this is a request to waive the requirement to successfully pass the CAHSEE for students 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 0506-19, 0506-20 for Students with Disabilities; Mrs. Bannar seconded the motion. Ayes: David/Bannar/Forte/ Swanson/Novasel. Noes: None.

Item 8. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

No comments.

Item 9. PUBLIC HEARING (Government Code 3547)

A. Public Hearing Regarding Adoption of 2006/2007 Budget

Dr. Tarwater explained that the public has received notice that the proposed 2006/2007 Budget has been available to preview at the Education Center since June 16, 2006 and that the Budget will be presented for adoption under Item 11A. Wendy David opened the public hearing at 6:19 p.m. and hearing no comments, closed the public hearing at 6:19 p.m.

B. Public Hearing Regarding Revised Five-Year Deferred Maintenance Plan

Steve Morales explained that the public is invited to comment on the revised State-mandated Five-Year Deferred Maintenance Plan and that the plan will be presented for adoption under Item 11E. Wendy David opened the public hearing at 6:20 p.m. and hearing no comments, closed the public hearing at 6:20 p.m.

Item 10. ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND REPORTS

A. Recognize Retirees:

Wendy David thanked the following employees for their service to the District.

Joanne Foster (1981-2006) Chris Sowers (1973-2005) Dan Maldonado (1980-2005)

Marcia Kaster (2003-2006) Jan Truesdell (1986-2006) Linda Vannice (1982-2006)

Bev Madore (1975-2006) Gary Vannice (1980-2006)

Gary Vannice and Marcia Kaster thanked the Board and made brief statements. The other retirees were unable to attend and sent their regrets.

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B. Recognize Student Representative to the Board of Education

Wendy David recognized Mari Peshon for her dedicated service to the Board for the past two years (2004-2006). Her father, Randy Peshon, thanked the Board and staff for the education Mari has received at LTUSD and through her involvement as a representative to the Board of Education.

C. Report on Employee Health Insurance

Mark Garratt of Benefit Resource Group updated the Board on the issues surrounding a possible increase of 29.7% in insurance rates for the 2006/2007 school year. He recapped the background on where the District has been and what can be expected for the future. He is negotiating with Aetna to minimize the impact of the insurance rate increase and may be able to reduce the increase to 20.7%. He is also soliciting bids from other insurance carriers. He explained that the District's prior carrier, Central Valley Trust, did not provide any history reports that bidders can use to offer competitive rates. Aetna, using five months of claims experience, concluded that the claims were 110% of premiums, hence the proposed increase. The Insurance Committee, comprised of certificated and classified staff, will continue to address this issue over the summer.

D. Report on Summer School

Summer School Principal, Karen Tinlin, told the Board that 350 students will attend Summer School from June 30 through July 28. Administrative Interns, Christina Grubbs and Rhonda VanDeusen, will oversee Grades K-5 at Bijou and Grades 6-12 at the High School, respectively. K-8 teachers will attend a training, Step Up to Writing, on June 28th and there will also be training in Social Studies.

E. Report by South Tahoe High School Student Representative and Introduction of 2006/2007 Student Representative to the Board of Education

Mari Peshon shared a plaque that was presented to the Lake Tahoe Educational Foundation "Wall of Honor" inductees at the annual Celebration of Education. She said that Prom and Graduation went well. Ashley Rumble will be her successor for the 2006/2007 school year. Mari thanked the Board for all that she has learned from being their representative.

F. Board of Education Report

Doug Forte enjoyed Graduation and said that it has been a great year. **Barbara Bannar** thanked Beth Delacour and Dr. Tarwater for a great year. **Angela Swanson** reported that Barbara Bannar donated a gift basket to Sierra House's Spring Fling on behalf of the Board and Angela will be putting one together for LTEF's Our Community, Our Schools on behalf of the Board. She enjoyed graduation at STHS and Alternative Ed. She made an enlightening visit to the Special Ed. Preschool and complimented Marie Meagher's staff, saying that they do an amazing job. **Sue Novasel** thanked Randy Peshon and his family for Mari's participation at Board Meetings for the past two years. She said that Sober Grad night hosted 300 kids and was very successful. She will miss the class of 2006. **Wendy David** congratulated Dr. Tarwater on his first anniversary with the School District. She said it has been an amazing year and he focuses on academic achievement, bringing back what's good for kids. She reminded people to support LTEF's Our Community, Our Schools Food Fest on June 25th.

