



**LAKE TAHOE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF  
MARCH 1, 2007**

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

6:00 p.m. Special Open Session

Board Members Present	Staff Members Present		Guests Present
Wendy David Sue Novasel Barbara Bannar Angela Swanson	James Tarwater Angie Freeman Beth Delacour Deb Yates Jim Watson Mark Romagnolo	Jackie Nelson Ivone Larson Mike Patterson Karin Holmes	Hal Cole Carol Haase-Hug El Hug Karin Holmes Brett Long Karen Houser

**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 6:00 p.m. at the Education Center Board Room by Barbara Bannar.

**ITEM 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

**ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**ITEM 4. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC**

No comments.

**ITEM 5. ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND REPORTS**

- A. **Report on Contributions to the Community Youth Sports Complex Project**  
Dr. Tarwater updated the Board on the contributions that have been received to date for this project, including the recent \$100,000 commitment from Park Cattle Co. and a \$100,000 grant from California Integrated Waste Management. Brett Long, landscape architect on the project, explained the materials that will be used in the project, and the permitting process. Work on the project is anticipated to start by May 1<sup>st</sup> as community members who will be donating time and materials for demolition and disposal will need time prior to building season to assist with this work.
  
- B. **Report on Physical Education Testing Results**  
Dr. Tarwater explained the 2005/06 PE Testing Results for grades five, seven, and nine, which encompasses aerobic capacity, body composition, abdominal strength, trunk extension strength, upper body strength, and flexibility. He said that "overall we're pretty much average and there are areas we need to work on".
  
- C. **Board of Education Report**  
**Wendy David** reported that the Lake Tahoe Educational Foundation has appointed Brooke Laine as Executive Director and they are looking at raising major funds for bigger projects, following their success with Class Size Reduction. The annual "Our Community, Our Schools" fund raiser is April 20<sup>th</sup>. On March 29<sup>th</sup> there is a lunch honoring Champions for Children, sponsored by the Child Abuse Prevention Council. The CASA Box Lunch fund raiser is April 4<sup>th</sup>.  
**Angela Swanson** is serving on the 56-Acre Committee and her daughter is a Weather Kid this week.  
**Sue Novasel** said that the Soroptimists are interested in helping with funding for a performing arts center with a 500-seat auditorium as a six to ten-year project if one were to be proposed.  
**Barbara Bannar** said that she appreciates all of the work that Board members do in interacting with various community organizations.

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**ITEM 5. ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND REPORTS (continued)**

**D. Superintendent Report**

Dr. Tarwater said that calling snow days before the 6 pm news the day before has worked well with the recent snow days on February 26 and 27. He asked Ivone Larson to update the Board on today's meeting – the South Tahoe Youth Task Force. This is an ongoing committee comprised of school personnel, law enforcement, non-profit, and community groups to address current social issues facing students. Dr. Tarwater asked Mark Romagnolo, coordinator of early childhood education programs, to update the Board on AB172 funding and the plans to implement a pre-school class at Tahoe Valley school serving students from the Bijou attendance area. Sue O'Connor, Karen Tinlin, Steve Hayward and Dr. Tarwater attended a conference regarding new funding available for Bijou school from the settlement between the State and CTA (California Teachers Association). QEIA (Quality Education Investment Act) will provide approximately \$330,000 for seven years to improve the low performing school.

**ITEM 6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

**A. Adopt of Resolution 2006/2007-15, Resolution of Intention to Dismiss Certificated Employees**

Dr. Tarwater reviewed enrollment numbers and explained how he determined the anticipated enrollment and staffing needs for the next school year. He said that a survey of parents indicates that 96% of students will return in the fall. He recommended that the Board discontinue or reduce 4.004 FTE certificated employees engaged in particular kinds of services for the 2007/2008 school year due.

**Ms. Swanson made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2006/07-15; Mrs. Novasel seconded the motion. Ayes: David/Bannar/Novasel/Swanson. Noes: None.**

**B. Approve Single School Plans for Student Achievement**

Each school that operates programs funded through the Consolidated Application must develop a Single School Plan for Pupil Achievement as required by Education Code 65001.

*i. South Tahoe High School*

A discussion revolved around page 34 of the plan which indicated that the percentage of students meeting a-g requirements has fallen from 49% in 2000 to 21% in 2005. Ivone Larson and the Board are very concerned and she said that a very careful study needs to be conducted to verify if this is correct and if so, how to address it.

*ii. Lake Tahoe Environmental Science Magnet School*

Dr. Tarwater said that more work will be done involving the environment as they progress toward becoming a "green school". The goal is to be able to generate their own electricity, have a garden and hothouse, and hire a science coordinator.

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

**ITEM 7. CONSENT AGENDA**

The Board accepted donations from Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Bannar, the Optimist Club, Jackie Nelson & Bob Comlossy, El Dorado County Employees Association Local #1, and Angie Freeman and Barry Keil for the Community Youth Sports Complex.

**ITEM 6. ADJOURN**

Mrs. David adjourned the special meeting at 7:10p.m.

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