



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

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

8:30 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 Student Rep: Becca Kushner	Dr. James Tarwater Debra Yates Beth Delacour Angie Keil	Cyndy Horn Ivone Larson Sue O'Connor Jackie Nelson Jim Watson Karen Miner Steve Hayward	Larry Green Jeff Miner Janet Carter Susan Braun Rachael Hawken Kay Reed Lauri Kemper Michael Doyle 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 6:05 p.m. at the Education Center Board Room.

Item 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jim Watson, Principal of Sierra House Elementary School, introduced fifth grade student, Rachael Hawken, who is this year's Student Body Vice-President. Rachael introduced her mother, sister and brother. She invited the Board to the Halloween Carnival on Saturday and told them what she had to do in order to get elected to office.

Item 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Swanson requested that Item 9.A. Approve Payment Order No. 2007/08-06 be moved from the Consent Agenda to Item 8.F. on the Discussion & Action Agenda and acted upon separately.

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

Item 4. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

Jeff Miner, Karen Miner and Janet Carter made a presentation to the Board on "Love and Logic", a series of parent education classes they hold at South Tahoe Middle. **Susan Braun**, attested to the value of the program to parents. **Cyndy Horn** made a presentation to the Board on what Dr. Tarwater and a team from the District learned during their two-day visit to East Palo Alto Charter School last week. Barbara Bannar requested that this be agendized at a future meeting as the public comment section does not allow Board Members to ask questions or enter into any discussion on this important issue.

Item 5. PUBLIC HEARING / ACTION

A. Pupil Textbook and Instructional Materials Sufficiency

Barbara Bannar opened the public hearing regarding a Resolution determining that there are sufficient pupil textbooks and instructional materials for the 2007/2008 school year at 6:30 p.m. and hearing no comments, closed the public hearing at 6:31 p.m.

B. Approve Resolution No. 2007/08-05, Pupil Textbook & Instructional Materials Sufficiency

The Board held a public hearing on the sufficiency of textbooks and instructional materials at this regular meeting. **Mrs. Novasel made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2007/08-05 which affirms the District's assertion that there are sufficient textbooks and instructional materials; Mrs. David seconded the motion. Ayes: Bannar/David/Swanson/Novasel. Noes: None**

Item 6. ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND REPORTS

A. Report by South Tahoe High School Student Representative

Becca Kushner reported on the successes of the sports teams at STHS and said that the seven foreign exchange students are enjoying their stay in South Lake Tahoe.

Item 6. ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND REPORTS (continued)

B. Board of Education Report

Wendy David appreciated the information presented by Mr. & Mrs. Miner and Janet Carter. She also appreciated Cyndy Horn's presentation and is looking forward to hearing more about that model. Angela Swanson is excited about the CTE (Career Technical Education) grant and she is looking forward to parent conferences. Sue Novasel attended a meeting of the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors, where the radon issue was discussed. Barbara Bannar reminded everyone about the benefit dinner for Teri Allmeroth at STMS on November 2nd.

C. Superintendent Report

No comments.

Item 7. STUDY SESSION

A. Discussion with Charlie Feinstein of Kelling, Northcross & Nobriga (KNN) Public Finance

Debra Yates introduced Charlie Feinstein and Catherine Parker of KNN whom the District has hired as financial consultants. Charlie Feinstein, KNN's Vice President, gave the board an overview of the services their firm will be performing for the District in managing the bond process, from election to debt issuance. Mr. Feinstein indicated that June of 2008 would be the most opportune time to place a bond measure on the ballot and with such a short time line, the District will have a lot of work to do to prepare. He said that the first step is to conduct a poll of the community, and he recommended a polling firm to Ms. Yates. The District will be hiring architects next Friday. Mr. Feinstein said that in 2000, voters approved Prop. 39, which lowered the threshold for passing a school bond to 55%, instead of the former two-thirds majority. The maximum tax rate to which unified school districts can commit taxpayers is \$60 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation. According to Mr. Feinstein's report, the median assessed valuation in SLT is \$188,770 \$20 per \$100K of assessed value (\$40 annually for the average homeowner) would bring in \$41-\$45 million and \$30 per \$100K would bring in \$62-67 million. The poll will determine how much taxpayers would be willing to support. **No action was taken.**

Item 8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

A. Approve Revised Five-Year Strategic Plan – School Years 2007-2012

Dr. Tarwater explained that the Board of Education and Leadership Team have been refining a strategic plan which includes four performance objectives and measures of success for the next five years. The objectives are: instructional performance – academic success for all; community connectedness; climate/culture; and facilities planning. Board members will submit additional ideas and the plan will be continue to be refined. **No action was taken.**

B. Discussion on Calendar Committee

Dr. Tarwater said that he will be convening a committee to discuss the school calendar. He said that the scope of the discussions would be limited due to contractual issues with employee unions. Dr. Tarwater agreed to having six parents, and two teachers from elementary, middle, and high school, along with three administrators, and CSEA representatives on the committee. **No action was taken.**

C. Approve Revision to the 2007/2008 School Calendar

Public Comment: Lauri Kemper feels that the proposed change would be a positive move. She also encouraged the Board to evaluate the 4 x 4 schedule saying that there are many issues related to early outs, not enough quality education time, and special education students.

