

TWIN RIDGES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2022 4:00 PM GRIZZLY HILL SCHOOL RM 8

	The TRES D Board of Trustees will participate face-to-face with via Zoom Teleconference option. 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 4:14pm	
	2.	ROLL CALL	
		Malik Goodman Lorien Whitestone Mindi Morton Amy Boyle Aubrey Puetz	President Clerk NCSOS Representative TBD TBD
			Here Here Absent Here Here
<i>Action</i>	3.	AB 361 Vote to Continue Zoom Meetings	
		Lorien Whitestone moves to accept AB 361 to continue Zoom meetings. Aubrey Puetz seconds, motion carries (4/0/1/0) as follows:	
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<i>Action</i>	4.	APPROVAL OF the January 25th, 2022 SPECIAL AGENDA – Malik Goodman (Goldenrod)	
		Lorien Whitestone moves to accept AB 361 to continue Zoom meetings. Aubrey Puetz seconds, motion carries (4/0/1/0) as follows:	
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	5.	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)

Staff members and a student were in attendance.

Roo Cantada presented a plea for her position to the board: one document is an apology letter and the other is a statement of facts letter. She made it clear that she was not intending to excuse her behavior, but wanted to express her deep commitment to the library, the students, and the community. She does not feel like she has received support Grizzly Hill School. She does not want to resign and would like the board to consider termination.

A student read a letter on behalf of other classmates in support of Roo Cantada. They think she is a great librarian and a kind, helpful person. They would like to see her stay on campus.

Katrina Mitchell, Grizzly Hill's 6th grade teacher, wrote a letter in support of Roo Cantada that was read aloud at the board meeting. She advocated that Roo is an excellent librarian who provides critical literacy and AR support to students and staff. Katrina Mitchell would like to ask how we can better support staff and students when behavior issues arise.




Phil Ruckrich, Grizzly Hill's 7th and 8th grade teacher, wrote a letter in support of Roo Cantada and presented it to the board. He proposed that Roo Cantada undergo counseling or anger management classes. He emphasized how she is an iconic member of this community. He believes it will set a better example to his students if they see a staff member that they respect own their mistake, work to improve it, and goes forward after learning from their behavior.



Classroom Aide Kacy Todirita presented her letter of support for Roo Cantada. She emphasizes that Roo is an important community member and it would be a great loss to the school district if we lost her after two decades.


Sierra Clemens, Grizzly Hill's 2nd and 3rd grade teacher, wrote a letter in support of Roo Cantada and presented it to the board. She said she has only seen good behavior between Roo Cantada and her students. As a colleague, Sierra mentions how Roo has checked in with her multiple times throughout the year to show her support.


Ed Acosta, TRES D's head of maintenance, wrote a letter in support of Roo Cantada and presented it to the board. He believes everyone should receive another chance and states how Roo does an excellent job as a librarian, both on Grizzly Hill's campus and at the FRC.

Classroom Aide Jillian Halliwell was unable to attend, but her letter in support of Roo Cantada was read to the board. She emphasized how Roo manages many kinds of students and behaviors when in the library and does it well. She thinks Roo can become a better version of herself and Jillian would like her to be offered training in dealing with student behavior.

		Documents submitted to the District relating to public comment will be attached to this set of minutes.											
	6.	REPORTS											
<i>Discussion/Info.</i>	A.	Board Report – <i>Lorien Whitestone</i>											
		Lorien Whitestone was disappointed with office communication. Would not like to hold any meetings before 4pm because of work schedules. Lorien Whitestone is concerned about the school’s deficit spending and wants the board to be a part of the purchasing decisions when it comes to furniture and cites the new furniture in the staff room as part of the problem. Lorien Whitestone would like to see job descriptions in binders for each employee to support teachers and staff.											
	7.	DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS											
<i>Discussion/Action</i>	A.	Field Trips- <i>Katrina Mitchell/Staff</i>											
		Teachers from Grizzly Hill School went over the field trips that are planned for the near future. One field trip is planned for the 4-8 th graders to go to a planetarium in Reno. Another field trip is for 8 th graders to visit the Nevada Union campus. There is a 2 nd and 3 rd grade field trip planned for Empire Mine and the Crocker Art Museum. \$900 per classroom is allocated per year for field trips. Lorien Whitestone moves to approve the field trip to the Reno Planetarium. Aubrey Puetz seconds, motion carries (4/0/1/0) as follows:											
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		THE BOARD TOOK A 5 MINUTE BREAK FROM 5:15PM TO 5:20PM.											
<i>Discussion/Action</i>	B.	Resolution #22-01 Rescinding Committed Fund Balance For Deferred Revenue- <i>Sunshine Bender/Darlene Waddle (Mint)</i>											
		Rescinding these committed funds was discussed at the previous board meeting. These committed funds must be kept at their same balance in order to go forward, the request is to rescind these funds so they are no longer committed. Aubrey Puetz moves to approve Resolution #22-01 Rescinding Committed Fund Balance For Deferred Revenue. Lorien Whitestone seconds, motion carries (4/0/1/0) as follows:											
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<i>Discussion/Action</i>	C.	Resolution #22-02 Rescinding Committed Fund Balance For Investment Outside the County Office- <i>Sunshine Bender/Darlene Waddle (Mint)</i>											
		This item will be tabled until a later date.											
<i>Discussion/Action</i>	D.	Resolution #22-03 Rescinding Committed Fund Balance For Technology Updates For All School Sites- <i>Sunshine Bender/Darlene Waddle (Mint)</i>											

