



**LAKE TAHOE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF
AUGUST 15, 2006**

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1901 Airport Road, South Lake Tahoe, CA

1:30 p.m. Special Open Session

Board Members Present: Wendy David, Sue Novasel, Barbara Bannar, Angela Swanson, Doug Forte

Staff Members Present: James Tarwater, Angie Freeman, Debra Yates, Jackie Nelson

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 at 1:35 p.m. at the City Council Chambers by Wendy David.

ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ITEM 3. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC – No comments.

ITEM 4. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

A. Joint City Council / Lake Tahoe Unified School District Meeting Regarding Joint Government Center Facilities

Eric Tholen, AIA, of Harris & Associates presented a Joint Government Facility Land-Use Study which evaluated the viability of constructing a joint government facility on existing Lake Tahoe Unified School District land. He gave an overview of the findings, presented issues and concerns, and explained Options one through six. Option 6E, the last option, would be a new facility on an undeveloped area south of Al Tahoe Elementary School. This option would present no disruption to existing functions, would connect pedestrian and bicycle facilities, would be a walkable community (reducing VMTs), would have access to public transit, would optimize and complement adjacent uses, and would be a connection of education, recreation, and government. The estimated construction costs for Phase I – the Outdoor Community Sports Complex would be \$1.96 million. Phase II – a 50,000 square foot government facility would cost between \$20 and \$25 million depending on whether a basement would be included. The next steps for Phase I should be to secure funding, start the Outdoor Sports Complex, hold public hearings, and establish a Memorandum of Understanding.

Public Comment: **Bill Crawford** questioned the Board and the City Council as to how public input will be obtained and who will maintain the facilities. **Marjorie Springmeyer** recounted the history of her family's donation of land to the City and the County adjacent to the proposed project and expressed her displeasure at both agencies for past dealings with her family, particularly an agreement dated 4/4/72 in which the City and County gave cross-easements to each other. **Mike Berg** spoke in favor of the project, adding that local craftspeople should be put to work on it.

The City Council and the Board of Education members discussed the proposal and the need to identify current assets and financing for this venture. Dr. Tarwater explained the need to maximize the District's facilities and to take advantage of the funding that may be available in November for such a project. At the conclusion of discussion, both governing bodies acted on motions to adopt the study with its recommended option, 6E.2 and move forward with detailed project planning to include timelines, work plans, budgeting and financing activities. The plans would be prepared for Phase I, track renovation and Phase II, joint use government facility. **CITY COUNCIL VOTE: Kathay Lovell made a motion to conceptually approve Option 6E(2) and to direct staff to concurrently prepare a timeline and work program and to look for financing through grants and bonds. John Upton seconded the motion. Ayes: Long/Upton/Cole/Lovell/Weber. Noes: None. BOARD OF EDUCATION VOTE: Sue Novasel made a motion that the board of education direct staff to work with city staff to concurrently prepare a timeline and work program and to look for financing through grants and bonds. Angela Swanson seconded the motion. Ayes: Bannar/David/Forte/Novasel/ Swanson. Noes. None**

ITEM 5. ADJOURN

Mrs. David adjourned the special meeting at 3:23 p.m.

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