



RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 25, 2023 - 6:30 p.m. Open Session
Rescue District Office Board Room

The Public's health and well-being are the top priority for the Board of Trustees of the Rescue Union School District and all are urged to take all appropriate health safety precautions. To facilitate this process, there were two options to view and/or participate in this open session meeting in person or via Zoom.

DISTRICT MISSION

Rescue Union School District, in partnership with families and the community, is dedicated to the success of every student by providing a challenging, comprehensive and quality education in a safe environment in which all individuals are respected, valued, connected and supported.

PLEASE NOTE:

These are provided as summary minutes. The audio recording of the meeting is available for review at:
<http://www.rescueusd.org/School-Board/Agendas-Minutes/index.html>

CALL TO ORDER: Board president called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

- ✓ Michael Gordon, President
- ✓ Kim White, Vice President
- ✓ Michelle Bebout, Clerk
- ✓ Jamie Hunter, Member
- ✓ Michael Flaherty
- ✓ Jim Shoemake, Superintendent and Board Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT:

(Closed session agenda items only)

There were no comments concerning items on the Closed Session agenda.

CLOSED SESSION:

The Board adjourned to closed session to discuss matters of personnel, security, negotiations, student discipline, litigation, or other matters as authorized by Government Code Sections 3549.1, 54956.9, 54956.8, 54957, and 54957.6 and Education Code Sections 35146 and 48918.

Conference with Labor Negotiator - Discussion with the District's Superintendent, Jim Shoemake, and/or labor negotiators, Lisa Donaldson and Dustin Haley, regarding directions and issues in negotiations with Rescue Union Federation of Teachers (RUFT), California School Employees Association (CSEA), Confidential Staff, and Administrative Management.

OPEN SESSION:

Convened open session in the Board Room at 6:35 p.m.

Welcome - The Board president provided an introduction to Board meeting proceedings.

Flag Salute - Board president led the flag salute.

1. Adoption of Agenda

(Consideration for Action)

Trustee White moved and Trustee Hunter seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION:

Report from Closed Session - Board president reported no action taken in closed session.

Superintendent's Report - The Superintendent presented a report on Bright Spots happening around the district, including a recent well-attended EL (English Learner) event for community families, facilities upgrades in progress and planned, as well as Employee Proclamations celebrating many Rescue Union School District employees such as administrative professionals, bus drivers, school principals, school nutrition employees and certificated faculty and staff.

Celebrating Community Members and Community Member Service - RUSD alumna Kaitlynn Shedd reported on her Girl Scout landscape project at Lake Forest Elementary, which has been continuously worked on for eight months and already delivered great results on the campus grounds. As a part of the process, she reached out to Boy Scouts, school parent groups, families came with kids, and also had a few firefighters on the scene to pitch in and assist with moving rocks and wheelbarrows of bark chips.

Celebrating Excellence - Lakeview Elementary Principal Kathy Miracle gave a site update, establishing "Eagles Revitalize" as the school theme this year. The school year started with a new mural in the amphitheater from multiple staff and PTO members. Principal Miracle emphasized the school motto of "SOAR" - Solve Problems, Own good decisions, Achieve leadership, and Radiate respect. Mentioned specifically was dedicated Lakeview staff, from teachers to yard supervisors to bus drivers. PTO events such as Breakfast Social, Fall Festival, Santa Fun Run have added fun and spirit to the school year. Dance and sports are back, and arts and the garden program are going strong. 4th graders enjoyed an overnight trip to Coloma. Nature Bowl student presenters Liam, Sullivan, and Diana spoke on this academic group identifying ecological programs and waste on campus. Highlights promoting student involvement are IMPACT Leadership, Safety Patrol, and Kindness Crew.

Difference Makers honored were teacher Jenni Bazor and school secretary Jennifer Washburn.

There were no public comments.

GENERAL:

(Closed Session Report)

2. Stipulated Expulsion Agreement - Student 22-23A

Board President Gordon reported that in Closed Session the Trustees voted 5-0 to accept the recommended expulsion for student 22-23A.

3. LCAP Update and Two-Year Parent Survey Data

(Information Only)

The Superintendent recommended the Board receive information on the status of our LCAP presentation. This was Part One of a Two Part Presentation. Part Two will be shared at the May 9, 2023 Board Meeting. The LCAP data focused on results from parent surveys with significant increases in participation. Information gathered relates to curriculum, safety, socio-emotional supports, quality of facilities, maintenance and custodial re-organization, site staff communication, instructional materials.

There were no public comments.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

(Consideration for Action)

4. Science Curriculum Adoption

Rescue Union elementary school teachers participated in an in-depth review of materials on the State Approved List. After piloting two programs and analyzing them for standards alignment, student engagement, and how well they promoted critical thinking and collaboration by consensus, the Twig Science program has been selected to best meet the needs of students. The Superintendent recommended adoption of the Twig Science program for grades K-5.

1. Presentation

2. Public comment

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: 8:12 p.m.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: 8:13 p.m.

Trustee Flaherty moved and Trustee Bebout seconded to approve the adoption of the Twig Science program for grades K-5. Motion passed 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA:

All matters listed under Consent Agenda are considered to be routine or sufficiently supported by prior or accompanying reference materials and information as to not require additional discussion. A motion as referenced below enacts all items.

The Board President called for public comment on any of the items on the consent agenda. There were no public comments. Trustee White moved and Trustee Bebout seconded to approve the balance of the Consent Agenda. Motion passed 5-0.

5. Board Meeting Minutes- Minutes of the March 21, 2023 Regular Board Meeting (Materials provided)
6. Study Session Meeting Minutes - Minutes of the April 18, 2023 Study Session (Materials provided)
7. Human Resources-the District's long-range goal is to recruit a diverse, high quality staff with student focused goals and philosophies. Periodically, changes in staffing occur due to need for additional positions, resignations, or leaves of absence. All positions listed are within current budget allocations (Materials provided)
8. Williams Act Quarterly Report - The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the Williams Act Quarterly Report for the period of 1/1/23 - 3/31/23 (Materials provided)
9. District Expenditure- Warrants must regularly be presented to the Board of Trustees for ratification. Detailed warrant order listings are available at the District Office. The supplement reflects expenditures from 3/1/23 through 3/31/23 (Materials provided)
10. District Purchase Orders - Purchase orders must regularly be presented to the Board of Trustees for ratification. The supplemental reflects expenditures from 3/1/23 through 3/31/23 (Materials provided)
11. Report of Surplus Materials - Tech Dept.
12. Administrative Professionals Week Proclamation - Rescue Union School District recognizes April 23–29, 2023 as Administrative Professionals Week.
13. School Bus Drivers Day Proclamation - Rescue Union School District recognizes April 25, 2023 as School Bus Drivers Day.
14. School Principals Day - Rescue Union School District recognizes May 1, 2023 as School Principals' Day.
15. School Nutrition Employee Week Proclamation - Rescue Union School District recognizes May 1-5, 2023 as School Nutrition Employee Week.
16. Certificated Employee Week Proclamation - Rescue Union School District recognizes May 7-13, 2023 as Certificated Employee Week.
17. Jackson Overnight Field Trip to Sierra Outdoor School - March 2024
18. Comcast Internet E-Rate Agreement
19. RUSD Food Services Pest Management Agreement
20. All Abilities Playground Contract - Jackson Elementary School Campus

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee White moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m.



Michelle Bebout, Clerk

5/9/23

Date



Michael Gordon, President

5-9-23

Date