



**LAKE TAHOE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 22, 2008**

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

7:30 PM - REGULAR CLOSED SESSION
6:00 PM - REGULAR OPEN SESSION

Board Members	Staff Members Present		Guests Present
Angela Swanson Sue Novasel Wendy David Michael Doyle Larry Green	Dr. James Tarwater Beth Delacour Angie Keil Debra Yates Karen Gillis-Tinlin	Bob Grant Mark Romagnolo Jim Watson Sue O'Connor Steve Hayward	Brian Beverage Student Rep: Becca Kushner

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 6:03 p.m. at the Education Center Board Room.

Item 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Item 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Brian Beverage, attired in his NJROTC (Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps) uniform, led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 4. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

No comments.

Item 5. ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND REPORTS

A. Report by Chief Financial Officer on the Governor's Budget Proposals

Debra Yates, CFO, presented information from the Governor's 2008/09 budget proposal and updates on the 2007/08 budget. She discussed some of her "brainstorming solutions" to try to keep the impact as far away from students as possible. The proposal seeks to address the state's estimated \$14 billion deficit by making the largest reduction to education funding in California history. For 2008-09, the Governor proposes that the Legislature suspend Proposition 98 (the minimum funding guarantee for schools) and cut \$4.4 billion (more than 9%) in education funds. The Governor also proposes \$400 million in education funding reductions in the current 2007-08 budget year. The District could potentially lose \$1,620,399 in funding. Ms. Yates concluded that the proposed budget reductions could put half of the districts in the State in bankruptcy if they materialize.

B. Report by South Tahoe High School Student Representative

Becca Kushner told the Board that the first day of the new term was very smooth. Senior Projects were presented last week at the end of the term, and they're working on a Valentine's Fay dance and assembly on February 2nd and 5th, respectively.

C. Board of Education Report

Larry Green visited Bijou and was pleased to see how they keep track of how students' progress and where they're making improvement. He noted that most of the students at the bottom of the scale just came here, but the unfortunate thing is that they count for No Child Left Behind. **Wendy David** enjoyed the boys' basketball game and said that the gym was "electric". She reminded everyone about the "Freedom Writers" speaker, Manuel Scott, who will speak to the community on Thursday at 6pm. **Angela Swanson** enjoyed a visit to classes at Sierra House. She thanked Dr. Tarwater and Sue Novasel for setting up the recent Board session with Dr. Garcy to work on developing an effective governance team. She reflected on how wonderful the Master Plan Committee is and reiterated that bond money is safe and secure, despite other budget cuts. She and Sue Novasel participated in a Webinar by CSBA on the State Budget and it was every bit as depressing as Deb Yates said. **Michael Doyle** was excited to get the invitation to the Honor Society induction and he is looking forward to the CSBA institute for first term board members in Sacramento this weekend. He shared a calendar that Julie Butler's class from STMS put together and said it was a great project. **Sue Novasel** said that it was depressing to hear comments from Christopher Thornberg in the Webinar that the housing market will take a free fall in 2008 and we are going into a recession. She enjoyed Friday's game and is excited that the Vikings are doing so well. Ms. Novasel will attend a Brown Act Conference on Friday and a Board President's Conference on Saturday in Sacramento.

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

D. Superintendent Report

Jim Watson reported that middle and elementary school teachers are currently reviewing materials for a new math adoption. They have looked at seven different publishers and narrowed it down to two. A decision will be made soon and then the committee of 25 will send a recommendation to the Board.

Dr. Tarwater reported that a poll of the community last week shows that there is strong support in the community for facility improvements in the District. The District Master Plan Committee will convene on Thursday for the second time to review the results of the poll and look at cost estimates. They will send their recommendation to the Board regarding whether or not to place a Bond Measure on the June 2008 ballot. Springboard, the consultants that were hired to help with our Program Improvement (PI) status, will be here on Monday to review research-proven activities that are effective in improving student achievement.

