

Rescue Union School District
2390 Bass Lake Road, Rescue, California 95672

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018 – 5:30 P.M.
Rescue District Office Board Room

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.

| ITEM | ITEM DESCRIPTION |
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| CALL TO ORDER: | Board president called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. |
| ROLL CALL: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Nancy Brownell, President ✓ Kim White, Vice President ✓ Suzanna George, Clerk ✓ Stephanie Kent, Member ✓ Tagg Neal, Member ✓ Cheryl Olson, Superintendent and Board Secretary ✓ Sean Martin, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services ✓ Dave Scroggins, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction |
| Welcome | The Board president provided an introduction to the Board Study Session format. |
| 1. Adoption of Agenda (Consideration for Action) | Trustee White moved and Trustee Kent seconded to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed 5-0. |
| PUBLIC COMMENTS: | There were no public comments. |
| GENERAL: | |
| 2. District Mission and Vision (Supplement) (Information and Discussion) Board President | <p>Board president, Nancy Brownell facilitated the discussion regarding the current Board Strategic Plan. In reviewing the document the Board determined that much of the information is redundant (currently outlined in our LCAP) and should be consolidated. All were in agreement that “less is more” and the Values section as well as the Guiding Principles will be removed. The Board also reviewed the District Tenants and agreed they could be eliminated. Members discussed the process for defining our mission and vision statement. There were varying opinions regarding the input needed to revise the mission and vision statements. It was requested that additional information gathered by our media consultant from stakeholders be reviewed. It was also stated that given the input previously obtained through the LCAP process the Board set the mission and vision as it aligns with the budget and oversight of the district.</p> <p>It was agreed that the mission and vision will remain the same for now and will be brought back in January for further discussion with additional feedback.</p> <p>The Board Focus Goals will be revised and the LCAP goals will be added at the bottom of the page. Each goal will be labeled with the corresponding LCAP goal(s).</p> |

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| <p>3. Promoting Core Ideas and Values for RUSD</p> <p>(Supplement)</p> <p>(Information and Discussion)</p> <p>Superintendent</p> | <p>Superintendent Olson provided information to the Board regarding the 2018-19 service agreement and documentation of activities for our media consultant. It was agreed that in order to keep our momentum moving forward and the time commitment involved, it was necessary to continue the contract for the current school year. The information was provided to the Board on the purchase order report. The Board asked that in the future the actual contract be brought back for approval. Our Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, Sean Martin asked for clarification from the Board on bringing contracts for approval and the Board indicated that our process does not need to be changed. The Board also asked if the information presented through our social media messaging is without prejudice. The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of C and I reported that initially our consultant met with all administrators and teachers to get a feel for each school and currently touches on all aspects of our district (libraries, food services, etc.) All the information presented is without bias and presented in an equitable way districtwide.</p> <p>The Superintendent also provided to the Board the information gathered so far regarding stakeholders' input on the 5 questions relating to our core ideas/values and how we want to tell our story. The recurring themes throughout were communication, engagement and involvement of parents, how we address the needs of the whole child and performance/academic excellence. Additional input will still be coming from some sites' PTC groups during the month of November.</p> |
| <p>4. Superintendent Goals</p> <p>(Supplement)</p> <p>(Information and Discussion)</p> <p>Superintendent</p> | <p>The Board reviewed the summary from the workshop with HYA consultants regarding Board member thoughts, concerns and Board priorities as related to the LCAP goals. Superintendent Olson shared her thoughts for continued focus. The Board discussed their recommendations and how to distill these ideas into goals. The Board directed Superintendent Olson to synthesize the information, to make reasonable and measurable goals that factor in current goals that will continue to be a focus for her. These will be brought back as first draft to review language at the November meeting for information and possible action.</p> |
| <p>5. Superintendent/Board Communications</p> <p>(Supplement)</p> <p>(Information and Discussion)</p> <p>Superintendent</p> | <p>The request was made for communication between members as well as with the Superintendent, to rely more on email rather than text messages. The Board requested to receive text messages regarding emergencies and use messaging to notify members if an immediate response to email is necessary. Email was determined to be a better means of communication, however, the addition of text notifications will alert the Board to what and when a response may be needed.</p> |
| <p>6. Board Officers Selection</p> <p>(Supplement)</p> <p>(Information and Discussion)</p> <p>Superintendent</p> | <p>The Board discussed officer selections for the upcoming year. The CSBA Annual Educational Conference includes a workshop for new Board Presidents. Since the conference always precedes the officer selection meeting in December, Trustee George encouraged any members who might be interested in becoming the</p> |

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| | Board president to consider attending the workshop. Both Trustee George and Brownell have completed the workshop. |
| 7. Board Meeting Calendar (Supplement) (Information and Discussion) Superintendent | The Board reviewed and discuss the January 2019 meeting dates. The regular Board meeting scheduled for January 8 will be changed to a Study Session. The regular meeting will be moved to January 22. These changes will allow the Board to review information from the CSBA conference and allow staff to better prepare for the regular meeting that was scheduled to occur right after winter break. The Board meeting calendar for 2019 will be brought back to the December meeting for approval with the changes to the January dates. |
| ADJOURNMENT: | Trustee White moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. |

Suzanna George, Clerk

Date

Nancy Brownell, President

Date

Board Approved November 13, 2018