



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

EDUCATION CENTER BOARD ROOM
1021 Al Tahoe Boulevard, 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 Wendy David	Dr. James Tarwater Beth Delacour Angie Freeman Steve Morales Debra Yates	Jerry Carter Carol Murdock Jack Stafford	Peggy Thompson

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 5:15 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 5:15 p.m.

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

Wendy David adjourned the regular meeting to closed session at 5:16 p.m. and reconvened into special session at 6:17 p.m. Angela Swanson was involved in a traffic collision on her way to the meeting and left after closed session.

Item 5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Item 6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs. David indicated that the Board did not complete the closed session items in the allotted time and will go back into closed session after the regular open session. **Mr. Forte made a motion to approve the agenda as amended; Mrs. Novasel seconded the motion. Ayes: David/Bannar/Forte/Novasel. Noes: None. Absent: Swanson.**

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

A. Personnel Order No. 2006-07-01 (Government Code 54957)

- i. *Hire:* Teachers, High School Principal, Summer School Principal
- ii. *Accept Resignation:* Teachers

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

B. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Government Code 54957.6)

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 8. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

No comments.

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Item 9. PUBLIC HEARING (Government Code 3547)

A. Public Hearing for South Tahoe High School Physical Education Waiver

Wendy David opened the public hearing at 6:18 p.m. and invited the public to comment on the District's recommendation to submit a General Waiver Request to the California Department of Education to waive the 400 minute requirement for Physical Education at South Tahoe High School due to the 4 x 4 Block Schedule. Hearing no comments, Wendy David closed the public hearing at 6:19 p.m.

B. Approval of General Waiver Request for South Tahoe High School Physical Education

Dr. Tarwater explained why the General Waiver Request to the California Department of Education is necessary. Students in the 4 x 4 block schedule will receive PE instruction for 85 minutes a day for 85 days which would meet the 400 minute requirement over the course of the school year. Six essential criteria need to be addressed and the District must demonstrate what happens with the fitness program and how we log students in sports programs. **Mrs. Bannar made a motion to approve the General Waiver Request as submitted. Mr. Forte seconded the motion. Ayes: David/Bannar/Forte/Novasel. Noes: None. Absent: Swanson.**

Item 10. ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND REPORTS

A. Report from Tahoe Arts Project

Peggy Thompson, Director of Tahoe Arts Project, told the Board that TAP is going into its twentieth season in September. She explained that the non-profit organization brings a wide array of artistic performances to students in Lake Tahoe schools and also to the public. She also recapped the various fund raising activities that sustain the program.

B. Report on Governor's Budget

Debra Yates, Chief Financial Officer, provided an overview of the Governor's Budget. She said that more money will be available for arts and music, physical education, technology, school enrichment, English language learners, school counselors, teacher training, and school gardens. COLA has remained unchanged at 5.92% and the deficit reduction has been eliminated. A one-time discretionary block grant (\$534 million statewide) will help with declining enrollment, GASB 45, and transportation, and a mandated cost settlement of \$957 million statewide is expected to fund all prior year claims and provide some funding for 06/07.

C. Board of Education Report

Sue Novasel welcomed Ivone Larson. She said that another meeting of the Joint Use Committee was held this week and they are looking at six options for a proposed government facility and possibly a performing arts facility on an unused area by Al Tahoe School. **Barbara Bannar** said that she has contacted John Rice at Sierra-at-Tahoe about using that facility for the Board Retreat on August 11th. **Doug Forte** welcomed Ivone Larson. **Wendy David** let the public know that the Board evaluated Dr. Tarwater's performance over the past year and, on behalf of the Board, she commended him for his leadership, his management of the budget, his communication with the public regarding programs and academic achievement, and his administration of personnel systems.

D. Superintendent Report

Dr. Tarwater said that the proposed Joint Use Facility will be a win/win for the community. The Education Center has not been updated because money is needed at the school sites. A shared building with the City and the County will provide more efficient operations. The renovation of the track at STMS is slated to be completed in the summer of 2007 and will include an artificial turf field in the center for soccer. Dr. Tarwater welcomed Ivone Larson, stating that she will be a great asset to the District.

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Item 11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

A. Approve Resolution No, 2006/07-01, Intention to Dismiss Classified Employees

Beth Delacour told that Board that the reduction of 13.75 hours for a Cafeteria Assistant at Tahoe Valley, a Special Education Instructional Assistant at STHS and an Instructional Assistant for Kid Zone at the Magnet school are a result of retirements and the implementation of full-day kindergarten. She said that the elimination of these positions are subject to negotiations with California School Employees Association.

