

# TWIN RIDGES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, April 06, 2021 @ 11:30 AM**  
**Grizzly Hill School Library**  
**16661 Old Mill Rd. Nevada City, CA**

The TRES D 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.

	<b>1. CALL TO ORDER</b>											
		The special meeting of the Twin Ridges Elementary School District Board of Trustees was called to order at 11:41 AM on Tuesday, April 6, 2021.										
	<b>2. ROLL CALL</b>											
		Five members were present; a quorum was established.										
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<i>Action</i>	<b>3. APPROVAL OF APRIL 06, 2021 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA</b>											
		Mindy Morton moved to approve the April 6, 2021 regular meeting agenda, Malik Goodman seconded, motion approved 5/0/0/0 as follows:										
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	<b>4. PUBLIC COMMENT</b>											
		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 public comment.										
	<b>5. DISCUSSION ITEMS.</b>											
<i>Discussion/Action</i>	<b>A.</b>	Return to School Schedule										

		<p><b>DISCUSSION (TEACHERS/PARENTS):</b></p> <p>Sabrina Szymanski – Very concerned about the number of students in her class, particularly with two (2) Special Ed. students, two (2) different grades, all with varied skill levels.</p> <p>Tiffany Caughey - Concerned about 8<sup>th</sup> graders going to high school. Emphasized that the students need more face-to-face time to prepare them for their next four years. Says this is highly impactful with the potential for long-term ramifications. These students need face-to-face learning to give them a chance to succeed in high school.</p> <p>Sunshine Bender - Her kids are struggling and will consider moving them to a school offering four (4) days a week in-person instruction.</p> <p>Gretchen shared that a combination grade class is difficult under the best of circumstances and under the circumstance that COVID has presented it is extremely difficult. She asked for awareness and understanding for what the teachers are experiencing.</p> <p><b>DISCUSSION (BOARD)</b></p> <p>Mindy Morton asked if there is, in fact, any way to provide a solution to the issues facing combination classrooms. Combination classes are the reality of a small rural school district.</p> <p>Melissa Madigan, recognizing that this is a difficult situation for everyone, is attempting to offer options to all parties involved (students, teachers, and families). Whether it happens now or later; we will all have to deal with outcome of the situation brought about by COVID-19. She encouraged everyone to remember why we are here “To educate kids where they are. This is our purpose.”.</p> <p>The CDC has updated the distancing requirements to three feet apart. Even at six to eight feet apart, we can accommodate all students interested in returning to in-person learning. Masks will continue to be required while on campus.</p> <p>The return to in-person learning will be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:45 AM to 11:45 AM. Transportation services will be available on a limited basis. Wednesday will remain a ‘no students on campus’ day focused on remote learning, binder pick-up, and tutoring. In addition to the four day/three hour schedule, we will offer before and after-school programs for tutoring.</p>
		<p>Malik Goodman moved to approve the return to school schedule as indicated above, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 8:45 AM to 11:45 PM, Lorien Whitestone seconded, motion approved 5/0/0/0 as follows:</p>
	<p>Rachel Kozloski Malik Goodman Lorien Whitestone Hilary Hulteen Mindi Morton</p>	<p>Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes</p>
<p><i>Discussion/Action</i></p>	<p><b>B.</b></p>	<p><b>Resolution #21-06 – Resolution to Rescind the Layoff of Classified Employees</b></p>
		<p>Mindi Morton moved to approve Resolution 21-06 to rescind the layoff of classified employee as presented with typographical changes to the dates to reflect the year 2021, Special Ed Aide, Cera Blades, Lorien Whitestone seconded, motion approved 5/0/0/0 as follows:</p>

		Rachel Kozloski Malik Goodman Lorien Whitestone Hilary Hulteen Mindi Morton	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes
<i>Discussion/Action</i>	<b>C.</b>	PG&E Community Resource Center at Washington School	
		<p>Melissa Madigan reported that PG&amp;E has contacted the District to request the use of the Washington School campus for an Emergency Community Resource Center. One of the requirements is that there be paved parking spaces. PG&amp;E is willing to pay 100% of the cost to make that happen.</p> <p>Rachel Kozloski has concerns regarding the generator at Washington School, the space needed, and if their presence will interfere with school if/when it's in session. This item requires more information before we can proceed.</p>	
	<b>6.</b>	<b>PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS</b>	
		No public comment on closed session items. Open session recessed at 12:33 PM.	
	<b>7.</b>	<b>CLOSED SESSION</b>	
<i>Discussion/Action</i>	<b>A.</b>	Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Government Code § 54957(b))	
	<b>8.</b>	<b>RECESS /RECONVENE</b> - Report Out on Closed Session – <i>Rachel Kozloski</i>	
<i>Discussion/Action</i>	<b>A.</b>	Reportable Action Taken Regarding Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release	
		No action was taken during closed session.	
	<b>9.</b>	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	
		Meeting adjourned at 12:50 PM	
		This agenda was posted at least 72 hours prior to the meeting at 16661 Old Mill Rd. Nevada City, CA 95959	
<b>NOTICE:</b>		In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to access the Board meeting room or to otherwise participate at this meeting, including auxiliary aids or services, contact the Twin Ridges Elementary School District office at 530.265-9052 ext. 201 at least 48 hours before the scheduled Board meeting so that we may make every reasonable effort to accommodate your needs. {G.C. §54953.2, §54954.2(a) (1); Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, §202 (42 U.S.C. §12132)}	

Rachel Kozloski, Board President

05/25/2021  
Date