

ITEM #: 1a

DATE: February 21, 2023

Rescue Union School District

AGENDA ITEM: Administration of Oath of Office

RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends the Board of the Trustees administer and sign the Oath of Office for Michael Flaherty for the remainder of the four-year term ending December 13, 2024.

BACKGROUND:

Newly selected Governing Board Members may not act in an official capacity until they have been sworn in, and have signed their Oath of Office.

STATUS:

The Board President, Michael Gordon, will administer the Oath of Office to Michael Flaherty.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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BOARD GOAL(S):

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OATH OF OFFICE

I, Michael Flaherty,

do solemnly swear

that I will support and defend

the Constitution of the United States

and the Constitution of the State of California

against all enemies,

foreign and domestic;

that I will bear true faith and allegiance

to the Constitution of the United States

and the Constitution of the State of California

that I take this obligation freely,

without any mental reservation

or purpose of evasion;

and that I will well

and faithfully discharge

the duties upon which

I am about to enter.

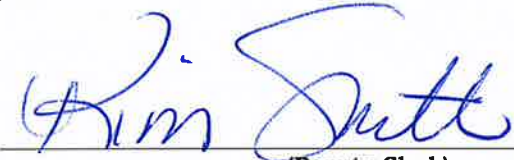
RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

District

CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT AND OATH OF OFFICE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA }
COUNTY OF EL DORADO } ss.

I, Bill O'Neill, Registrar of Voters of the County of El Dorado, State of California, do hereby certify that the Governing Board Members of the Rescue Union School District, at a board meeting held on January 31, 2023 did appoint Michael Flaherty to serve as a Governing Board Member of the Rescue Union School District for the term commencing February 21, 2023.

Dated: February 21, 2023. 
(Deputy Clerk)



STATE OF CALIFORNIA }
COUNTY OF EL DORADO } ss.



I, Michael Flaherty, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California; that I take this obligation freely; without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties upon which I am about to enter.

Signed _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me,

____ day of _____, 20____.

(District Secretary)

Term: 12/11/2020 to 12/13/2024
(Michelle Bebout resigned 12/13/2022)
(This is an unexpired short term)



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The district has taken the following steps to assist persons in offering public comment:

1. **In Person Public Comment** - Public comment may be offered in person during the board meeting at the district office located at 2390 Bass Lake Road, Rescue, California.

Note: Board Bylaw 9323 limits visitor comments to two (2) minutes per speaker, with no more than 30 minutes per topic. Time will be extended for any speaker who uses an interpreter. Please be aware that public comments, including your name, become part of the public record.

2. **Written Public Comment** - Members of the public who are unable to attend and wish to address the Board can email their name, phone number, and a description of their topic/questions to the Superintendent’s Office, cmason@rescueusd.org and cc the RUSD Board President mgordon@rescueusd.org. All correspondence will be shared with the entire Board of Trustees and Superintendent.

The business to be considered at this board meeting is listed on the following agenda:

BOARD OF TRUSTEES STUDY SESSION AGENDA

February 21, 2023

There is no Closed Session for this meeting.

Open Session starts at 5:30 p.m.

Note: The times of agendized items are approximate

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.

The agenda packet for this public meeting, as well as agenda documents distributed less than 72 hours prior to this meeting, are available for review in the Rescue Union School District Office. A broadcast/recording is being made at the direction of the Board and may capture images and/or sounds of those attending the meeting.

NOTE: In addition to in person attendance, this meeting is being held by video and/or telephonic means and will be accessible to members of the public seeking to attend and to address the Board via the methods set forth above. Members of the public seeking to attend and address the Board who require reasonable accommodations to access the meeting, based on disability or other reasons, should contact the District Office at 530-677-4461 at least 48 hours in advance of this meeting to make arrangements for such reasonable accommodations.

5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

The Board president will provide a welcome to our in-person and remote attendees and an introduction to Board meeting proceedings.

Board president will call the meeting to order and take attendance.

Michael Gordon, President
Kim White, Vice President
Michelle Bebout, Clerk
Jamie Hunter, Member
Vacant Seat
Jim Shoemake, Superintendent and Board Secretary

FLAG SALUTE:

The Board president will lead the flag salute.

1. Trustee Provisional Appointment/Oath of Office Administration

The Oath of Office will be administered to Michael Flaherty, provisional Board of Trustees appointee, whose term will expire on December 13, 2024. (Materials provided)

2. Adoption of Agenda

This item is provided as an opportunity for trustees, through consensus, to resequence or table agenda topics. (Consideration for Action)

5:40 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

For items not on tonight's agenda: This item is placed on the agenda for the purpose of providing members of the public and Bargaining Unit representatives the opportunity to address the Board on any item of business that does not appear on the formal agenda. Each speaker will have two (2) minutes to address the Board. The clock on the screen counts down the time. Under the Ralph M. Brown Act, the Board of Trustees is not allowed to comment on items that are not on the agenda. The Board is not ignoring your comments. All public input is of great value, but the Board is legally unable to respond to individual comments. The Superintendent can refer items to staff who can follow up with you.

For items that are on tonight's agenda: The Board President will invite public comment on agenda items as they are discussed.

5:45 p.m.

GENERAL:

(Superintendent)

3. Board and Superintendent Governance Training and Strategic Planning

The Board and Superintendent will participate in a governance training and strategic planning workshop facilitated by El Dorado County Office of Education.

- 1. Presentation**
- 2. Public Comment**
- 3. Discussion**

ADJOURNMENT:

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is March 7, 2023.

RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

AGENDA ITEM: Board Governance Training and Strategic Planning

RECOMMENDATION:

The Board and Superintendent will receive Board Governance Training information and discuss how to strategically implement any lessons learned.

BACKGROUND:

Rescue Union School District has a strong history of self-reflection, a focus on continuous district improvement, and encouraged professional development among all staff in order to provide the most current and relevant educational system for our students and community.

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