



**LAKE TAHOE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2007**

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

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

Board Members	Staff Members Present		Guests Present
Barbara Bannar Angela Swanson Sue Novasel Wendy David	Dr. James Tarwater Debra Yates Beth Delacour Angie Keil Lynn Dupree Karen Gillis-Tinlin	Bob Hickman Steve Hayward Jackie Nelson Sue O'Connor Jim Watson Carla Zezula	Kae Reed Larry Green 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 Barbara Bannar 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**

Mrs. Bannar 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)**

Beth Delacour submitted a revised personnel order for approval.

**A. Personnel Order No. 2007/08-04 (Government Code 54957)**

- i. *Hire*: substitute teachers, instructional assistants, and school office assistant.
- ii. *Accept Retirement*: instructional assistants, bus driver, craftsworker, senior secretary, and senior accounting assistant
- iii. *Accept Resignation*: instructional assistant.
- iv. *Approve Request for Family Medical Leave*: teacher.

**Mrs. Novasel made a motion to approve Personnel Order No. 2007/08-03 as amended; Ms. Swanson seconded the motion. Ayes: Bannar/David/Swanson/Novasel. Noes: None**

**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 6 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

**Item 7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**Item 8. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC**

**Steve Hayward**, South Tahoe Educator's Association president, said that he is not happy with the facilities at Bijou School. The playground and fields need work and so do other areas, such as the MPR and drinking fountains. Steve said that its not an excuse that parents don't do PTA fundraisers like other schools. Dr. Tarwater agreed and apologized on behalf of the District. He said that the Board talked about this problem at their retreat and he will be coming up with a plan in the next month or so about how to remedy this situation.

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**Item 8. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC (continued)**

Mr. Hayward also wants the Board to address Redistricting – moving school boundaries so that students from the Y area go back to Tahoe Valley like they did up until four years ago. Lastly, he wants to see more communication between the Board and the teachers.

**Bijou teacher, Bob Hickman**, was ecstatic about the first PTA meeting the school held an hour earlier. There were 45 parents in attendance and staff has made a commitment to be available for future meetings. He thanked the Board for approving the TWI (Two-Way Immersion) program, which he believes was a catalyst in establishing the new PTA.

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

**A. Swear In STHS Student Representative to the Board and Report by Student**

Barbara Bannar administered the Oath of Office to the 2007/2008 student representative to the Board of Education, Becca Kushner. Ms. Kushner told the Board that the students are all busy planning for Homecoming. The theme this year is Vikings Get Your Game On – “game” being video games. Liz Nivens advanced acting class will be heading off to immerse themselves in theatre workshops in Ashland, Oregon soon. Seniors will watch the Sunrise at Kiva Beach this Friday and sunset in June 2008 as they put high school years behind them.

**B. Board of Education Report**

**Sue Novasel** visited Bijou and witnessed the repairs being made to damage caused by vandals. She also visited the high school and middle school and said that the gym and track look great. **Angela Swanson** visited every site and engaged in a lively discussion regarding the 4 x 4 schedule in Carla Zezula’s classroom. She is enjoying meeting new staff and said that the TWI (Two-Way Immersion) program at Bijou is off to a great start. She thanked Sue O’Connor and Shaina Lucas for their hard work. **Wendy David** welcomed Becca Kushner and said that she will be setting Fridays aside for school visits. She ask to receive notifications at the end of the week for the next week’s activities and would also love to see a LTUSD representative to the Lake Tahoe Collaborative. (Dr. Tarwater indicated that would be Mark Romagnolo). **Barbara Bannar** said that Board members will be attending more staff meetings in the upcoming school year.

**C. Superintendent Report**

Dr. Tarwater said that enrollment is off to a good start, but it takes about 15-20 days to firm up the numbers. Schools are still adjusting and reassigning teachers. He addressed the facilities issue s and his desire to see a “level of pride” at all schools. The new track and field facility, and the gym modernization are good starts. The District now has wireless capabilities throughout all campuses. With regard to the facilities needs that Steve Hayward address at Bijou school, he apologized and said that a master plan is being developed to improve that site, possibly through the passage of a bond measure. He said that water fountains should be placed inside the building to prevent continual vandalism and there is funding through the “Williams Act” to make repairs.

**Item 10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

**A. Approve 2006/2007 Unaudited Actual Financial Report for the Year Ended June 30, 2007**

Debra Yates explained that the district continues to make improvements to reduce deficit spending practices. The revenue expenditure estimates presented to the Board during the month of June came in with a variance below one percent for a net gain to the unrestricted portion of the budget of \$225,238. The expenditure estimates also presented in June came in with a variance below two percent for a net gain to the unrestricted ending balance of \$430,765. She said that she is very pleased to have the variances within the one and two percent band. This past year was full of many one-time funding allocations, such as Mandated Cost (Ten Year) settle-up. While these funds are welcome and greatly benefit off-setting our 2006-07 deficit spending pattern, they are not expected to materialize in 2007-08. Ms. Yates said that the ending balance projections for 2006-07 are on target and allow the District to maintain its state required three percent (3%) reserve and the Board-designated one and a half percent (1 ½%) reserve. She concluded that the District financials reflect a positive fiscal position, with adequate reserves and a reduction of deficit spending trends.

**Mrs. David made a motion to approve the 2006/2007 Unaudited Actual Financial Report; Ms. Swanson seconded the motion. Ayes: Bannar/David/Swanson/Novasel. Noes: None**

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**Item 11. CONSENT AGENDA**

*The Board approved the following consent items:*

Payment Orders No. 2007/2008-03 and Central Sierra ROP; admission of a Nevada resident to the LTUSD; an overnight field trip request for students to go to Oregon; the Williams Quarterly Report; a donation for the Community Youth Sports Complex, and minutes of the Regular Board meeting of August 28, 2007.

**Mrs. David made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as revised; Mrs. Novasel seconded the motion.**

**Ayes: Bannar/David/Swanson/Novasel. Noes: None**

**Item 12. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

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