Ivone Larson explained that South Tahoe High School desires to make three changes to the adopted calendar to eliminate the intersession week in the second term, which proved non-productive during the 2006/07 school year:

- i. Delete: April 28-May 2, 2008 – High School Intersession (Term I Review).
- ii. Move: High School Mid Term Exams from April 3-4, 2008 to March 27-28, 2008.
- iii. Move: End of First Semester (2nd Term) (HS Only) from April 4 to March 28, 2008.

Mrs. Novasel made a motion to approve the revisions to the 2007/2008 calendar as submitted; Mrs. David seconded the motion. Ayes: Bannar/David/Swanson/Novasel. Noes: None

D. Certification of Provision of Standards-Aligned Instructional Materials

The Certification of Resolution 2007/08-05 Pupil Textbook and Instructional Materials Sufficiency allows the District to use the Instructional Materials Fund for something beyond core textbooks.

Mrs. Novasel made a motion to approve the certification of Resolution 2007/08-05 as submitted; Ms. Swanson seconded the motion. Ayes: Bannar/David/Swanson/Novasel. Noes: None

Item 8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION (continued)

E. Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policies and Administrative Regulations

Dr. Tarwater explained that the following Board Policies and Administrative Regulations were presented to the Board and the public at the October 9, 2007 Board Meeting. One change has been suggested to BP 1260 and all others remain unchanged since the first reading. Replace BP/AR 0440 – District Technology Plan; Delete BP/AR 0520 – Intervention for Underperforming Schools; Replace BP 1113 – District and School Web Sites; Replace BP/AR 1220 – Citizen Advisory Committees; Replace BP/AR 1230 – School-Connected Organizations; Add BP 1260 – Educational Foundation; Delete BP 2220 – Administrative Staff Organization; Replace BP/AR 3314 – Payment for Goods and Services; Replace BP 3400 – Management of District Assets/Accounts; Replace BP 3452 – Student Activity Funds; Add BP/AR 3513.1 – Cellular Phone Reimbursement; Add BP 4301 – Administrative Staff Organization; Replace AR 4261.1 – Contracts; Replace BP 4315 – Evaluation/Supervision; Replace BP 5131 – Conduct; Replace AR 5142 – Safety; Replace BP 6142.5 – Environmental Education; Replace BP/AR 6142.7 Physical Education; Replace BP 6146.1 – High School Graduation Requirements; Add BP/AR 6146.11 – Alternative Credits Toward Graduation; Delete BP/AR 6162.7 – Use of Technology in Instruction; Replace BP/AR 6163.4 – Student Use of Technology. **Mrs. David made a motion to adopt the Board Policies and Administrative Regulations with as re-submitted (with one change to BP 1260); Ms. Swanson seconded the motion. Ayes: Bannar/David/Swanson/Novasel. Noes: None**

F. Approve Payment Order

- i. No. 2007/2008-06 – Funds charged: general, deferred maintenance, building, capital facilities, school facilities, special reserve fund, and ROP general fund 07.
Angela Swanson recused herself. **Mrs. Novasel made a motion to approve Payment Order 2007/2008-06; Ms. David seconded the motion. Ayes: Bannar/David/Novasel. Noes: None. Abstain: Swanson.**

Item 9. CONSENT AGENDA

The Board approved the following consent items:

Resolutions No. 2007/08-03, 2007/08-04, 2007/08-05; MOUs with the Family Resource Center and EDCOE Child Development Program; a donation in the amount of \$250 and a non-cash donation; minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 9, 2007; and a revision to the ninth grade health course of study.

Mrs. Swanson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended; Mrs. David seconded the motion. Ayes: Bannar/David/Swanson/Novasel. Noes: None

Items 10-12. 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 8:39 p.m. and reconvened to open session at 8:51 p.m.

Item 13. ACTION ON ITEMS FROM CLOSED SESSION (Government Code Section 54954.5)

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

- i. *Hire*: substitute teachers and instructional assistant.
- ii. *Accept Resignation*: instructional assistant/secretary

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

Item 14. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

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