

TWIN RIDGES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, February 09, 2021
4:00 PM
Via Zoom**

The TRESB Board of Trustees will participate via Zoom Teleconference. The public also has access through Zoom in order to observe and address the meeting. Please contact the District Office at (530) 265-9052 for access information. This meeting is being held pursuant to the procedures established in Executive Order N-29-20 issued by California Governor Gavin Newsom on March 17, 2020. All board members may attend the meeting by teleconference. Members of the public may also attend via Zoom in order to observe and address the meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Twin Ridges Elementary School District Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:05 PM on Tuesday, February 9, 2021.

2. ROLL CALL

Four members were present, a quorum was established.

Rachel Kozloski	Present
Malik Goodman	Present
Lorien Whitestone	Present
Hilary Hulteen	Present
Mindi Morton	Absent

Additional persons present include: Melissa Madigan, Kelly Moreno, Gretchen Eisenhut, Rachel Wegman, and Tiffany Caughey.

Action

3. APPROVAL OF February 09, 2021 REGULAR AGENDA

Malik Goodman moved to approve the February 9, 2021 regular meeting agenda, Hilary seconded, motion approved 4/0/1/0 as follows:

Rachel Kozloski	Yes
Malik Goodman	Yes
Lorien Whitestone	Yes
Hilary Hulteen	Yes
Mindi Morton	Absent

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board of Trustees welcomes comments and suggestions from the public. While no action may be taken by the Board concerning items not on the agenda, comments are important for District information and for possible future action. Due to time considerations, the chair may request that comments by an individual be limited to two minutes. Suggestions and comments from the public regarding items listed on this agenda should be raised during the comment period for the specific agenda item. (Education Code 35145.5; Bylaw 9322, Government Code 54954.3)

No members of the public in attendance. No public comment.

Action

5. CONSENT ITEMS. *These items are expected to be routine and non-controversial. The Board will act upon them at one time without discussion. Any Board member, staff member*

or interested party may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda for discussion.

A. Approval of January 12, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

B. Approval of Warrants for January 2021

Lorien Whitestone moved to approve the consent items 5A and 5B as presented, Hilary Hulteen seconded, motion approved 4/0/1/0 as follows:

Rachel Kozloski	Yes
Malik Goodman	Yes
Lorien Whitestone	Yes
Hilary Hulteen	Yes
Mindi Morton	Absent

6. REPORTS

Discussion/Info.

A. Family Resource Center Report (FRC)

Diana Pasquini was not present. Melissa Madigan reported that County Superintendent, Scott Lay, anticipates funding changes. Melissa assured him that we would work in good faith to keep the Family Resource Center (FRC) open as long as we can.

Discussion/Info.

B. Washington School Report

Rachel Kozloski reported that Washington School continues to serve the same core group of students and continues to provide a valuable service to the Washington community.

C. Owens Financial Report

Rachel Kozloski asked to table this item so that our Owens representative could present next month in person (via Zoom). She asked that the Board receive the financial report two (2) times annually.

Discussion/Info.

D. Board Report

Lorien Whitestone wanted to discuss the paint color for the District Office. Melissa Madigan suggested that, due to the nature of the topic, this item should be discussed in a setting outside of the board meeting.

Lorien expressed concern about the efficacy of the Hotspots. This will be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

7. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Discussion/Action

A. Return to Hybrid

Rachel Kozloski asked the teachers present how they felt about returning to a hybrid learning model. Their replies varied as indicated below:

TEACHER RESPONSE

- Concern, discomfort, worry for personal health and safety. Understands that students are suffering but concerned that this may not be the right time to return.
- Understands teacher concerns but feels it is critical to have face to face engagement with students entering high school next year to make sure we prepare them to succeed.
- TRES D is adhering to all items in the TRTA MOU to ensure health and safety of staff, teachers, students.

- The demands of hybrid learning require additional teacher support (i.e., additional aides)
- Outdoor classrooms present a change in working conditions and requires union negotiations.
- Access to drinking water when outdoors is an issue.

DISTRICT RESPONSE:

The same A/B cohort schedule will be in place to ensure reduced class size and adherence to health/safety standards. We'll perform daily 'in vehicle' check ins before students enter their classrooms. All persons will be required to wear masks while on campus. Nevada County Health COVID 19 protocols will be followed.

TRES D families received a survey about returning to school or remaining in remote learning. Sixty five percent (65%) of families were in favor of returning to hybrid, while one family expressed concerns about the COVID variants. Parents will continue to have the ability to choose which learning platform is best for their families. TRES D will offer both remote and hybrid learning options through the end of the school year in accordance with Nevada County guidelines.

BOARD RESPONSE:

- The social-emotional impact on students staying in remote learning is real and needs to be considered.
- Offer outdoor classrooms. Available as an option. Not mandated.
- Create outdoor spaces and shade areas.

