

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

**Tuesday, February 9, 2016  
4:00PM**

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

**MINUTES**

**The Board reserves the right to take action on any item on the agenda.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER** 4:01 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

<b>Ralph Henson</b>	<b>President</b>
<b>Mindi Morton</b>	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>Rebecca Wayman</b>	<b>Member</b>
<b>Stefanie Freydont</b>	<b>Member</b>
<b>Jessica Randolph</b>	<b>Member</b>

Members in attendance: Mindi Morton, Rebecca Wayman, Stefanie Freydont, Jessica Randolph. Ralph Henson arrived at 5:45 p.m.

Members of the audience: James Berardi, Mary Toscani, Peter Ketchand, Mary Owens, Willow DeFranco, Cheri Smith, Washington representatives, Bonnie Marques.

**3. THE BOARD WILL REVIEW AND APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 9, 2016  
AGENDA**

action  
2 minutes

Jessica Randolph moved and Rebecca Wayman seconded to approve the February 9, 2016 Agenda as presented. 4-0

**4. THE BOARD WILL REVIEW AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF  
JANUARY 12, 2016**

action  
2 minutes

Rebecca Wayman moved and Jessica Randolph seconded to approve the Minutes of January 12, 2016 as presented. 4-0

**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)

information  
5 minutes

Diana Pasquini from the FRC updated the Board on last month’s activities and distributed flyers and newsletters.

**6. INVESTMENT UPDATE**

Report from Peter Ketchand of Owens Estate & Wealth Strategies Group  
information  
10 minutes (white backup)

Mary Owens provided an explanation of current reports. She also explained the importance of holding Bonds to maturity.

**7. TEACHERS REPORT**

information  
5 minutes

Willow DeFranco reported on the trip to see the Monk’s which some students participated in. Cheri Smith announced the dates for Kindergarten Roundup as 2/15/16 and a second in April. Jessica Randolph informed all of a play and spaghetti feed being put on by the 5/6 grade at Grizzly Hill. The tentative date for the fundraiser is 3/9/16. Ms. Gardiner was not in attendance so representatives of Washington School updated the Board on their plans have a Bingo Night fundraiser on 3/2/16 and a Bake Sale & Spaghetti Feed. They are also working on an Art Auction and Trash Fashion Show. Melody Miles and some of her co-students in Partnership Academy at Nevada Union High School are working on making short films that will be presented in Washington on 4/6/16 in the Café.

**8. CLASSROOM REPORTS**

a. Washington School Enrollment

Grade	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Students	2	-0-	2	2	-0-	2	1	1	-0-	10

b. Grizzly Hill School Enrollment

Grade	TK/K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Students	2/10	16	10	5	10	12	10	3	16	94

information  
4 minutes

Correction to TK/K numbers in Grizzly Hill School Enrollment: PTK 2, TK 1, KN 9.

**9. CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION**

discussion/action

5 minutes

(salmon backup)

Mary Toscani provided an explanation and informed the Board she applies in June for Federal Funds. This pertains to 2013-2014 Title 1. Jessica Randolph moved and Stefanie Freydonk seconded to approved the Consolidated Application. 4-0

**10. APPROVE WARRANTS**

The superintendent recommends approval.

action

5 minutes

(green backup)

Mary Toscani provided explanations. Jessica Randolph moved and Rebecca Wayman seconded to approve the Warrants as presented. 4-0

**11. ACCEPT LETTER FROM NCSOS ON FIRST INTERIM**

information

2 minutes

(blue backup)

Mindi Morton noted that the letter from NCSOS on First Interim states again that deficit spending is way out of control. Jessica Randolph moved and Rebecca Wayman seconded to approve the Letter from NCSOS on First Interim. 4-0

**12. WASHINGTON TEACHER ON LEAVE UPDATE**

information

2 minutes

James Berardi read a letter written by Michelyn Brown regarding her decision to remain in Southern California. Jessica Randolph moved and Rebecca Wayman seconded to approve the letter of resignation from Michelyn Brown. 4-0

**13. MAINTENANCE REPORT**

James Berardi reported that the following actions took place:

**Washington School** Maintenance continues to deliver food and complete items requested by Patricia Gardiner on a weekly basis.

