




TWIN RIDGES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT



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BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2023 4:00 PM GRIZZLY HILL SCHOOL

	1.	CALL TO ORDER 4:05pm		
	2.	ROLL CALL		
		Malik Goodman Aubrey Puetz Mindi Morton Jonathan Farrell Lorien Whitestone	President Clerk NCSOS Representative/Timekeeper Member Member	<p>present</p> <p>present</p> <p>absent</p> <p>present</p> <p>absent</p>
	3.	ATTENDEES: Superintendent Scott Mikal, CBO Sunshine Bender, Morgan Street		
<i>Action</i>	4.	APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 21, 2023 SPECIAL AGENDA – Malik Goodman		
		<p>Malik Goodman makes a motion to approve the August 21, 2023 Special Minutes, Jonathan Farrell seconds, motion carries as follows (3/0/2/0)</p> <p>Malik Goodman - YES Aubrey Puetz - YES Mindi Morton - ABSENT Lorien Whitestone - ABSENT Jonathan Farrell - YES</p>		
	5.	DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS		
<i>Discussion/Action</i>	A.	<p>Shall the Board approve the quote for emergency / exploratory plumbing work at Oak Tree School?</p>		
		<p>Scott Mikal explains plumbing issues at Oak Tree, staff did some work in-house, which exposed a larger issue, potentially a collapsed pipe. Mr Rooter came and flushed the line, did a scope, attempted to map the lines, and provided a quote. Benefits of doing this work: toilets would be brought back to service (still not ADA accessible).</p> <p>Malik Goodman identifies that there should be a yearly inspection of all spaces. Sunshine Bender adds a note on routine pest control. Malik Goodman identifies that a previous Board mandated a yearly rodent inspection and treatment. Note to put this on the maintenance TO DO list.</p> <p>Installing 3 clean outs will allow us to snake in-house in future. Malik Goodman: how much of this is delaying the inevitable? Scott Mikal: even this feels like a band aid. Malik Goodman discusses clarification of price. Exploratory means that they could identify more work. Malik Goodman: We are going to spend 6k now and how much later? Sunshine Bender: Contractor will make recommendations based on opening up the concrete.</p>		

		<p>Discussion of alternative future options: repurposing toilets as official clean outs.</p> <p>Reiteration that we need to dig to know the full price, we need to invest 6k to understand the full issue. Scott Mikal affirms this is the staff recommendation. Jonathan Farrell recommends asking for a contingency price - split the quote. Scott Mikal: the cost of redoing it long term will be more expensive. professional opinion is we should approve.</p> <p>Discussion of future use of the drain being for laundry or similar facility needs.</p> <p>Aubrey Puetz makes a motion to approve the quote for emergency / exploratory plumbing work at Oak Tree School, Jonathan Farrell seconds, motion carries as follows (3/0/2/0)</p> <p>Malik Goodman - YES Aubrey Puetz - YES Mindi Morton - ABSENT Lorien Whitestone - ABSENT Jonathan Farrell - YES</p>	
<i>Discussion/Action</i>	B.	Shall the Board approve the new Fire Tank Capacity expansion quote?	
		<p>Sunshine Bender presents the quote for the Fire Tanks to bring them to required capacity, with a reduction in price from a previous quote. Nothing has changed in the scope of work, the price of tanks is reduced. The original quote was brought in June. The reduction of price is from 25k to 21k.</p> <p>Tanks are \$4100. Jonathan Farrell got a separate quote for \$3800. Malik Goodman notes that if we buy the tanks and have a contractor install, we are liable. If the contractor supplies the tanks we have coverage.</p> <p>All agree the quote combines a good deal for tank prices and labor price is fair. Sunshine Bender also adds that we have a good relationship with Peters.</p> <p>Aubrey Puetz makes a motion to approve the new Fire Tank Capacity expansion quote, Jonathan Farrell seconds, motion carries as follows (3/0/2/0)</p> <p>Malik Goodman - YES Aubrey Puetz - YES Mindi Morton - ABSENT Lorien Whitestone - ABSENT Jonathan Farrell - YES</p>	
<i>Discussion/Action</i>	C.	Shall the Board approve the purchase of quoted Chromebooks?	
		<p>Scott Mikal presents the quote for 50 new chromebooks. TRES D currently has 1 spare chromebook, existing chromebooks are end of life (cost of repair is not worth it).</p> <p>Quoted chromebooks include touch screen chromebooks.</p> <p>Aubrey Puetz asks how many chromebooks were lost during Covid. Sunshine Bender: about 70 went missing. Scott Mikal adds that chromebooks are currently not assigned. TRES D would like to order cases for older grades and assign them to allow 7/8 students to bring them home to work.</p> <p>Discussion of billing policy for lost chromebooks.</p> <p>Scott Mikal adds that this purchase is an investment in intervention as well, touchscreens are good for younger kids, we also want a chromebook cart in the Special Ed area for aides to use and also for after school.</p>	

