



**LAKE TAHOE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 22, 2007**

SOUTH TAHOE HIGH SCHOOL

1735 Lake Tahoe Boulevard
EDUCATION CENTER BOARD ROOM
1021 Al Tahoe Boulevard, South Lake Tahoe, CA

12:40 and 5:00 PM - REGULAR OPEN SESSION

7:00 PM - REGULAR CLOSED SESSION

Board Members / Reps.	Staff Members Present		Guests Present
Barbara Bannar Angela Swanson Sue Novasel Wendy David Absent: Hal Cole 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 Michelle Reilly Janna Gard	Joel Damerall Bob Grant Sandy Pritchett Carla Zezula Aaron Marnett Steve Hayward Don Borges Bob Sullivan	Jessica Trisler Jonel Valenzuela Jessica Nason Bubba Romagnolo Melissa Brand Tim Suglian Zach Kropf Tufon Kalbassi Ana Guzman Alex Garibay Francisco Yanez Elise Solita Jackie Scanio Ted Long Harry Segal Bernadette Santana Kae Reed

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 12:40 p.m at Room B-9 at South Tahoe High School.

Item 2. SENIOR STUDENTS' LUNCH

The Board shared lunch with approximately twenty students who represent a cross-section of the senior student population to discuss their views on their LTUSD school experience. Discussions included the 4 x 4 schedule, Senior Project, closed vs. open campus, parking lot issues, educational choices, early outs, how Intercession did not work, "green" solutions in remodeling and renovations, testing scheduled, and more. Most of the students seem to like the 4 x 4 schedule and are hoping that teachers support it. Some students would like to see integrated classes – they believe that by focusing on bringing all students up to grade level at the elementary schools, all classes (AP included) would be more racially mixed.

Item 3. RECESS REGULAR OPEN SESSION

The Open Session of the regular meeting of the Lake Tahoe Unified School District Board of Education was recessed by Barbara Bannar at 1:10 p.m.

Item 4. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION AT EDUCATION CENTER BOARD ROOM

The Open Session of the regular meeting of the Lake Tahoe Unified School District Board of Education was reconvened to regular session by Barbara Bannar at 6:01 p.m.

Item 5 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Item 6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs. Bannar noted that an amended document had been submitted for *Item 10.C. Approve Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for 2007/2008 School Year.* Ms. Swanson made a motion to approve the agenda as amended; Mrs. David seconded the motion. Ayes: Bannar/David/Swanson/Novasel. Absent: Cole. Noes: None

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Item 7. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

City Councilman, Ted Long, distributed a flier about the Foothill Oaks Casino, set to open in October 2008 in Shingle Springs. He decried the project, saying that it will have serious detrimental effects on the South Shore economy, resulting in a loss of students, tourism, water resources, etc. He urged citizens to write to their elected officials opposing this casino.

Item 8. STUDY SESSION

Public Comment: **Harry Segal** thanked the Board, Ivone Larson, and everyone involved in working toward a solution to the issues surrounding the 4 x 4 schedule.

Bob Grant explained the parameters which need to be considered when choosing modifications for the 4 x 4 for the 2007/08 school year, including the school calendar, instructional minutes, state requirements, the need to build in collaboration time, teacher negotiations, among others. Mrs. Larson, using a set of "sample schedules", explained how student schedules might look next year. Board Members discussed the information that was presented, along with information that they have received in the previous three Board Meetings. Because Wendy David needed to leave the meeting due to a conflicting commitment, the Board narrowed down the specific items that they intended on approving under Item. 10 A. Thirty-two recommendations were presented, but not all required Board approval. The Board agreed that they would approve Recommendations #11, #13, #14, # 20, #25, #29, and #30. Recommendations #22 and 23, related to collaboration time, were not considered because they would have to be negotiated at the bargaining table with STEA (South Tahoe Educators Association). No action was taken under this item. (See 10.A. for Action)

Wendy David left the meeting at 6:10 p.m. due to a conflicting community commitment.

Item 9. ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND REPORTS

A. Budget Report by Chief Financial Officer

Debra Yates recently attended a Schools Services Conference on the Governor's May Revise and shared a series of PowerPoint slides regarding what changes can be expected to the State budget. She said that the good news is that COLA will be funded at 4.53%; there will be more money for career-technical education, nutrition, teacher preparation, preschool, and school safety; and there are no current-year cuts. She also said that the Legislative Analyst's Office claims that the Department of Finance made a \$350 million error in ongoing equalization funds. In addition, she provided a brief Federal funding update and alerted the Board to several Bills (AB400, SB219, AB366, and AB835) that the Board should watch.

B. Report by South Tahoe High School Student Representative

Ashley Rumble updated the Board on the dates and times of upcoming events. She said that staff is working on master schedules and career-technical education plans. Seventy-five students will be heading off to Anaheim for the "Senior Trip" (which is not a school-sponsored activity) and she is looking for another chaperone. She said that 25 more judges are needed for Senior Project. The Prom Dress Exchange, organized by Bridey Heidel, went well, but due to testing, some dresses still remain.

E. Board of Education Report

Sue Novasel said that it was great to have lunch with the students today and she heard some valuable comments. Mrs. Novasel was very impressed with the results of the Spelling Bee and how well the students from LTUSD performed. She is looking forward to graduation and handing out diplomas.

