



**LAKE TAHOE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 23, 2007**

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

600 PM - REGULAR OPEN SESSION  
5:00 PM - REGULAR CLOSED SESSION

Board Members / Reps.	Staff Members Present		Guests Present
Barbara Bannar Angela Swanson Sue Novasel Wendy David Ashley Rumble, Rep. <b>Absent:</b> Doug Forte	Dr. James Tarwater Beth Delacour Debra Yates Angie Freeman Jim Watson Mark Romagnolo	Gene Matteucci Steve Hayward Jackie Nelson Karen Gillis-Tinlin Steve Morales	Cory Ritchie Dr. Liz Muckerman Dr. Allison Monroe Karen Fink Silke Rover

**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 Barbara Bannar at 5:07 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**

Barbara Bannar announced the items to be discussed in closed session, adjourned the regular meeting to closed session at 5:08p.m. and reconvened to open session at 6:06 p.m.

**Item 5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

**Item 6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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

**A. Personnel Order No. 2006-07-11 (Government Code 54957)**

- i. Hire:* substitute teachers
- ii. Accept Change of Status:* teacher from temp/provisional to prob 0/provisional.

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

**B. Discipline (Education Code 35146 and Government Code 54950)**

- i. Recommendation for Suspended Expulsion No. 2006/07-04*  
The student was under the influence of marijuana at STHS; the second drug-related offense and **will be placed on a suspended expulsion under strict conditions.**
- ii. Recommendation for Expulsion No. 2006/07-06*  
The student was selling Clonazepam, a controlled substance, at STHS on 12/14/06 and had previously been expelled from STMS for exceeding the maximum number of days of suspension. The student had been readmitted on a suspended expulsion on 11/28/06. **The student will be expelled again until January 2008.**
- iii. Recommendation for Suspended Expulsion No. 2006/07-07*  
The student drank alcohol at STHS; the second alcohol-related offense and **will be placed on a suspended expulsion under strict conditions.**
- iv. Readmission After Expulsion No. 2005/06-10*  
The student was expelled on 12/6/05 for being involved in a physical altercation with another student and brandishing a knife on the school bus. The student has met all conditions of expulsion and is allowed to return to STHS.

**C. Superintendent Evaluation**

The Board conducted their mid-year evaluation of the Superintendent. **No action was taken.**

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**Item 8. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC**

**Silke Rover**, a mother of three pre-school children, told the Board that a Two-Way Bilingual Immersion (TWI) program in South Lake Tahoe would be a reason for her and her family to remain in Tahoe instead of relocating to San Francisco, where they own a home. **Dr. Alison Monroe**, a mother of two pre-school children who also supports the TWI program, said that children are very open to learning new languages and are accepting of other cultures and ideas at an early age. **Dr. Liz Muckerman** also supported the TWI proposal and urged the Board to go ahead with it in 2007. **Karen Fink** said that a TWI program would be a huge service to the community. **Gene Matteucci** invited Board members to a spaghetti feed on February 2<sup>nd</sup> to support the fourth grade field trip to Sutter's Fort. **Cory Ritchie**, a resident of Nevada and parent of two children, recapped her visit to a TWI program in Kings Beach, which obviously impressed her greatly.

**Item 9. ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND REPORTS**

**A. Student Representative Report**

Ashley Rumble reported that the drama department production "Crazy for You" will be playing Feb. 8-10. Winter Formal preparations are under way. Seniors are busy with FAFSA and scholarship applications. Blue Zoo is still cheering at games.

**B. Board of Education Report**

**Wendy David** presented a plaque to Barbara Bannar which was bestowed by the El Dorado County School Boards Association for her completion of CSBA's Masters in Governance program. Mrs. David noted that Mrs. Bannar undertook this at her own expense and said it would be nice if the District could afford to send other Board members. She also said that Lake Tahoe Educational Foundation also received an award for making a notable contribution to education in stepping up to help when CSR was lost due to budget cuts. **Sue Novasel** congratulated Barbara Bannar and the Ed. Foundation. She attended the Funding Committee meeting with Dr. Tarwater and said that it is a great organization and they will stay involved. She continues to meet with Kathay Lovell and Norma Santiago to discuss a joint use project. **Angela Swanson** will visit Kings Beach Elementary School to see the TWI program and she has been hearing from others across the State who are experienced in the program.

**C. Superintendent Report**

Dr. Tarwater deferred to **Debra Yates** on his report and she gave the Board an update on what to expect from the Governor's 2007/2008 budget, which provides full funding for the statutory COLA, estimated at 4.04%, yielding a per-pupil revenue limit increase of \$225. Special Education's effective inflationary increase will only be 2.8% though. Ms. Yates said that it is not so good for the following two years, however (2.7% and 2.5% respectively) so she will have to go back and fine tune her multi-year projections. Most categorical programs will be reduced for declining enrollment, but ongoing new dollars for EIA, counselors, arts & music, and CAHSEE will continue. Dr. Tarwater added comments regarding the Quality Education Investment Act and money for a preschool program at Bijou.

