



**LAKE TAHOE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 8, 2007**

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

6:00 PM - REGULAR OPEN SESSION
5:00 PM - REGULAR CLOSED SESSION

Board Members / Reps.	Staff Members Present		Guests Present	
Angela Swanson Sue Novasel Wendy David Absent: Hal Cole Barbara Bannar Student Rep: Ashley Rumble	Dr. James Tarwater Debra Yates Angie Freeman Ivone Larson Mark Romagnolo Karen Gillis-Tinlin Jim Watson Jackie Nelson Sue O'Connor Steve Morales Sandy Bobman Tamara Allen Michelle Reilly Janna Gard	Joel Damerall Rhonda Vandeußen Pat Harnett Bob Grant Nancy Muller Linda Wysong Pam Fritz Judy Schwartz Jody Dayberry Nancy Dalton Mitch Delacour Amy Jackson Susan Baker Bridey Heidel	Rachael Higginbotham Alexis Smith Clara Stewart Rachael Caglia Chris Peterson Samuel Bray Garrett Singer Casey Dixon Nick Pillsbury Jason Reum Jessica Uibel	Harry Segal Beth ?? John Dalton Annette Lilly Austin Zaccor Mark Lilly Megan Cecil Jeanie Cerceo Eddie Garza Karen Jaimes Armando Llamas Robyn Uibel Lauri Kemper

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 Sue Novasel at 5:02 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

Mrs. Novasel announced the items to be discussed in closed session. She adjourned the regular meeting to closed session at 5:03 p.m. and reconvened to open session at 6:10 p.m.

Item 5. ACTION ON ITEMS FROM CLOSED SESSION (Government Code Section 54954.5)

A. Personnel Order No. 2006-07-17 (Government Code 54957)

- i. *Hire:* teachers and summer school teachers.
- ii. *Accept Resignation:* teacher, coaches, and retired annuitant.
- iii. *Accept Retirement:* custodian.

Ms. Swanson made a motion to approve Personnel Order No. 2006/07-17; Mrs. David seconded the motion. Ayes: David/Swanson/Novasel. Absent: Bannar/Cole. Noes: None

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

Mrs. David made a motion to approve the following recommendation as submitted; Ms. Swanson seconded the motion. Ayes: David/Swanson/Novasel. Absent: Bannar/Cole. Noes: None

- i. *Recommendation for Expulsion No. 2006/07-10*
The student was drinking alcohol before school on two occasions and **is expelled** as other interventions have failed.
- ii. *2006/2007 Discipline Report.*
The Board reviewed the report. **No action was taken.**

C. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Government Code 54957.6)

Dr. James Tarwater, Superintendent 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 6. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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Item 7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs. Novasel asked that Items 11. B iv. and v. PE Teacher Incentive Grant and School Garden Grant, respectively, be pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion and separate action. **Mrs. David made a motion to approve the agenda as amended; Ms. Swanson seconded the motion. Ayes: David/Swanson/Novasel. Absent: Bannar/Cole. Noes: None**

Item 8. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

No comments.

Item 9. ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND REPORTS

A. Report by South Tahoe Middle School Student Representatives

South Tahoe Middle School Leadership Students Rachael Higginbotham, Alexis Smith, Clara Stewart, Rachael Caglia, Chris Peterson, Samuel Bray, Garrett Singer, Casey Dixon, Nick Pillsbury, Jason Reum, and Jessica Uibel told the Board about current Leadership Activities. Many of them recently attended a CASL (California Association of Student Leaders) conference in San Diego, where their teacher, Suzy Krzaczek, received a national student leader award.

B. Report on Modifications to the 4 x 4 Block Schedule for the 2007/2008 School Year

Public Comment: **Jeanie Cerceo urged** the Board not to accept the modifications that Mrs. Larson is presenting as there is a lot more work to do. **Harry Segal** said that he would like to see the recommendations go before the School Site Council before the Board adopts them.

The Board has received several reports over the past few weeks regarding the issues surrounding the 4 x 4 block schedule which was implemented at STHS last September. Principal, Ivone Larson, has been meeting with staff, parents, and students, using a consensus process for decision-making to ensure a systematic approach to resolving the issues. She brought a list of thirty-two recommendations to the Board for their consideration and explained some of them in detail. Angela Swanson does not feel that there is a concrete plan to modify the schedule and Sue Novasel would like to see a more student-centered plan for all students, not just the AP students. The Board directed Mrs. Larson to bring back the school's final recommendations at the May 22nd Board Meeting. Mrs. Larson said that she needs to move along with the master schedule for next year. **No action was taken.**

C. Report on Alternative Education Programs in the Lake Tahoe Unified School District

Susan Baker thanked the Board for their support in the past which has led to new alternative programs that offer more choices to families with educational needs that do not fit the standard K-12 public education model. Mitch Delacour, Susan Baker, and Amy Jackson reported on the progress of some of these programs and students from each program told the Board what that program means to them. The Board heard from students in the Independent Learning Academy (ILA), CARE II, Mt. Tallac, and the Young Parents Program. Mr. Delacour invited the Board to an Open House at the ILA on May 24th.

D. Report by South Tahoe High School Student Representative

Ashley Rumble updated the Board on the dates and times of upcoming events. Mr. Viking is this Friday, POPS Concert is June 12-13, Senior Awards Night is June 7, Airband is June 8, and Prom is June 9. The National Honor Society is holding a Geography Bee on June 8th at Tahoe Valley for fourth and fifth graders. Ashley also recapped the recent sports results. Ashley said that judges are still needed for Senior Project.