Malik Goodman moved to return to hybrid learning on March 1, 2021, Rachel Kozloski seconded. Hilary Hulteen asked for additional discussion.

DISCUSSION:

Hilary voiced concern due to the variants and the, science backed, predicted spike in March. Are there alternatives to going back to school?

Lorien Whitestone expressed concern over the strain on students if we go back to hybrid learning and then close again if we experience an outbreak.

Melissa Madigan assured that we are following all science-based processes and protocols.

The board agreed to resume to the vote. Motion passed 4/0/1/0 as follows:

Rachel Kozloski	Yes
Malik Goodman	Yes
Lorien Whitestone	Yes
Hilary Hulteen	Yes
Mindi Morton	Absent

Discussion/Action

B. New District Logo

In light of the fact that the board was not happy with the logo options presented, Rachel Kozloski proposed an ad-hoc committee be formed to put together a design and sent to a graphic designer.

Lorien Whitestone and Hilary Hulteen will comprise the committee for logo design.

Discussion/Action

C. Resolution 21-01 Determining the Seniority Tie Breaker

This item was tabled for discussion/action at the March 2021 board meeting.

Discussion/Action

D. Resolution 21-02 Seniority Exemption for Placement of Teacher at Washington School

This item was withdrawn/removed.

Discussion/Action

E. Resolution 21-03 Reduction of 1.0 FTE Certificated Staff for the Upcoming School Year (2021/2022)

This item was tabled for discussion/action at the March 2021 board meeting.

Discussion/Action

F. Safety Plan

The TRES D Safety Plan has been updated to include COVID-19 information. A draft copy has been sent the County Office and received positive review. We will make the formatting changes necessary and submit the final copy.

Lorien Whitestone moved to approve the TRES D Safety Plan with noted changes, Malik Goodman seconded. Motion approved by a 4/0/1/0 vote as follows:

Rachel Kozloski	Yes
Malik Goodman	Yes
Lorien Whitestone	Yes
Hilary Hulteen	Yes
Mindi Morton	Absent

Discussion/Action

G. 21/22 Academic Calendar

The 21/22 calendar has not yet been reviewed by TRTA. **This item will be tabled for discussion/action at the March 2021 board meeting.**

Discussion/Action

H. Social Media Use for Board Members

The new social media use policy for board members was distributed to the board members for their information.

Discussion/Action

I. Approve Board Policies (6000s – Part 1 of 2)

Lorien Whitestone moved to approve board policies 6020-6144 with removal of policies regarding high school and high school programs, Hilary Hulteen seconded, motion approved 4/0/1/0 as follows:

Rachel Kozloski	Yes
Malik Goodman	Yes
Lorien Whitestone	Yes
Hilary Hulteen	Yes
Mindi Morton	Absent

The board would also like to revisit ‘Parent Involvement’ at the April meeting.

Discussion/Action

J. Schedule Board Retreat

The TRES D Board Retreat was scheduled for Wednesday, February 24th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Oak Tree Lodge.

Discussion/Action

K. Facilities Ad-hoc Committee Report

The facilities ad-hoc committee (Rachel Kozloski, Malik Goodman, Melissa Madigan, Kelly Moreno) reported that they have reviewed the facilities inspection reports for the Washington and Oak Tree campuses and earmarked each item to indicate whether we can likely complete the task ‘In-House’ or will have to utilize ‘Outside’ resources’. The primary criteria used to determine items requiring outside resources were anything that involved: electrical, gas, major plumbing, or structural/structural engineering. **The committee will meet once more to review the Grizzly Hill School inspection findings and report back at the March 2021 board meeting.**

Discussion/Action

L. Superintendent’s Report

- Retreat theme: District Mission. What is the best way to educated kids?
- TRES D staff has been exceptional during these difficult times.
- Jessica Martines, van/bus driver is the TRES D employee of the year in the category of transportation. Jessica stepped up and renewed her class A drivers license so that she could transport kids to and from school.
- Opening a preschool at the Oak Tree campus in 21/22.
- Cross country is starting up for middle school this spring.
- Melissa/Kelly will work on staff appreciation day (May)

8. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

No public present. No public comment.

9. CLOSED SESSION

A. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Government Code § 54957(b))

Closed session called to order at 5:45 PM

10. RECESS /RECONVENE - Report Out on Closed Session

A. Reportable Action Taken Regarding Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

Closed session recessed at 5:58 PM. Open session reconvened at 5:59 PM. No action was taken during closed session.

Discussion

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSION

No future agenda items discussed.

12. UPCOMING MEETINGS: March 9, 2021

13. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:58 PM.

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Rachel Kozloski, Board President

03/09/2021

Date

