



**LAKE TAHOE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 10, 2006**

EDUCATION CENTER BOARD ROOM
1021 Al Tahoe Boulevard, South Lake Tahoe, CA
SOUTH TAHOE MIDDLE SCHOOL MPR
2940 Lake Tahoe Boulevard, South Lake Tahoe, CA

5:00 PM - REGULAR CLOSED SESSION

600 PM - REGULAR OPEN SESSION

Board Members / Reps.	Staff Members Present		Guests Present
Barbara Bannar Doug Forte Angela Swanson Wendy David Absent: Sue Novasel Student Rep: Ashley Rumble	Dr. James Tarwater Beth Delacour Angie Freeman Steve Morales Debra Yates Jim Watson Mark Romagnolo Karen Gillis Tinlin Ivone Larson Jackie Nelson	Steve Hayward Charna Silver Michelle Reilly	Lauri Kemper Karen Houser

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 5:03 p.m. at the Education Center Board Room.

Items 2-4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION/ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION/ RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Wendy David announced the items to be discussed in closed session, adjourned the regular meeting to closed session again at 5:03 p.m. and reconvened to open session at 6:14 p.m. at South Tahoe Middle School Multi-Purpose Room.

Item 5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Item 6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

Beth Delacour submitted a revised personnel order.

A. Personnel Order No. 2006/07-06 (Government Code 54957)

- i. *Hire:* Teachers, Substitute Teachers, Instructional Assistant, and School Office Assistant.
- ii. *Approve Promotion:* Senior Accounting Assistant and IT Support Supervisor
- iii. *Accept Resignation:* Teacher and Instructional Assistant.

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

B. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Government Code 54957.6)

Dr. James Tarwater, Superintendent, Beth Delacour, Director of Human Resources, and Debra Yates, CFO, 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

Lauri Kemper, parent of a senior and chairperson of the Health Committee encouraged the Board to do what it takes to take care of teachers.

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Item 9. ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND REPORTS

A. Pupil Textbook and Instructional Materials Sufficiency

Dr. Tarwater stated that the Williams Settlement requires that the Board of Education submit a Resolution to the State determining that there are sufficient pupil textbooks and instructional material for the 2006/2007 school year. Wendy David opened the Public Hearing at 6:18 p.m. and hearing no comments, she closed the Public Hearing at 6:18 p.m.

B. Approve Resolution No. 2006/07-07, Pupil Textbook & Instructional Materials Sufficiency

The Board held a public hearing on the sufficiency of textbooks and instructional materials. **Ms. Swanson made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2006/07-07 affirming the District's position. Mrs. Bannar seconded the motion. Ayes: David/Bannar/Forte/Swanson. Noes: None. Absent: Novasel.**

Item 10. ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND REPORTS

A. Report on the Season for Nonviolence

Rosemary Manning was to have given a report on the *Season for Nonviolence*, a national grassroots campaign dedicated to demonstrating that nonviolence is a powerful way to heal, transform, and empower our lives and our communities, but she had a family emergency and could not attend.

Public Comment: Lauri Kemper voiced her support of Resolution No. 2006/07-08 on the Consent Agenda proclaiming January 30th to April 4th as a Season for Nonviolence.

B. Report on Education Technology K-12 Voucher Program

Dr. Tarwater updated the Board on the new developments regarding the Microsoft ® Settlement money that the District anticipates receiving. Originally, the amount expected was \$98-150 per student, but now it appears to be only \$50 per student. Fifty percent must be spent on "general purpose" items (hardware, training, support, etc.) and the other fifty percent must be spent on mainly Microsoft software. Dr. Tarwater told the Board that the plans that were approved at the last Board Meeting, along with two new plans on this agenda will be revised to meet the requirements. The funding may amount to approximately \$200,000.

C. Report on Facilities

Steve Morales reported on the status of the dome, a structure at Tahoe Valley slated for removal. He said that, after some asbestos abatement work, the building will be removed the first week of November and the foundation will be removed by May 1st. Mr. Morales also reported on three relocatable classrooms that were moved from Meyers to Bijou. Two of the classrooms suffered extensive water damage from roof leaks when they were mothballed at the Meyers site. These two classrooms underwent major renovations and air quality tests to ensure that the classrooms are safe. Mr. Morales indicated that the reports show lower amounts of mold spores in interior air samples than exterior air samples, and he assured the Board that the classroom environment is safe.