Angela Swanson is very excited about moving forward with the Career-Technical Education plans for South Tahoe High School. On Monday, she joined staff members, a team of Architects from Aspen Street Architects, and a consultant from Stockton Unified School District, which has a model Career Tech program, as they discussed a possible Career Tech Facility for South Tahoe High School.

F. Superintendent Report

Dr. Tarwater said that work at the Sports Complex is continuing on schedule and the infield will be complete by June. The drainage system is already complete and most of the work to date has been donated to the tune of approximately \$500,000. Work on the gym is also going well. The Superintendent said that South Tahoe Middle School is looking at data performance measure and he can see the difference that support classes are making. He also enjoyed participating in the Career Tech facilities discussions yesterday.

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Item 10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

A. Recommendation for Modifications to the 4 x 4 Block Schedule for the 2007/2008 School Year

The Board conducted a study session and narrowed down which recommendations they could support. The Intersession Week, which did not appear to work this year, will be discussed at a later date. The Board was unable to vote on two recommendations related to staff collaboration time because those items need to be negotiated with the teachers' union. Recommendation #28 "Provide 4th Period Athletics PE1 & PE2" was deleted.

Mrs. Novasel made a motion to approve the following recommendations:

- Back-to-School nights will be held at the beginning of each term (versus Open House in Term 2).
- The Transitional Learning Center will be expanded to provide increased options for students in need of an alternative path.
- There will be a support class for higher level students to provide study skills and tutoring.
- There will be an increase in the maximum number of community college units transferable to South Tahoe High School from 60 credits to 80 credits so that Independent Learning Academy students will have increased opportunities to meet the increased credit requirements.
- The school will offer ninth grade *Psychology for Success* class all year in lieu of *Freshman Seminar* to students needing more intensive support.
- The twelfth grade AP English course will be offered in Term 1 WITH a Senior Project course in Term 2. Students will be able to select from Senior Project Independent Study or another senior English course.
- Calculus AB and BC will be a year long block.

Ms. Swanson seconded the motion. Ayes: Bannar/Swanson/Novasel. Absent: David/Cole. Noes: None.

B. 95/10 Take it to the Top Attendance Incentive Campaign Results

Dr. Tarwater announced the results of the Attendance Incentive Campaign, which is in its second year. He said that it is a real win/win program for students – the students benefit from being in class more and their school gets half of the money that is yielded by their increased attendance. Dr. Tarwater recommended that the following schools be awarded a 50% share of the yield: LTESMS – \$35,484 (3.82% increase); STHS – \$34,258 (.96%); STMS – \$30,642 (.96%); Tahoe Valley – \$21,765 (1.84%); Sierra House – \$15,605 (1.25%) and Mt. Tallac/TLC – \$15,458 (5.19%). Bijou did not increase its attendance and will not receive any additional funding. The staff at each school will determine how the money will be spent.

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

C. Approve Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for 2007/2008 School Year

Beth Delacour submitted an amended Declaration and explained that the District is required to submit an annual declaration to the California Commission on Teacher Credential stating the anticipated number of emergency permits needed for the school year. She told the Board that she has estimated the District will need 35 emergency permits – 28 CLAD, 4 BCLAD, and 3 resource specialists. She has completed several years of CLAD/BCLAD training and anyone still requiring those credentials will need to obtain it from outside training sources. **Mrs. Novasel made a motion to approve the amended Declaration of Needs for Fully Qualified Educators for the 2007/08 School Year; Ms. Swanson seconded the motion. Ayes: Bannar/Swanson/Novasel. Absent: David/Cole. Noes: None**

Item 11. CONSENT AGENDA

The Board approved the following items:

Payment Order # 2006/07-17; agreements with Laine Photo Labs, Inc. for school photography and Girard, Vinson and Trujillo, LLP for legal services; Resolution No. 2006/07-21 designating a representative and an alternate to the SIG Joint Powers Board; 7 donations totaling \$26,750; and Board of Education Minutes for 5/8/07. **Ms. Swanson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda; Mrs. Novasel seconded the motion. Ayes: Bannar/Swanson/Novasel. Absent: David/Cole. Noes: None**

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Items 12-14. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION/ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION/ RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Mrs. Bannar announced the items to be discussed in closed session. She adjourned the regular meeting to closed session at 7:01 p.m. and reconvened to open session at 6:10 p.m.

Item 15. ACTION ON ITEMS FROM CLOSED SESSION (Government Code Section 54954.5)

A. Personnel Order No. 2006-07-18 (Government Code 54957)

- i. *Hire:* summer school teachers, summer school secretaries, campus security assistant for summer school, summer school nurse, and instructional assistants.

Ms. Novasel made a motion to approve Personnel Order No. 2006/07-18; Ms. Swanson seconded the motion. Ayes: Bannar/Swanson/Novasel. Absent: David/Cole. Noes: None

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

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

- i. *Recommendation for Revocation of Suspension of Expulsion No. 2006/07-04*

The student was suspended for being under the influence of marijuana at school while on a suspended expulsion for two similar offenses. **The suspension of expulsion is revoked and the student is expelled for the current and next semester.**

C. 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.**

D. Preliminary End of Year Public Employee Performance Evaluation

- i. *Superintendent*

The Board conducted a preliminary evaluation of the Superintendent's performance for the 2006/07 school year with input from Human Resources Director, Beth Delacour and Chief Financial Officer, Debra Yates.

The evaluation will be completed at the next meeting. **No action was taken.**

Item 12. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

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