		<p>Rescinding these committed funds was discussed at the previous board meeting. These committed funds must be kept at their same balance in order to go forward, the request is to rescind these funds so they are no longer committed.</p> <p>Lorien Whitestone moves to approve Resolution #22-03 Rescinding Committed Fund Balance For Technology Updates For All School Sites. Aubrey Puetz seconds, motion carries (4/0/1/0) as follows:</p>	
		<p>Malik Goodman Yes Lorien Whitestone Yes Mindi Morton Absent Amy Boyle Yes Aubrey Puetz Yes</p>	
<i>Discussion/Action</i>	E.	Resolution #22-04 Rescinding Committed Fund Balance For Common Core Curriculum- <i>Sunshine Bender/Darlene Waddle (Mint)</i>	
		<p>Rescinding these committed funds was discussed at the previous board meeting. These committed funds must be kept at their same balance in order to go forward, the request is to rescind these funds so they are no longer committed.</p> <p>Lorien Whitestone moves to approve Resolution #22-04 Rescinding Committed Fund Balance For Common Core Curriculum. Aubrey Puetz seconds, motion carries (4/0/1/0) as follows:</p>	
		<p>Malik Goodman Yes Lorien Whitestone Yes Mindi Morton Absent Amy Boyle Yes Aubrey Puetz Yes</p>	
<i>Discussion/Action</i>	F.	Awarding Bid Project for E-Rate- <i>Sunshine Bender (Yellow)</i>	
		<p>Two proposals for the Bid Project for E-Rate were received. One was \$71, 897.02 and the other is \$41,208.49. The school is responsible for 85% of this. CSM state funding gave the school a budget and we would end up paying less than \$7500. This would upgrade the tech equipment Gary Habibe loaned us. We would pay \$6,181.27.</p> <p>Lorien Whitestone moves to approve awarding the Bid Project for E-Rate to AMS.NET. seconds, Aubrey Puetz motion carries (4/0/1/0)</p>	
		<p>Malik Goodman Yes Lorien Whitestone Yes Mindi Morton Absent Amy Boyle Yes Aubrey Puetz Yes</p>	
<i>Discussion/Action</i>	G.	Budget Workshop- <i>Malik Goodman</i>	
		<p>The board would like to set up a budget workshop. Potential dates were read to the board and they decided that February 14th-16th after 4pm works. These dates will be given to Darlene Waddle to see if they work for her.</p>	
<i>Discussion/Action</i>	H.	Board Organization- <i>Malik Goodman</i>	
	i.	Election of Officers (Board President, Clerk of the Board, Timekeeper)	

