



RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 15, 2022 - 6:30 p.m. Open Session (Closed Session at 5:30 p.m.)
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 5:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

- ✓ Michael Gordon, President
- ✓ Nancy Brownell, Vice President
- ✓ Suzanna George, Clerk
- ✓ Kim White, Member
- ✓ Michelle Bebout, Member
- ✓ 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 6:32 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 Brownell moved and Trustee George seconded to approve 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 recent Bright Spots happening around the district, including Red Ribbon Spirit Week, site Halloween festivities, the County Elections Department Voting Center in the District Office Board Room, and Veterans Day events honoring our community's servicepeople.

Celebrating Excellence in our Community - Lakeview Elementary Principal, Kathy Miracle, recognized Lora Watts and Lana and Alexis Bermudez, who designed and painted a new mural on campus.

Celebrating Excellence in Our Schools - Marina Village Principal, Levi Cambridge, provided a site update which focused on their sports theme this school year, emphasizing teamwork between staff and faculty. This school year, focuses on campus are "Positive Student Connections." Administrators, faculty and staff are rewarding good behavior, hosting 8th grade Lunch Chats, and promoting clubs and extracurriculars for enrichment opportunities. Students are also encouraged to choose methods of engagement suited to their abilities and preferences, such as Peer Tutoring, school government, and fundraiser event planning. Principal Cambridge also acknowledged the Board's commitment to prioritizing outdoor learning spaces and garden areas on campus.

Difference Makers honored were Karen Freed, MVMS Site Secretary and Laura Bardini, MVMS teacher of 29 years in RUSD and PC Pals Coordinator. Karen has worked at MV for 5 years, and is patient, has great judgment to rely on in running the school, shares humor and great service, is devoted and a true team player. Karen is a go-to person and always helpful. Laura leads the Sunshine team and has helped with Honor Society and inspires students to be the best version of themselves. Cares about staff and everyone individually.

Board Member Report - Board Clerk Suzanna George reported on the importance of district bylaws, specifically BB 9005 - Professional Governance Standards. She provided information on The California School Boards Association (CSBA) Masters in Governance program to equip local education agencies, board members and administrators with knowledge and skills to build teams, support employees, and create effective governing structures. Trustee George stated that school board members are among the oldest national category of public officials and should strive to be nonpartisan, thoughtful, fair and always represent the best interests of schoolchildren in their communities.

There were no public comments.

GENERAL:

2. Garden Presentation

(Presentation)

Lead Garden Coordinator Gina Johnston presented information on gardens at RUSD school sites. These outdoor learning areas are safe, clean and open spaces. Her team now has lesson plans for all sites and a lunchtime garden program with 15-85 students visiting each day at lunch. LF students spoke about composting, reducing food waste and helping plants thrive with soil nutrients. They are also repurposing items such as used tires for planter areas. The gardens have received picnic tables and more and were used in a successful garden tea party recently, enjoyed by students and all. LF has also used outdoor garden space for Apple Day, where kids built apple structures, painted apples and ate apples. The Jackson Garden Club meets after school and has 45 students. MVMS has experimented with tomato and cucumber seeds, hydroponics and found that frozen seeds germinate and grow faster than refrigerated. An MVMS student spoke about such garden science experiments and results. Scout projects also have helped RUSD outdoor spaces tremendously, with new fencing, smoother pathways, additions like a greenhouse, and mosaic art. Kaitlyn Shedd is doing a Girl Scout Gold Project and enlisted EDHFD to help clear areas and put in bark etc for native plants at LF. A garden updates newsletter is beginning this month for Supt and Board. A highlight is that a student aide created a sensory area for an SDC student that is helpful and beloved.

3. Update for Board Policies, Administrative Regulations and Board Bylaws

(Consideration for Action)

The Superintendent recommended the Board update and approve Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5142.21: Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions. Trustee White asked about parental notifications and the District's plan for emergency use only. Trustee Brownell commented on Rescue Union School District's prioritization of student safety and the fact that the District has had no known cases or instances of need to date. Trustee George expressed gratitude for the District's team of medical professionals. Trustee George moved and Trustee Brownell seconded to approve the Board Policy and Administrative Regulation updates for 5142.21. The motion passed 5-0.

4. CSBA Delegate Assembly Nominations

(Consideration for Action)

The Superintendent recommended the Board of Trustees consider nominations for CSBA Delegate Assembly. Nominations for CSBA's Delegate Assembly will be accepted until January 7, 2023. Any CSBA member board is eligible to nominate board members within their geographical region or subregion. Each board may nominate

as many individuals as it chooses. All nominees must submit a biographical sketch. An optional resume may also be submitted. No nominations were made.

There were no public comments.

BUSINESS AND FACILITIES

5. Annual/5 Year Developer Fee Report (Consideration for Action)

The Assistant Superintendent of Business Services recommended the Board of Trustees adopt the Accounting of Developer Fees for Fiscal Year 2021-22 Report. Pursuant to Government Code Section 66000 et seq. the District is required to make public an annual accounting of developer fees collected by the District within 180 days after the last day of each fiscal year.

Trustee Brownell moved and Trustee George seconded to approve the Annual/5 Year Developer Fee Report. The motion passed 5-0.

6. Certificated Staff – RUFT Tentative Agreement - AB1200 Compliance 2022-2023 (Consideration for Action)

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve the Tentative Agreement and School District Public Disclosure of Negotiated Agreement AB1200 Compliance for Certificated Staff.

Trustee George moved and Trustee Brownell seconded to approve the Certificated Staff RUFT Tentative Agreement and AB1200 Compliance 2022-2023. The motion passed 5-0.

7. Classified Staff – CSEA Tentative Agreement - AB1200 Compliance 2022-2023 (Consideration for Action)

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve the Tentative Agreement and School District Public Disclosure of Negotiated Agreement AB1200 Compliance for Classified Staff.

Trustee Brownell moved and Trustee George seconded to approve the Classified Staff RUFT Tentative Agreement and AB1200 Compliance 2022-2023. The motion passed 5-0.

8. Management, Confidential and Administration including the Assistant Superintendents and Superintendent (Unrepresented) - AB1200 Compliance 2022-2023 (Consideration for Action)

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve the School District Public Disclosure of Negotiated Agreement AB1200 Compliance for Management, Confidential and Administration (Unrepresented).

Trustee Brownell moved and Trustee George seconded to approve the Management, Confidential and Administration including the Assistant Superintendents and Superintendent (Unrepresented) and AB1200 Compliance 2022-2023. The motion passed 5-0.

There were no public comments.

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 George moved and Trustee Brownell seconded to approve the balance of the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 5-0.

- 9. Board Meeting Minutes- Minutes of the Oct. 25, 2022 Regular Board Meeting (Materials provided)
- 10. 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)
- 11. 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 10/1/22 through 10/31/22 (Materials provided)
- 12. District Purchase Orders - Purchase orders must regularly be presented to the Board of Trustees for ratification. The supplemental reflects expenditures from 10/1/22 through 10/31/22 (Materials provided)
- 13. License Agreement between Rescue Union School District and Jackson Elementary PTO (Materials provided)

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee White moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m.



Clerk of the Board

12/13/22

Date



Board President

Date