Item 6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

A. Approve Independent Auditor's Report of Financial Statements for the Year Ended June 30, 2007

Accountants, Goodell, Porter and Fredericks were unable to attend due to unforeseen circumstances. Debra Yates presented the Audit Report and findings on the 2006/07 financial statements. Overall, the audit was very good with only three findings: 1) in six out of twenty instances, a purchase order was not made; 2) in a sample of the District's credit card bills, some purchases for supplies and other items did not have purchase orders; and 3) at Bijou and LTESMS there was no approval signature for disbursements and cash received was not fully documented. The Business Department has already made plans to resolve these findings.

Dr. Green made a motion to approve the Independent Auditor's Report of Financial Statements for the Year Ended June 30, 2007; Dr. Doyle seconded the motion. Ayes: Swanson/David/Novasel/ Doyle/Green.

Noes: None.

B. Approve Single School Plans for Student Achievement

Mark Romagnolo, Principal of Tahoe Valley Elementary School, and Jim Watson, Principal of Sierra House Elementary School presented their school plans as required by Education Code 65001. They outlined their annual plans of actions to be taken to raise the academic performance of students and improve their school's educational program. The plans are mandated by NCLB and developed by the School Site Plans.

Ms. Swanson made a motion to approve the single school plans for Tahoe Valley and Sierra House Elementary Schools; Mrs. David seconded the motion. Ayes: Swanson/David/Novasel/Doyle/Green.

Noes: None.

C. Approve Updated Textbooks for Economics and U.S. History Courses of Study

i. A new textbook is being recommended by STHS for Economics Course of Study: "Economics, Holt, Reinhart, and Winston, © 2003.

ii. A new textbook is being recommended by STHS for the U.S. History Course of Study: "History Alive!", Pursuing American Ideals, © 2008.

Bob Grant said that these textbooks have been on review for the public and the High School is continuing to update its textbooks. He said that STHS teacher, Suzy Allione, contributed to the "History Alive!" textbook and will receive a free class set. **Mrs. David made a motion to approve the updated textbooks for Economics and U.S. History; Ms. Swanson seconded the motion. Ayes: Swanson/David/Novasel/Doyle/Green. Noes: None.**

D. Approve Payment Orders

i. No. 2007/2008-09 – Funds charged: general, cafeteria, deferred maintenance, pupil transportation fund, building, capital facilities, school facilities, and special reserve fund.

ii. No. 2007/2008-10 – Funds charged: general, cafeteria, deferred maintenance, pupil transportation fund, special reserve fund, and ROP general fund 07.

Angela Swanson recused her self due to a conflict of interest. **Dr. Green made a motion to approve Payment Orders No. 2007/08-09 and 2007/08-10; Dr. Green seconded the motion. Ayes: David/Novasel/Doyle/ Green. Abstain: Swanson. Noes: None.**

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Item 7. CONSENT AGENDA

The Board approved the following consent items:

Agreements with Jones Hall, A Professional Law Corporation, for Bond Counsel Services, and an agreement with CSBA for Agenda Online; a request for Allowance of Attendance Because of Emergency Conditions; schedule two special board meetings – 1/29/08 and 2/18/08; donations; and Minutes of the January 8 (Rescheduled to January 15), 2008 Regular Meeting. **Ms. Swanson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted; Dr. Green seconded the motion. Ayes: Swanson/David/Novasel/Doyle/Green. Noes: None.**

Items 8-10. 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 at 7:34 p.m. for a recess and entered closed session at 7:45 p.m. Mrs. Novasel reconvened the meeting to open session at 8:02 p.m.

Item 11. ACTION ON ITEMS FROM CLOSED SESSION (Government Code Section 54954.5)

A. Personnel Order No. 2007/08-12 (Government Code 54957)

i. Hire: teacher (temp), sub teacher, and secretary.

Mrs. David made a motion to approve the Personnel Order as submitted; Ms. Swanson seconded the motion. Ayes: David/Novasel/Doyle/Swanson/Green. Noes: None

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

i. Recommendation for Extension of Suspension No. 2007/08-07

The student was in possession of a pellet gun at school. **The student is expelled from school.**

ii. Recommendation for Extension of Suspension No. 2007/08-08

The student was in possession of a pellet gun at school. **The student is expelled from school.**

Mrs. David made a motion to approve the recommendations as submitted; Dr. Green seconded the motion. Ayes: David/Novasel/Doyle/Swanson/Green. Noes: None

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..**

Item 12. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

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