		<p>Scott Mikal adds TRES D would also like to update the policy on insurance and family/student responsibilities regarding chromebook use. Malik Goodman: Do parents sign anything? Sunshine Bender: Yes, but because we are a title 1 school it is hard to enforce.</p> <p>Discussion of future chromebook purchases, projected purchase dates. Sunshine Bender reiterates the importance of buying and phasing out in stages.</p> <p>Discussion of retention. Scott Mikal: It's on the school to set up a system that informs and holds families accountable. The responsibility is on leadership.</p> <p>Aubrey Puetz asks if there was a second quote. Sunshine Bender states that this is an excellent quote.</p> <p>Discussion of how to check in with kids who are absent for long stretches, a process of accountability. Desire to speak on this subject more at a later date. ADD TO FUTURE AGENDA.</p> <p>Aubrey Puetz makes a motion to approve the purchase of quoted Chromebooks, Jonathan Farrell seconds, motion carries as follows (3/0/2/0)</p> <p>Malik Goodman - YES Aubrey Puetz - YES Mindi Morton - ABSENT Lorien Whitestone - ABSENT Jonathan Farrell - YES</p>	
<i>Discussion/Action</i>	D.	Shall the Board approve the School Counselor Contract?	
		<p>Scott Mikal presents the School Counselor Contract, notes that TRES D did post for a shared PPS counselor, no applications were received. Noted points on the contract: negotiated dates, tighter brackets on duties and potential off campus work. Additionally the counselor will teach SEL in all 5 classrooms and deliver services for IEP students.</p> <p>Jonathan Farrell wonders about his eval on students not eating, requests that he come to present at a Board meeting. Scott Mikal notes the change in lunch protocols to help encourage eating.</p> <p>Malik Goodman asks if there is language in the contract regarding steering from the super or the board? Answer: yes.</p> <p>Trustees express interest in having the Counselor report to the Board about issues in the school. Discussion of the process for this, staff recommends providing some guiding questions. Aubrey Puetz suggests that Cindy Browning should report on the counselor program during regular meeting reports. Malik Goodman suggests that we hear from the Counselor 3 times a year.</p> <p>Discussion of the bullying issue, how the Counselor can support this.</p> <p>Aubrey Puetz makes a motion to approve approve the School Counselor Contract, Jonathan Farrell seconds, motion carries as follows (3/0/2/0)</p> <p>Malik Goodman - YES Aubrey Puetz - YES Mindi Morton - ABSENT Lorien Whitestone - ABSENT Jonathan Farrell - YES</p>	
<i>Discussion/Action</i>	E.	Shall the Board approve the School Psychologist Contract?	

Scott Mikal presents the Psychologist contract, explains differences from Counselor (assessment-based), SPED assistance, key member of the IEP team. This Psychologist has been with the district for a long time. Main note for the new contract is the change in mileage rate. New contract is a cost savings for the district.

Jonathan Farrell makes a motion to approve the School Psychologist Contract, Aubrey Puetz seconds, motion carries as follows (3/0/2/0)

Malik Goodman - YES
 Aubrey Puetz - YES
 Mindi Morton - ABSENT
 Lorien Whitestone - ABSENT
 Jonathan Farrell - YES

6. CLOSED SESSION

A. Interdistrict Transfer, Student 1.

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

C. Conference With Legal Counsel – (Government Code § 54956.9(d)(1) (Government Code § 54956.9(d)(2) or (3).

7. RECESS /RECONVENE - Report Out on Closed Session

A. Reportable Action Taken Regarding Shall the Board approve the Interdistrict Transfer IN request?

nothing to report

B. Reportable Action Taken Regarding Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Government Code § 54957)

nothing to report

C. Reportable Action Taken regarding Conference With Legal Counsel – (Government Code § 54956.9(d)(1) (Government Code § 54956.9(d)(2) or (3).

nothing to report

Discussion

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSION

9. UPCOMING MEETINGS: September 12th, 2023

10. ADJOURNMENT 6:25pm

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8/21/2023

Malik Goodman, Board President

Date

8/21/2023

Scott Mikal-Heine, Superintendent/Principal

Date