



RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 21, 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 5:32 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 6:37 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 to re-sequence the agenda as follows:

Item 2 - pulled and moved forward to the next Regular Board meeting on April 25, 2023, with the balance of the agenda approved. Trustee Gordon seconded the motion. 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 the following recent RUSD middle school highlights: Marina Village's "Team Stationary" for Falcon Academy Robotics qualifying for the state championship and Pleasant Grove 7th Grade Girls Basketball Team winning the El Dorado County 2022-2023 championship. The District continues to promote and engage in "Continuous Improvement" with current administrative training through Studer Education and Superintendent Shoemake cited the positive Leadership Conference experience he had attending the Destination High Performance event this month with Assistant Superintendent Haley. At Green Valley Elementary, the garden space is primed with new planters and deer fencing just in time for spring and students are looking forward to using the updated area in the sunnier weather to grow their own vegetables and more.

Celebrating Excellence - Jackson Elementary Principal Michele Williamson gave a site update and stated that about eighty-five percent (85%) of all students, grades TK-5th, are meeting all standards in English Language Arts (ELA) and Math curriculum. The school works very hard to maintain high educational standards and has effective learning intervention teams and tools in place for any students in need of targeted teaching. The staff, PTO, Leadership elective and parent community put on numerous events throughout the school year such as the Science Fair and Annual Giving Gala fundraiser which are so beneficial and enjoyed by many. A brand-new grass field will open after Spring Break next month and Jackson hopes to break ground on an "All Abilities" playground in May, the result of successful collaboration by RUSD, Jackson, EDCOE and the EDHCSD.

Difference Makers honored were Teacher Kathy Steffano and Instructional Assistant Kim Nystrom.

There were no public comments.

BUSINESS AND FACILITIES:

(Information Only)

2. Solar Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) Proposal

The Superintendent recommended the Board receive a Solar Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) project presentation for an update on the Request For Proposal (RFP) process. An EcoMotion representative provided a status report on the process to-date for Board discussion only. There were no public comments.

3. Second Interim Budget Report

(Consideration for Action)

The Board is required by law to receive updated financial reports during the fiscal year. After reviewing the report, the Board considered certification of the financial condition of the District. There were no public comments. The Superintendent recommended approval of the District's 2022-2023 Second Interim Budget. Trustee White moved and Trustee Flaherty seconded to approve the District's 2022-2023 Second Interim Budget. Motion passed 5-0.

4. Smart Tag Terms and License Agreement

(Consideration for Action)

The Superintendent recommended the Board review, discuss and approve the District's Smart Tag Terms and License Agreement. Assistant Superintendent of Business Services presented general information on the agreement with emphasis on safety measures, user-friendly equipment, and district costs. There were no public comments. Trustee Bebout moved and Trustee Hunter seconded to approve the Smart Tag Terms and License Agreement. 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 Bebout moved and Trustee White seconded to approve the balance of the Consent Agenda. Motion passed 5-0.

5. Board Meeting Minutes- Minutes of the Feb. 7, 2023 Regular Board Meeting (Materials provided)

6. Board Meeting Minutes- Minutes of the Mar. 7, 2023 Regular 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. Update of Authorized Bank Signatories (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 2/1/23 through 2/28/23 (Materials provided)

- 10. District Purchase Orders - Purchase orders must regularly be presented to the Board of Trustees for ratification. The supplemental reflects expenditures from 2/1/23 through 2/28/23 (Materials provided)
- 11. Report of Surplus Equipment (Materials provided)
- 12. 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 Transportation Two-Year Plan (Materials provided)
- 13. Business contract with Stephen Roatch Accountancy Corporation for fiscal years 2023, 2024 and 2025. (Materials provided)

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee White moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 p.m.


Michelle Bebout, Clerk

4/25/23
Date


Michael Gordon, President

4-25-23
Date