		<p>Freya Johnson read the current board positions.</p> <p>Lorien Whitestone moves to approve Malik Goodman as board president, Lorien Whitestone as the Clerk of the Board, and Amy Boyle as Timekeeper. Aubrey Puetz seconds, motion carries (4/0/1/0) as follows:</p>			
		<p>Malik Goodman Lorien Whitestone Mindi Morton Amy Boyle Aubrey Puetz</p>	<p>Yes Yes Absent Yes Yes</p>		
	ii.	<p>Elect Board Voting Representative to the County Committee</p>			
		<p>Mindi Morton was previously the board voting representative to the County Committee.</p> <p>Aubrey Puetz moves to approve Mindi Morton as the voting representative to the County Committee. Lorien Whitestone seconds, motion carries (4/0/1/0) as follows:</p>			
		<p>Malik Goodman Lorien Whitestone Mindi Morton Amy Boyle Aubrey Puetz</p>	<p>Yes Yes Absent Yes Yes</p>		
	iii.	<p>Appoint Secretary to the Board (Superintendent-Pursuant to Board Bylaw 9122).</p>			
		<p>Melissa Madigan was previously the secretary to the board.</p> <p>Lorien Whitestone moves to approve Melissa Madigan as the Secretary to the Board. Aubrey Puetz seconds, motion carries (4/0/1/0) as follows:</p>			
		<p>Malik Goodman Lorien Whitestone Mindi Morton Amy Boyle Aubrey Puetz</p>	<p>Yes Yes Absent Yes Yes</p>		
	iv.	<p>Establish Regular Meeting Days and Times</p>			
		<p>The regular meeting days and times are the second Tuesday of every month at 4pm.</p> <p>Lorien Whitestone moves to approve the regular meeting days and times as the second Tuesday of every month at 4pm. Amy Boyle seconds, motion carries (4/0/1/0) as follows:</p>			
		<p>Malik Goodman Lorien Whitestone Mindi Morton Amy Boyle Aubrey Puetz</p>	<p>Yes Yes Absent Yes Yes</p>		
	v.	<p>Governance Calendar</p>			
		<p>The governance calendar is approved with student data assessment and review added to February, May, and August. LCAP will move to April to be discussed in</p>			

		May before the June deadline. LCAP preliminary review will be in November with discussion in December and January.											
		Lorien Whitestone moves to approve the Governance Calendar with the above changes. Amy Boyle seconds, motion carries (4/0/1/0) as follows:											
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<i>Discussion/Action</i>	I.	Williams Act Quarterly Report (2 nd Quarter, October 1 to December 31) <i>(Tan)</i>											
		There is nothing to report out.											
		Lorien Whitestone moves to approve the Williams Act Quarterly Report (2 nd Quarter, October 1 to December 31). Amy Boyle seconds, motion carries (4/0/1/0) as follows:											
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<i>Discussion</i>	J.	Curriculum Adoption Process- <i>Melissa Madigan</i>											
		Melissa Madigan passed out a handout that refers to the process and timeline of curriculum adoption. Staff will pick a schedule in order to review curriculum that is on display in the staff room.											
<i>Discussion</i>	K.	Outdoor Climbing Structure Washington School- <i>Amy Boyle</i>											
		Postponed to the February Meeting.											
<i>Discussion</i>	L.	CSEA Update- <i>Erin Riley</i>											
		Nothing to report, Erin Riley is not here.											
<i>Discussion</i>	M.	TRTA Update- <i>Tiffany Caughey</i>											
		Tiffany Caughey, TRTA representative, presented her concerns to the board regarding collective bargaining negotiations and the lack of resolution, resulting in impasse. Tiffany is concerned about teacher retention at the school. Does not believe the attorney hired for the district is serving the best interest of the school. Would like the board to intervene in what she says is an illegal impasse. There may be a strike in the future if there is no progress. Would like to have negotiations happen again.											
	8.	PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS – <i>Malik Goodman</i>											
	9.	CLOSED SESSION BEGAN AT 7:00pm											
<i>Discussion/Action</i>	A.	Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Government Code § 54957(b))											
<i>Discussion/Action</i>	B.	Conference with Labor Negotiator (Government Code § 54957.6). Employee Organizations: CSEA and TRTA. Agency Negotiator: <i>Melissa Madigan</i>											
<i>Discussion/Action</i>	C.	Superintendent's Contract- <i>Melissa Madigan</i>											
	10.	RECESS /RECONVENE - Report Out on Closed Session– <i>Malik Goodman</i>											
	A.	Reportable Action Taken Regarding Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release											

		Regular session resumed at 9:05pm. The board requests that the Library Coordinator will complete two anger management classes and return to the board 30 days from tomorrow for a review.	
		B. Conference with Labor Negotiator (Government Code § 54957.6). Employee Organizations: CSEA and TRTA. Agency Negotiator: <i>Melissa Madigan</i>	
		C. Superintendent's Contract- <i>Melissa Madigan</i>	
<i>Discussion</i>	11.	FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSION	
	12.	UPCOMING MEETINGS: February 8th, 2022	
	13.	ADJOURNMENT 9:10	

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1/25/2022

Malik Goodman, Board President

Date

1/25/2022

Melissa Madigan, Superintendent/Principal

Date