

STHS baseball coach speaks out



Matt Tillson

By Kathryn Reed

Matt Tillson doesn't understand why he won't be coaching the South Tahoe High School baseball team in the spring.

After five years as the varsity coach and another five with the junior varsity team, he was let go at the end of last May.

He went before the Lake Tahoe Unified School District board Tuesday night asking for answers, but unable to receive any because the board is not allowed to comment on items not on the agenda.

"I feel I was unjustly relieved of my job. I feel I was fired," Tillson told the board. "I want to talk about the condition of the sports programs at the high school."

Tillson asked the board to have an agenda item at a future meeting relating to his specific situation as well as sports in general.

Board President Wendy David suggested Tillson speak with Human Resources Director Jim Watson.

That evening the board hired Don Amaral to be the Viking

baseball coach.

After the meeting, Watson said when a coach receives an evaluation that is not proficient or better, the job is opened up. Tillson applied, but was not rehired. Watson would not say how many people applied for the position or how many were interviewed.

Several parents and some players filled the board room Tuesday night in support of Tillson, though none spoke.

Some parents have voiced concerns about Athletic Director Donny Borges, and question his job performance.

Watson would not comment on Borges.