

**Twin Ridges Elementary School District  
Board of Trustees  
BOARD MEETING**

**Monday, November 10, 2014  
4:00 PM**

**Grizzly Hill School  
16661 Old Mill Road  
Nevada City, CA 95959**

<b>MINUTES</b>
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**The Board reserves the right to take action on any item on the agenda.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER** 4:02 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

<b>Ralph Henson</b>	<b>President</b>
<b>Mindi Morton</b>	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>Rusty Fites-Kaufman</b>	<b>Member</b>
<b>Jenny Travers</b>	<b>Member</b>
<b>Rebecca Wayman</b>	<b>Member</b>

*Members in attendance: Ralph Henson, Mindi Morton, Rusty Fites-Kaufman, Jenny Travers, Rebecca Wayman.*

*Members of the audience: James Berardi, Mary Toscani, Stephanie Freydon, Diana Pasquini, Jessica Randolph, Peter Ketchand, Sonja Jenkins, Brian Kersey, Cheri Smith, Bonnie Marques.*

2 minutes

**3. THE BOARD WILL REVIEW AND APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 10, 2014 AGENDA**

*Rebecca Wayman moved and Jenny Travers seconded to approve the November 10, 2014 Agenda as presented. 5-0*

5 minutes

**4. THE BOARD WILL REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 21, 2014**

(grey backup)

*Mindi Morton moved and Rusty Fites-Kaufman seconded to approve the October 21, 2014 Minutes as presented. 5-0*

5 minutes

**5. ITEMS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND COMMUNICATION**

The Board of Trustees welcomes comments and suggestions from the public. While no action may be taken by the Board concerning items not on an 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)

*Diana Pasquini reported that the FRC has two separate grant applications out. One is for an arborist and the other is for ongoing cleaning at Oak Tree. They are hoping to received money to replace the Lodge flooring, air conditioning, service the kitchen, and an ADA compliant restroom. They are also fixing up a room for Art classes to be held after school. They are also preparing office space for confidential use. Diana requested the names of any needy families to contact regarding registration for Toys for Tots. The martial arts classes are going fantastic. Wendy Van Wagner will hold cooking classes when martial arts is over.*

10 minutes  
information

**6. INVESTMENT UPDATE: PETER KETCHAND**

*Peter Ketchand updated the Board on TRESA's investments. He is working with our attorneys to complete an investment plan. Most investments are determined by legal code but the attorneys will assist in the gray areas. He will proceed as soon as the attorneys give him the necessary information. He will then present recommendations and provide information to the Board. He will be managing our long term investments. Five years is the maximum for every type of bond at the present time.*

5 minutes  
information

**7. TEACHERS REPORT**

*Cheri Smith reported that the teachers are in the throws of testing and report cards. Some are attempting to get Common Core aligned report cards. The field trip to Gray Lodge was great but the ride was very long. The TK/KN class went to Bierwagen's and Mountain Bounty Farm and discussed and compared the differences between the two. The students will take field trips back to the farms in the spring. Trick or Treating in North San Juan went very well. The children love it and it is important to get them out in the community. It is a service to both the students and the community and a good whole school event. Mrs. Smith also requested that the subject of all day Kindergarten be put back on the agenda.*

2 minutes  
information

**8. ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

TRESA Annual Organizational meeting will be held on December 9, 2014.

*James Berardi notified all that the official date for outgoing and incoming Board members is December 5, 2014.*

*Mindi Morton requested name plates for the Board members.*

10 minutes  
action

**9. ANNUAL APPROVAL OF DISTRICT ORGANIZATION CHART**

Changes in the organizational chart reflect the currently populated positions in the District. Superintendent will report on process.

The superintendent recommends approval. (pink backup)

*Jenny Travers moved and Rusty Fites-Kaufman seconded to approve the Annual District Organization Chart. 5-0*

5 minutes  
action

**10. APPROVE WARRANTS**

The superintendent recommends approval.

(green backup)

*Mary Toscani and James Berardi provided some explanations. Mindi Morton moved and Rusty Fites-Kaufman seconded to approve the Warrants as presented. 5-0*

10 minutes  
information

**11. BUDGET UPDATES**

Discussion regarding the First Interim budget lines

*Mary Toscani recently began working on the first interim. Mary's projection is that deficit spending will be about \$32,000.*

4 minutes

**12. CLASSROOM REPORTS**

a. Washington School Enrollment

Grade	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Students	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	2	6

b. Grizzly Hill School Enrollment

Grade	TK/K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Students	15	10	7	11	11	9	5	14	8	90

3 minutes  
action/discussion

**13. SPENDING PLAN PROPOSITION 39**

*James Berardi reported that money has been approved for updating schools in heating and energy. We will receive about \$80,000. He is working with HY Architects to direct proper spending. James and HY will put together a plan. The lights in the gym will probably be the first update. Lighting will probably be where we use the most money. No action was needed.*

3 minutes  
information

**14. PROPOSITION 2 UPDATE**

*James Berardi reported that the State is interested in the money we have and the money we wish to invest.*

3 minutes  
action

**15. APPROVE REVISED GANN LIMIT RESOLUTION # 14-13**

(lilac backup)

*Jenny Travers moved and Mindi Morton seconded to approve the Revised Gann Limit Resolution #14-13 as presented. Roll Call: Ayes-5, Noes-0, Absent-0, Abstain-0*

3 minutes  
information/discussion

**16. WASHINGTON STATUS UPDATE**

*James Berardi will keep this item on the agenda all year to continue ongoing discussions.*

3 minutes  
action/discussion

**17. MEMORIAL BENCH FOR PETE MILANO**

*James Berardi reported that Washington would like to do something to honor Pete Milano for all his years of service and dedication to the community. They are considering a bench. James and Jenny Travers will work on TRESA's on some ideas. No action was taken.*

3 minutes  
information/discussion

**18. TRANSPORTATION**

*James Berardi has not been able to get anywhere on the sale of the small bus yet. He is working on an idea to use Downieville's bus company along with a Grizzly Hill parent that is interested in driving. He will also look into the cost of a nine passenger van to help facilitate small group field trips. We will look into how many students there are living up the hill and do not have bus service.*

3 minutes  
action/discussion

**19. MALAKOFF UPDATE**

*James Berardi reported that he has been meeting with numerous people to try to make something happen with the Malakoff site. He has another meeting on Friday. There will*

*be costs to us because it is our building. It may need the basics, painting, generator, stove hood etc. Now that James has others on board with the project he would like to know if the Board is behind maintaining our building. Kurt Lorenz' proposal was about \$80,000 for the basics. Ralph Henson will meet with Kurt Lorenz to put together a list.*

3 minutes  
information/discussion

**20. PRESCHOOL**

*James Berardi said that California has submitted an application to the U.S. Dept. of Education for \$35,000,000- \$140,000,000. We will find out what amount we are eligible for at the end of the year.*

3 minutes  
information/discussion

**21. BOARD TRAINING**

*James Berardi stated that Holly Hermansen has not confirmed Board Training as she is waiting to find out who her Board members are.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

At this time, we open the meeting for any public comments regarding the following Closed Session item.

**22. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION 5:41 p.m.**

**23. CLOSED SESSION**

Public Employee Discipline Dismissal/Release

For closed session discussions concerning personnel matters pursuant to Government Code 54957.

**24. RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION 6:10 p.m.**

**25. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

*Mary Toscani will work on costs of Washington*

*Transportation*

*Pete Milano tribute*

*All day Kindergarten*

**26. AJOURNMENT 6:25 p.m.**

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**Attested to:**

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**Ralph Henson/President    Date**

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**Mindi Morton/Clerk    Date**