Public Comment: Charna Silver asked for a copy of the report and requested that the classrooms be tested at regular intervals. Dr. Tarwater agreed to have on-going air quality assessments in the Bijou portables to ensure the continued safety of staff and students.

D. Student Representative Report

Ashley Rumble reported on some of the comments that came out of the first SPAT (Student Principal Action Team) meeting, the Campus Clean Up, Penny Wars, and the ALLY Dance on October 27.

E. Board of Education Report

Doug Forte said that he attended Back-to-School nights at the Middle School and Tahoe Valley and things looked good. He was a judge at the Walk-a-Thon at Sierra House on September 29th and it brought back a lot of good memories. The winners were the fifth graders, Niall McGuinness, and Diane Martin's classes. **Angela Swanson** said that there was tremendous spirit at the Walk-a-thon and staff and parents were in a great mood. Back-to-School nights were wonderful and she was impressed with the large turnout at the Middle School – it was one of the best-attended in a long time as the home/school connection is strengthened.

Wendy David enjoyed the Kid-a-thon at STMS, particularly the Hiphopping in 110 degrees heat. She reported that Jansport, a backpack manufacturer, recently conducted a photo shoot at the High School and donated \$2500 to the Lake Tahoe Educational Foundation.

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

F. Superintendent Report

Dr. Tarwater asked Jim Watson to brief the Board on the comments that were made by participants of the Leadership Lake Tahoe class following a tour of South Tahoe Middle School, South Tahoe High School, and the Environmental Science Magnet School last week. Overall, they were very impressed with our schools and found the students to be articulate, engaged, and interacting well in their environments. However, they would like to see more diversity at the Magnet School and more security at the High School.

Item 11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

A. Approve Transition Application to the State Department of Education Changing the 21st Century CCLC Funding to the After School Education and Safety Program (ASES)

Karen Houser, Director of the Boys & Girls Club reviewed the current funding of the Club and explained that new grants are available for after school programs. With the Passage of Proposition 49, \$500,000,000 is available throughout the State. She asked the Board to approve an application which transitions the current 21st Century Grant to ASES (After School Education and Safety) with the District as fiscal agent and the Boys & Girls Club as the contracting agent. This is a requirement of receiving over \$300,000 in funding. A discussion ensued regarding the fiscal impact on the District and a 33% in-kind match by the District. **Mrs. Bannar made a motion to approve the Transition Application. Mr. Forte seconded the motion. Ayes: David/Bannar/Forte/Swanson. Noes: None. Absent: Novasel.**

B. Approve the Middle and High School Supplemental Counseling Program

Dr. Tarwater explained that AB 1802 provides funding to middle and high schools to supplement their current counseling program. The funding level may be \$60-80 per student based on the 05/06 CBEDS counts. The District plans to hire two counselors to supplement the current counseling programs at STHS and STMS. The program requires that counselors conduct individual student/family conferences and explain options for future success in graduating, passing the California High School Exit Exam, etc. **Mr. Forte r made a motion to approve the Supplemental Counseling Program. Ms. Swanson seconded the motion. Ayes: David/Bannar/Forte/Swanson. Noes: None. Absent: Novasel.**

C. Approve Resolution No. 2006/2007-09 in Support of the November 2006 School Bond.

Angela Swanson, an expert in the area of school construction explained why it is important for the Board to make a formal declaration of the District's support of the passage of Proposition 1D – the Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2006. If this measure passes, the State could issue \$10.4 million in general obligation bonds for repairing and upgrading public schools. It would provide a refund of nearly \$1 million to LTUSD for modernization work done at STMS and other funding for career vocation and technical facilities at STHS, teacher training rooms, and money for the STMS Track. It would also create jobs in the construction field. If the measure fails, another chance for a bond measure may not be until June, 2008. **Ms. Swanson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2006/2007-09. Mrs. Bannar seconded the motion. Ayes: David/Bannar/ Forte/Swanson. Noes: None. Absent: Novasel.**

D. Certification of Provision of Standards-Aligned Instructional Materials

Dr. Tarwater explained that this item is merely a certification of Resolution 2006/07-07 Pupil Textbook and Instructional Materials Sufficiency, which allows the District to use the Instructional Materials Fund for something beyond core textbooks.