Mr. Forte made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2006/07-01 as submitted. Mrs. Bannar seconded the motion. Ayes: David/Bannar/Forte/Novasel. Noes: None. Absent: Swanson.

B. Approve New Courses of Study for South Tahoe High School

Dr. Tarwater explained that South Tahoe High School is requesting adoption of new Courses of Study due to the new 4 x 4 Block Schedule. He said that textbooks have been on display at the Education Center for thirty days. i. Creative Writing, The Truth About Fiction, Prentice Hall, ©) 2000; ii. Physics, Physics: Principles and Problems, Glencoe/McGraw-Hill, ©) 2005; iii. Athletic P.E, (no textbook); iv. Visual Art 1 (no textbook); v. Service Learning (no textbook).

Mr. Forte made a motion to approve the new courses of study as submitted. Mr. Forte seconded the motion. Ayes: David/Bannar/Forte/Novasel. Noes: None. Absent: Swanson.

C. Conflict of Interest Code Review for the Year 2006

Dr. Tarwater explained that Government Code 87306.5(a) (b) requires that all local agencies review their Conflict of Interest Code and submit a written statement to that effect to the code reviewing body, which is the Board of Supervisors, no later than October 1 of the same year to determine if it fits the District's needs..

Mrs. Bannar made a motion affirming that the current Conflict of Interest Code meets the needs of the District. Mrs. Novasel seconded the motion. Ayes: David/Bannar/Forte/Novasel. Noes: None. Absent: Swanson.

D. Approve Upgrades to South Tahoe High School Technology

i. Science Wing Project; ii. Network Infrastructure Upgrade

Dr. Tarwater said that the District has assessed the technology needs at each school site and will be presenting site-specific project-based equipment and software requests to the Board, funded through one-time monies, over the next three years. He said that the computer equipment and infrastructure at STHS is outdated and is recommended to be replaced. Jerry Carter, STHS teacher, attested that many of the computers are over ten years old. Dr. Tarwater shared a draft of an application form that he devised to allow schools to apply for one-time grant money that will become available in 2006/07, which will be approximately \$257,000 districtwide. Applicants will need to establish their goals and objectives, monitor and evaluate their program, and be committed to fully implementing the program. Board approval of the proposals will be required.

Mrs. Novasel made a motion to approve the upgrades to the STHS science wing and the network infrastructure as submitted. Mrs. Bannar seconded the motion. Ayes: David/Bannar/Forte/Novasel. Noes: None. Absent: Swanson.

E. Approve Amendment to Employment Contract for Dr. James R. Tarwater, Superintendent

Wendy David said that the Board conducted a very positive evaluation of the Superintendent's performance and recommended that the term of his employment contract be extended by one year to June 30, 2009.

Mr. Forte made a motion to extend Dr. Tarwater's employment contract by one year to June 30, 2009. Mrs. Novasel seconded the motion. Ayes: David/Bannar/Forte/Novasel. Noes: None. Absent: Swanson

F. Approve Revocable License with Experienced Based Learning, Inc. (EBL)

Dr. Tarwater explained that Sue Pritchett has operated the "Ropes Course" under Tahoe Adventure Learning Institute, Inc. (TALI) since 1996 and provides team-building activities to students, staff, and the public. She wishes to sell TALI to Steve Gustafson of Experience Based Learning, Inc.(EBL). Dr. Tarwater said that a five-year revocable licence has been negotiated with EBL which could generate \$50,000-\$65,000 per year.

Mrs. Novasel made a motion to approve the revocable license with EBL; Mr. Forte seconded the motion. Ayes: David/Bannar/Forte/Novasel. Noes: None. Absent: Swanson

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Item 12. CONSENT AGENDA

The Board approved the following items:

Payment Orders No. 2005/2006-15 and 2006/2007-01; Vocational Education Application for Funding – Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Grant; Contract for Employment for Administrative Personnel; and Board of Education Minutes for a Special Meeting of June 20, 2006 and the Regular Meeting of June 27, 2006

Mrs. Bannar made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted; Mr. Forte seconded the motion.

Ayes: David/Novasel/ Bannar/Forte. Noes: None. Absent: Swanson.

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

Wendy David adjourned the regular meeting to closed session again at 7:27 p.m. to continue discussions regarding negotiations and reconvened into regular session at 8:29 p.m. **No action was taken.**

Item 13. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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