**Grizzly Hill School** Nothing to report

**Oak Tree School** Posts and front stairs were replaced.

**Malakoff** nothing to report

information

5 minutes

**14. REPORT FROM CSBA CONFERENCE**

information

5 minutes

Mindi Morton reported that she and Mary Toscani attended a workshop on Negotiations and Human Resources which explained what the Board's responsibilities are. Mindi Morton stood in for Rebecca Wayman at the recent NCSBA meeting and informed all that Nevada Union plans to start school one hour later.

**15. POSSIBLE CHANGES TO DATES AND TIMES FOR REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS**

discussion/action

5 minutes

James Berardi explained the request for change to dates or times for the regular board meetings. Ralph Henson has enrolled in a class that meets Mondays and Tuesdays and is requesting a change in the day board meetings are held. Mindi Morton stated that she will fill in until Ralph Henson arrives. Becky Wayman is unavailable on Wednesdays and Thursdays every other week. Mary Toscani cannot participate on Wednesdays. Tabled.

**16. MALAKOFF**

information

5 minutes

James Berardi asked for input from the Board regarding Malakoff. Should it be put on the market for sale again as is or do some fixing up? A local real estate agent was looking at comps but James has not heard anything from her yet. Rebecca Wayman would like to see it used as an Environmental Center then sell it if not successful. It would need to be rezoned to be used as housing. Rebecca Wayman and Mindi Morton will proceed with investigation into possibilities.

**17. ELECTIVES**

information/action

5 minutes

James Berardi reported that the LCAP states that we will increase electives. He is having a difficult time finding local people to teach electives and questions whether we are paying too little as we currently pay about one half the amount that the previous Superintendent/Principal was paying. Rebecca Wayman requested that continuity in the schedule be a priority when scheduling electives. Rebecca Wayman moved and Jessica Randolph seconded to give James Berardi the flexibility to be more creative in his approach to acquiring elective instructors as long as he stays within the budget that the Board previously approved. 4-0

**18. WASHINGTON UPDATE: PETITION ON REDISTRICTING**

information  
30 minutes

James Berardi thanked all the Washington representatives for coming and making the drive. He reported on continued meetings and conversations that he has had with Richard Anderson, Cynthia Hayden at Union School, Christina (Superintendent of Forks of Salmon, the Superintendent/Principal/Teacher of Indian Diggins, and Kevin Monsama (Superintendent at Pollock Pines), and an upcoming visit by James Berardi, Mary Toscani Ralph Henson, and Rachel Kozlowski to the small school in Pollock Pines on 2/19/16. James Berardi also updated the Board and audience on the numerous meetings he has had with Holly Hermansen (Nevada County Superintendent of Schools) and her Business Official. He noted that the California Department of Education redistricting process consists of twelve chapters.

Holly Hermansen updated the group on numerous items. The Washington representatives asked questions and provided comments.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**19. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION** 6:13 p.m.

**20. CLOSED SESSION**

Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

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

**21. RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION** 6:57 p.m.

**22. APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 16-01 SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR REDUCING OR ELIMINATING CERTAIN CERTIFICATED POSITIONS**

Reduction required to address district goals of reductions in deficit spending.

1. Three 3.0 FTE Probationary Teachers (white backup)  
action

10 minutes

Jessica Randolph moved and Stefanie Freydon seconded to approve Resolution No. 16-01: Superintendents Recommended Action for Reducing or Eliminating Certain Certificated Positions. Roll Call: Ayes 5, Noes -0-, Absent -0-, Abstain -0-

**23. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

2 minutes

Change day/time of TRESA Board Meetings

Revisit closure of Washington

**24. ADJOURNMENT** 7:18 p.m.

Mindi Morton moved and Jessica Randolph seconded to adjourn the February 9, 2016 TRESB Board Meeting. 5-0

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**Attested to:**

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**Ralph Henson/President      Date**

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**Mindi Morton/Clerk      Date**