



## **RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, February 7, 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 5:30 p.m.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

- ✓ Michael Gordon, President
- ✓ Kim White, Vice President
- ✓ Michelle Bebout, Clerk
- ✓ Jamie Hunter, Member
- Vacant Seat
- ✓ 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 6:33 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 Bebout seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed 4-0.

## **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 the January 31st selection of Michael Flaherty as Provisional Appointee to the Board. The Superintendent remarked on the "Culture of Excellence" shown by the RUSD Food Services Department recently with new, healthy recipes prepared for students such as "overnight oats." The cafeteria menu additions have been well-received. The District's social media accounts have been performing well and attracting new page visitors and post responses. Also, Jackson Elementary held a wonderful event, Science Night, with wonderful presentations from students and great attendance from staff, families and friends.

Celebrating Excellence - Rescue Elementary Principal Todd McGinnis provided a site update featuring information on school staff, goals and teams such as the Happy "ResCrue" group and the Culture and Climate team. The site update included a report on PTC activities like Game Club and holiday events with global culture education. Planned field trips to Wakamatsu Farm and the Science Center were noted. The Rescue Garden was mentioned as a campus highlight this school year, especially new structures and planters put in by Eagle Scouts. Difference Makers honored were Sheri Allen, Librarian and Brittany Boyle, 2nd grade teacher.

There were no public comments.

## **GENERAL**

(Consideration for Action)

### **2. Policy 6146.5: Elementary/Middle School Promotion Requirements**

The Superintendent recommended the Board review updates to and approve Board Policy 6146.5 Elementary/Middle School Graduation Requirements. Trustee Trustee White moved and Trustee Bebout seconded to approve the updates to BP 6146.5. The motion passed 4-0.

**CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION:**

(Information and Discussion)

**3. California Healthy Kids Survey Report**

The Superintendent recommended the Board receive information regarding the Rescue Union School District's results for the California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS) administered to 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students. The Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction presented an overview of CHKS with District areas of success, areas of future focus, analysis by grade level and next steps planned.

**BUSINESS AND FACILITIES:**

(Information and Discussion)

**4. Solar Power Purchase Agreement (PPA)**

The Superintendent recommended the Board receive a report from EcoMotion related to the Rescue Union School District solicitation of proposals for a potential Solar Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) project. An EcoMotion representative presented data regarding the legal procurement process and general information on school district usage of solar products, with cost savings and contract details to consider.

**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 Bebout moved and Trustee White seconded to approve the balance of the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 4-0.

**5. Board Meeting Minutes-** Minutes of the January 24, 2023 Regular Board Meeting (Materials provided)

**6. Board Meeting Minutes-** Minutes of the January 31, 2023 Special Board Meeting (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. 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 1/1/23 through 1/31/23 (Materials provided)

**9. District Purchase Orders -** Purchase orders must regularly be presented to the Board of Trustees for ratification.

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**10. Out-of-State Travel Request** (Materials provided)

**11. Safe School Plans -** These plans are updated each year and are developed with the involvement of school, community leaders, staff, parents and students. The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the Safe School Plans for all schools (Materials provided)

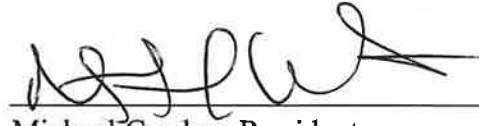
**12. School Accountability Report Cards (SARC)** Each school has updated their individual School Accountability Report Card (SARC). The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the SARC's for the 2021-2022 school year, published in 2022-2023 for all schools. (Materials provided)

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Trustee White moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

  
Michelle Bebout, Clerk

3/21/23  
Date

  
Michael Gordon, President

3-21-2023  
Date