

TWIN RIDGES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT



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BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA MINUTES THURSDAY, DECEMBER 07, 2023 4:00 PM GRIZZLY HILL SCHOOL - ROOM 4

	1.	CALL TO ORDER 4:10PM		
	2.	ROLL CALL		
		Malik Goodman Aubrey Puetz Mindi Morton Lorien Whitestone Jonathan Farrell	President Clerk NCSOS Representative/Timekeeper Member Member	Present Present Present Absent Present
	3.	ATTENDEES: Superintendent Scott Mikal, CBO Sunshine Bender, EA Marisol Estrada, Katie Dobson ESQ, Michael		
Action	4.	APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 7TH, 2023 SPECIAL AGENDA-<i>Malik Goodman</i>		
		<p>Mindi makes motion to approve the December 7, 2023 Special Agenda, Aubrey seconds the motion, all in favor, vote carries as follows: (4/0/1/0)</p> <p>Malik-Yes Mindi-Yes Aubrey-Yes Jonathan-Yes</p>		
	5.	<p>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)</p>		

	6.	DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS	
<i>docDiscussion/Action</i>	A.	Facilities Priorities / Needs and Processes - <i>Scott Mikal, Michael Reimenschneider, Katie Jones</i>	
		<p>Michael Reimeschneider shares latest results and feedback from voter survey. Went from 31 respondents to 86. 60/84 said yes, 71.4%. Michael went through details of each question and their results. General feedback is positive with the current sample of responses. Scott Shares personal anecdotes of conversations he had with potential voters. Scott Mikal, states his conversations have been largely positive. Washington's response came in an influx after the Washington board meeting, documents shared on the COWS.</p> <p>Scott moves to discussion with Ananda. Ananda prefers we continue to share our information through our current channels direct to the community. Response has been positive. As a religious organization the council has to remain neutral. Pertaining to property taxes it is unclear how Ananda splits the cost/payment of property taxes. There are various tax exemptions throughout the property as well. Unclear if they are all voters, percentage of residents that are voters is unclear. Ananda is invested in the community as a whole. Their members use the Oaktree food bank as well as other services the community.</p> <p>Aubrey shares positive feedback she got from an Ananda family. Shares that she is for the measure and feels she has spoke with community members that feel positive about the measure. Has a personal connection to helping schools.</p> <p>Aubrey has concerns for ADA access.</p> <p>Trustee Morton shares her thoughts on bond measure. Shares she came with the intent to vote no. She states she feels the need is not there.</p> <p>Trustee Farrell shares his thoughts on the measure. Shares his reason for coming with the intent to vote "no". Feels state and government agencies should focus more in helping schools and that community members shouldn't have the added weight of an increase in taxes as many are already struggling. Appreciates all the time that was spent and the information gathered will be useful for the future. He feels that giving his yes would impact his constituents. He said this will be difficult to pass.</p> <p>Trustee Goodman shares his feedback. Shares he has received mixed feedback. Feels socioeconomic status plays a large part in people's stance on the measure. Shares that Many responses that are for it are those who don't have children here. Many with children are already struggling. Seems like a less appropriate time when there are other pressing issues directly related to the school that the bond measure may not address. Asks for clarification on how often a bond can be brought to the community. Worries that if the bond passes it could have a direct negative impact on those that it is trying to help.</p> <p>Goodman feels like this is a huge distraction from our goals.</p>	

		<p>Scott expressed he has been here every day and this item is just one thing on his list.</p> <p>Trustee Goodmans says he cares about improving the aging building. Malik says he is for allowing democracy to put it to the people for the public to vote.</p> <p>Superintendent Mikal responds to Trustee's concerns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in comparison to other schools our school needs some TLC • Good facilities draw families to see that the school is invested in their children's school and their success. • Facilities led this process. We have spent 36k already on facilities repairs. End of Life repairs will become a necessity. • we do not currently have resources to address those needs • Future parent expressed interest in supporting schools • He encouraged the Trustees to allow the constituents to make the vote • This the hard work of the Trustees • Scott expresses concern on aging infrastructure <p>Malik wants to call for a vote. Trustees have a consensus to allow the vote to let the people decide.</p>	
Discussion/Action	B.	<p>Resolution No.23-13: RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TWIN RIDGES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT ORDERING AN ELECTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, ESTABLISHING SPECIFICATIONS OF THE ELECTION ORDER, AND REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION WITH OTHER ELECTIONS OCCURRING ON MARCH 5, 2024 (See lavender and light green backup)</p> <p>Katie discusses the board's commitment. She won't be back until the issuance of the bond. board will not have any advocacy.</p> <p>Aubrey makes a motion to approve Resolution No 23-13, Mindy Seconds. The vote carries as follows (4/0/1/0)</p> <p>Aubrey- Yes Mindi -Yes Jonathan- Yes Malik- Yes</p>	 
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	9.	PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS	
	10.	CLOSED SESSION	
	A.	Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Government Code § 54957)	

	B.	Conference with Labor Negotiator (Government Code § 54957.6). Employee Organizations: Twin Ridges Teachers Association, California School Employees Association, SJR Chapter, Non-Represented Classified; Agency Negotiator: Superintendent Scott Mikal	
	C.	Conference With Legal Counsel – Anticipated/Existing Litigation (Government Code § 54956.9(d)(1) (Government Code § 54956.9(d)(2) or (3).	
	11.	RECESS /RECONVENE - Report Out on Closed Session – Malik Goodman	
	A.	Reportable Action Taken Regarding Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Government Code § 54957(b))	
	B.	Reportable Action Taken Regarding Conference with Labor Negotiator (Government Code § 54957.6). Employee Organizations: Non-Represented Classified. Agency Negotiator: Scott Mikal	
	C.	Reportable Action Taken Regarding Conference With Legal Counsel – Anticipated/Existing Litigation (Government Code § 54956.9(d)(1) (Government Code § 54956.9(d)(2) or (3).	
<i>Discussion</i>	12.	FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSION	
	13.	UPCOMING MEETINGS: December 12, 2023	
	14.	Adjournment : 5:50pm	

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12/7/2023

Malik Goodman, Board President

Date

12/7/2023

Scott Mikal-Heine, Superintendent/Principal

Date