Mrs. Bannar made a motion to certify the provision of standards-aligned instructional materials; Ms. Swanson seconded the motion. Ayes: David/Bannar/ Forte/Swanson. Noes: None. Absent: Novasel.

E. Approve Purchase of Relocatable Classrooms Through State Phase Out Plan

Steve Morales explained that two of the District's leased Middle School portable classrooms are being offered for purchase through the State Phase Out Plan. They are valued at \$4,000 and are currently lease for \$4,000 per year each. He recommended that the Board purchase the classrooms as it would cost too much to refurbish them to a condition that the State would deem acceptable for return.

Mr. Forte made a motion to approve the purchase of the relocatable classrooms. Ms. Swanson seconded the motion. Ayes: David/Bannar/ Forte/Swanson. Noes: None. Absent: Novasel.

Item 11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION (CONTINUED)

F. Approve Use of Facilities Forms and Process

Debra Yates explained that information has been collected from many districts to come up with a new set of forms and a process for the use of District facilities. This was done to provide continuity and clarify fee charges to users of District facilities as determined to be other than District or school-sponsored events. A discussion ensued regarding the use and income of the grassy area and parking lot at STMS for craft fairs.

Ms. Swanson made a motion to approve the use of facilities forms and process. Mrs. Bannar seconded the motion. Ayes: David/Bannar/ Forte/Swanson. Noes: None. Absent: Novasel.

G. Approve Applications for Self-funded One-time Money for Innovative Programs

Dr. Tarwater explained that the District will receive one-time monies, in the form of a \$241,752 block grant, from the State for innovative programs to enhance academic performance. Schools have submitted applications which have been approved by the Leadership Team. Each school will receive approximately \$40,000. Jackie Nelson explained South Tahoe Middle School's proposal – Using Technology to Enhance Student Achievement (\$40,200); Mark Romagnolo explained Tahoe Valley's Five-component Innovative Plan (\$41,100); and Ivone Larson explained South Tahoe High School's Freshmen Support Systems (\$40,000).

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

H. Approve Applications for One-Time Ed Tech K-12 Voucher Program

Dr. Tarwater said that the District will receive one-time funding from an anti-trust settlement with Microsoft through the Ed Tech K-12 Voucher Program. It was originally reported that the sum would be \$98-150 per student, but has been revised to \$50 per student. Additionally, expenditures will be limited to fifty percent for hardware and fifty percent for software, primarily Microsoft software. Two applications were submitted for use of these funds Enhancing Education Through Technology from Tahoe Valley in the amount of \$13,916 and Technology Support for Language Arts/English Language Development Departments from South Tahoe Middle School in the amount of \$41,260.

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

Item 12. CONSENT AGENDA

The Board approved the following items:

Payment Order No. 2006/2007-05; *Resolution No. 2006/2007-06*, Declaration of Surplus Property and *Resolution No. 2006/2007-08*, Proclamation – A Season for Nonviolence; the Williams Quarterly Report through September 2006; a donation of concert equipment from Karen Barstow; and minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 26, 2006.

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

Items 13-14. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION/ RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Wendy David announced that the Board will reconvene to closed session to continue their discussions on negotiations, adjourned the regular meeting to closed session again at 8:18 p.m. and reconvened to open session at 9:34 p.m.

Item 14 ACTION ON ITEMS FROM CLOSED SESSION (Government Code Section 54954.5)

A. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Government Code 54957.6)

Dr. James Tarwater, Superintendent and Beth Delacour, Director of Human Resources, Debra Yates, CFO, and Terri Ryland, CPA Consultant, continued to conference with the Board regarding negotiations with South Tahoe Educators Association (STEA) and California School Employees Association (CSEA). **No action was taken.**

Item 15. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

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