**Item 10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

**A. Accept Independent Auditor's Report for the Year Ending June 30, 2006**

David Becker from Perry Smith LLP presented an overview of the audit of the District's financial records to the Board. There was a total net increase in fund balance of \$1,082,26, ending the year with \$2.2 million in fund balance, which will be needed to help cover the decline in enrollment over the next five years. No material weaknesses were identified and no noncompliance material to the financial statements was noted. Mr. Becker said that there was good internal control over programs and a qualified report has been issued on compliance for Federal and State programs. A discussion ensued regarding ASB (Associated Student Body) account and Debra Yates explained the reforms that have been instituted in that area, providing the Board with a draft of a new handbook which she has developed to help schools handle ASB funds. She intends to bring a revised Board Policy regarding fund raisers to the Board in February for their consideration.

**Mrs. Novasel made a motion to accept the Auditor's Report as submitted; Mrs. David seconded the motion. Ayes: David/ Bannar/Novasel/Swanson. Absent: Forte. Noes: None.**

**Item 10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION** (continued)

**B. Request for Approval to Solicit Bids for the Renovation of the South Tahoe Middle School Track and Soccer Field to Develop a Youth Sports Complex as a Joint Project by the Lake Tahoe Unified School District, the City of South Lake Tahoe, El Dorado County, Big George Ventures and the Community**

Landscape Architect, Brett Long, presented the scope of the project, the proposed timeline and the cost factors of the project. He showed some revised architectural renderings and explained some drainage and coverage issues, saying that he is ready to submit the plans to TRPA in the next couple of days. Dr. Tarwater explained how the Community Youth Sports Complex will be funded, through District and City funds, along with donations – cash, in-kind, and volunteer labor. He also explained the scope of the first phase of this project, which is anticipated to be completed by August 2007, adding that he will know more about the actual costs when the bids are in. There may still be a possibility to secure a \$100,000 tire recycling grant which was written by El Dorado County and Norma Santiago is presenting a resolution to the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors to support a commitment of \$200,000. A Special Board meeting will be needed at the end of February to award the bids. Karin Holmes thanked the Board and Dr. Tarwater for getting this project off the ground, as she and TR4CK have been trying to raise funds for several years and will be contributing \$50,000 to the project. **Mrs. Novasel made a motion to approve the Director of Facilities to solicit bids for the project; Ms. Swanson seconded the motion. Ayes: David/ Bannar/Novasel/Swanson. Absent: Forte. Noes: None.**

**C. Approve Procedures and Timeline for Provisional Appointment of School Board Member (Education Code 5091 et. seq.)**

Dr. Tarwater explained that board Member, Doug Forte, will be resigning from the Board of Education effective midnight of February 13, 2007. He led the Board in a discussion regarding procedures and a time line for selecting a provisional appointee who shall hold office until the next regularly scheduled election in November. After a debate on the procedures, the four members present agreed that interviews will be held at the March 13, 2007 Board Meeting commencing at 4 p.m. and each candidate will have fifteen minutes. All questions should be directed to the Superintendent so that all candidates receive the same information. Information will be sent to each person who has shown interest in the appointment. **Mrs. David made a motion to approve procedures, time line, and appointment of a School Board member on a provisional basis; Ms. Swanson seconded the motion. Ayes: David/ Bannar/Novasel/Swanson. Absent: Forte. Noes: None.**

Barbara Bannar called a ten-minute recess at 7:57 p.m. and resumed the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

**D. Board Self-Evaluation**

Barbara Bannar explained the purpose of a Board self-evaluation and said that members had used a self-assessment tool provided by California School Boards Association to see if there are any divergent opinions and to determine what areas they want to focus on to create an even better Board. Several notations were made during the course of the discussion: 1) an annual self-evaluation will be held in January each year; 2) copies of all Board Policies will be made for each member so that they can verse themselves more thoroughly in the policies; 3) a schedule to monitor new programs periodically to evaluate their effectiveness is desired; 4) more study sessions on issues such as career tech, gangs, 4 x 4 schedule, etc. should be scheduled; 5) a joint meeting with the Leadership Team should be arranged; and 6) restoration of some of the Board's professional budget so that they increase their knowledge. **No action was taken.**

**Item 11. CONSENT AGENDA**

*The Board approved the following items:*

*Payment Order No. 2006/07-11; Internship Credential Program Agreement with National University; Amendment to Sheakley Flexible Benefits Plan; nine donations, including \$250,000 from Ray Sidney of Big George Ventures in support of the Community Youth Sports Complex; and minutes of January 9, 2007. Mrs. Novasel made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted; Ms. Swanson seconded the motion. Ayes: David/ Bannar/Novasel/Swanson. Absent: Forte. Noes: None*

**Item 12. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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