E. Board of Education Report

Wendy David asked for help in finding another fifty judges for Senior Project. They need two hundred judges this year as all presentations will be made on one day instead of two. **Angela Swanson** thanked Dr. Tarwater for the great Ground Breaking event last week and said it was a great opportunity to appropriately thank the dozens of people, agencies, and businesses who are making the Sports Complex a reality. She is working with the staff at STHS on a Career Tech program and facility, and will accompany Ivone Larson, Marilyn Pawling, and Mike Patterson to Stockton this week to see a similar program there. **Sue Novasel** also thanked Dr. Tarwater and Steve Morales for the Ground Breaking event. She complimented Bridey Heidel on her Prom Dress Exchange and congratulated the Golf Team and other sports teams on their successful season.

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Item 9. ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND REPORTS (continued)

F. Superintendent Report

Dr. Tarwater deferred to Steve Morales, who said that the Sports Complex is off to a great start. He acknowledged several people who are instrumental in getting the project off to such a great start by donating their time, equipment, manpower, materials, and gasoline: Jim Ferguson (Ferguson Construction); Steve Harding (Tahoe Sand & Gravel); Ron Fuller (Fuller Construction); Greg Herback; South Tahoe Refuse; Gary Schnakenberg (GS Concepts); the City; the County; and the California Conservation Corps. In addition to that project, the gymnasium at South Tahoe Middle School is also undergoing modernization and it should be complete by August 19th. Dr. Tarwater added that donations are pouring in for the Track.

Item 10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

A. Recommendation to Schedule a Minimum Day for South Tahoe High School on 6/15/07

Dr. Tarwater explained that graduation Day is scheduled for June 15, 2007 as a regular school day. To facilitate the graduation ceremony and family schedules, it was requested that it be changed to a minimum day.

Mrs. David made a motion to approve recommendation to schedule a minimum day for South Tahoe High School on June 15, 2007; Ms. Swanson seconded the motion. Ayes: David/Swanson/Novasel. Absent: Bannar/Cole. Noes: None

B. Proposed Pilot for Collaboration Time at Bijou Community School and South Tahoe Middle Schools

Dr. Tarwater explained that, because of the No Child Left Behind Act, the District must identify corrective actions for the two schools that have not made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). Both Bijou Community School and South Tahoe Middle School are in Year 3 of PI (Program Improvement) and a proposal that will allow teacher collaboration time through a "Modified Wednesday" for the 2007/08 school year was extensively discussed. The proposal calls for an early release schedule on Wednesdays to allow teachers to talk about how they will support their students more effectively and what interventions they can use to raise the achievement level at the schools. Schools currently have "data meetings" to analyze the students' test scores individually, but they do not have time to collaborate on a regular basis, which research has shown, focuses the instruction and improves learning. Both schools will be released one hour early, except for grades 4-5, which will employ substitute teachers to accommodate the collaboration time. The District will still meet or exceed its minimum instructional minute requirement. **Ms. Swanson made a motion to approve the pilot for collaboration time at Bijou Community School and STMS for the 2007/08 school year; Mrs. David seconded the motion.**

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

C. Approve Resolutions

- i. Resolution No. 2006/07-19, To Grant Another Designated Period for Two Years Additional Service Credit. Dr. Tarwater explained that classified employees are offered a "golden handshake" every five years for eligible CSEA employees. Under this resolution, employees who retire during the period 10/1/07 through 12/31/07 will receive two additional years of service credit. The District will save \$140,000 if all twenty-one employees who have expressed an interest in retiring, actually retire. **Mrs. David made a motion to approve the resolution; Ms. Swanson seconded the motion. Ayes: David/Swanson/Novasel. Absent: Bannar/Cole. Noes: None**

Item 11. CONSENT AGENDA

The Board approved the following items:

Payment Order # 2006/07-16; grant applications for two Career Technical Education programs and a dental program; Quarterly Investment Portfolio Report for 3/31/07, 24 donations totaling \$32,650; and Board of Education Minutes for 4/24/07. **Ms. Swanson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended; Mrs. David seconded the motion. Ayes: David/Swanson/Novasel. Absent: Bannar/Cole. Noes: None**

Item 11.B. iv. Physical Education Teacher Incentive Grant

Sue Novasel asked Dr. Tarwater if the PE grant that the District is applying for will provide ongoing money. He said that this will allow the District to do a full 200 minute program and covers 40% of the position depending on who he hire. The District is responsible for the balance and it is anticipated to be ongoing money. **Ms. Swanson made a motion to approve the grant application; Mrs. David seconded the motion. Ayes: David/Swanson/Novasel. Absent: Bannar/Cole. Noes: None.**

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Item 11. CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

Item 11.B. v. Non-competitive California Instructional School Garden Grant

Sue Novasel asked Dr. Tarwater why the High School was applying for money for conferences and not supplies like other schools. The High School is in fact applying for \$5000 for equipment and supplies; Mt. Tallac is applying for \$2500 for conference expenses. **Mrs. David made a motion to approve the grant application; Ms. Swanson seconded the motion. Ayes: David/Swanson/Novasel. Absent: Bannar/Cole. Noes: None**

Item 12. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

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