G. Superintendent Report

Dr. Tarwater said that he is really proud of how far the District has come, working as a team, establishing programs that are equitable for all kids. "Now we're moving in the right direction", he said regarding bringing back programs to the community such as Class Size Reduction. He said that we only have one opportunity to run this race and we will all win if we roll up our sleeves and advocate for children.

Item 11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

A. Presentation and Adoption of 2006/2007 Budget

Teresa Ryland, CPA, presented the proposed 2006/2007 Budget to the Board for adoption and gave an overview of the State budget process, budget year revenue assumptions, attendance and enrollment, a summary of the proposed budget, and an explanation of the change between the 2005/06 and the 2006/07 budgets. She said that enrollment continues to decline, but the District is not deficit spending and will have a net increase in fund balance of \$608,000. That would bring the ending unappropriated fund balance to \$2.3 million, which includes a reserve of 3% for economic uncertainties. However, this does not include any salary increases for this year or next year. 82% of the budget is expended on salaries and benefits, 8% on books and supplies, and 10% for services and other expenses. Dr. Tarwater said that he is watching Senate Bill 1680 (Perata) which would replace average daily attendance as it is used to compute revenue limits with average monthly enrollment beginning in the 2007-08 fiscal year.

Mrs. Novasel made a motion to adopt the 2006/2007 Budget; Mrs. Swanson seconded the motion. Ayes: David/Bannar/Forte/Swanson/ Novasel. Noes: None.

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B. Approve Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Between the City of South Lake Tahoe, the Lake Tahoe Unified School District, and El Dorado County

Dr. Tarwater told the Board that both the City and the County are acting on this Agreement tonight and it is basically the formalization of all three agencies' intent to move forward with discussions to examine the opportunity for creating joint facilities with the City and County on South Tahoe Middle School/Al Tahoe sites to better serve our community.

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

~~**C. Approve Resolution No. 2005/06-28, Intention to Dismiss Classified Employees**~~

~~The Board will vote on the classified positions/services it intends to reduce or discontinue.~~

~~ITEM DELETED FROM AGENDA~~

D. Approve Revised Course of Study for Grade 9 Health

Dr. Tarwater explained that this is a standard revision to the ninth grade Health Course of Study at South Tahoe High School which has been revised to reflect a new textbook: Glencoe Health, *Glencoe McGraw/Hill*, © 2005. As STHS goes through the 4 x 4 Block Schedule he said that we will see at least eighteen revised courses of study for approval. Textbooks are normally on display at the Education Center for thirty days.

Mrs. Bannar made a motion to approve the Revised Course of Study; Mrs. Swanson seconded the motion. Ayes: David/Bannar/Forte/Swanson/ Novasel. Noes: None

E. Approve Revised Five-Year Deferred Maintenance Plan

Steve Morales, Director of Facilities, told the Board that the only substantial difference in the revised plan is that we are pursuing extreme hardship funding for two projects to get additional funding for structural repair of the STMS locker room and PE activity classrooms. He said that \$300,000 has also been added for an overlay project at the STHS parking lot. He said that the State will review the projects and visit the sites over the Summer. It represents \$1.6 million of additional state funding. He said that he is also in the process of applying for \$1 million to complete BMPs.

Mr. Forte made a motion to approve the Revised Five-Year Deferred Maintenance Plan; Mrs. Bannar seconded the motion. Ayes: David/Bannar/Forte/Swanson/ Novasel. Noes: None

F. Second Reading and Adoption 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 changes were submitted since the first reading of these policies and administrative regulations on June 20th.

Mrs. Bannar made a motion to approve the additions, deletions, and replacements of Board policies and administrative regulations; Mrs. Novasel seconded the motion. Ayes: David/Bannar/Forte/Swanson/ Novasel. Noes: None

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Item 12. CONSENT AGENDA

The Board approved the following items:

Payment Order No. 2005/2006-13, Rejected claim for damages and refer to insurance administrator; Contracts with Student Accident Insurance, Teresa A. Ryland, BMX (revocable license), and Kronick, Moskovitz, Tiedeman & Girard; an overnight field trip to New York; donations from Kiwanis Club and RSN; and the minutes of the May 23, 2006 Board Meeting.

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

Item 13. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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