

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

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

Tuesday, August 10, 2021 - 6:30 p.m. Open Session (closed session 5:00 p.m.)  
**Rescue District Office Board Room**

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### **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 minute. The audio recording of the meeting is available for review at <http://www.rescueusd.org/School-Board/Agendas>**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>ITEM DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>CALL TO ORDER:</b>	The Board president called the meeting to order at 4:58p.m.
<b>ROLL CALL:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓Nancy Brownell, President</li> <li>✓Michael Gordon, Vice President</li> <li>✓Suzanna George, Clerk</li> <li style="padding-left: 20px;">Tagg Neal, Member</li> <li>✓Kim White, Member</li> <li>✓Jim Shoemake, Superintendent and Board Secretary</li> </ul>
<b>PUBLIC COMMENT:</b>	There were no public comments concerning items on the closed session agenda.
<b>CLOSED SESSION: District Conference Room</b>	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.
Consideration of Confidential Student Related Matter	Interdistrict Attendance Appeals: Case Numbers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 21/22-03</li> <li>• 21/22-04</li> <li>• 21/22-05</li> </ul>
Public Employee Performance Goals	Superintendent

<b>OPEN SESSION:</b>	Reconvened open session in the Board Room at 6:32 p.m.		
Welcome	The Board president provided an introduction to Board meeting proceedings.		
Flag Salute	The Board president led the flag salute.		
1. Adoption of Agenda (Consideration for Action)	Trustee George moved and Trustee White seconded to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed 4-0. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trustee White, George, Gordon and Brownell		
<b>REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION:</b>			
Report from Closed Session	The Board president reported no action taken in closed session.		
2. Superintendent's Report	Superintendent Shoemake reported on our school welcoming activities such as the "Where Everyone Belongs" (WEB) program at Marina Village Middle School, Pleasant Grove Middle School Puma Walk and kindergarten orientations. He shared that purchases have begun for our outdoor education and also reported that enrollment is up about 140 students over our projections. He went on to comment that we will be following current CDHP guidelines which requires universal masking when inside on all CA K-12 campuses, and provided an update on Extended Day.		
<b>PUBLIC COMMENTS:</b>	Public comments heard from: <table border="1" data-bbox="799 1125 1360 1188"> <tr> <td>Vani Das Parent</td> <td>RE: Unmask students in school</td> </tr> </table>	Vani Das Parent	RE: Unmask students in school
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<b>GENERAL:</b>			
3. Interdistrict Attendance Appeal (Supplement)  (Consideration for Action) Superintendent	The Board will take action on the interdistrict attendance appeal. Case Number: • 21/22-03 <i>No action was taken on this item as the request for appeal was rescinded.</i>		
4. Interdistrict Attendance Appeal (Supplement)  (Consideration for Action) Superintendent	The Board will take action on the interdistrict attendance appeal. Case Number: • 21/22-04  Trustee George moved and Trustee White seconded to deny the appeal for interdistrict attendance. The motion passed 4-0. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trustee White, George, Gordon and Brownell		

<p>5. Interdistrict Attendance Appeal (Supplement) (Consideration for Action) Superintendent</p>	<p>The Board will take action on the interdistrict attendance appeal. Case Number:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 21/22-05</li> </ul> <i>No action was taken on this item as the request for appeal was rescinded.</i></p>
<p>6. CSBA Call for Nominations for Legislative Awards (Supplement) (Consideration for Action) Superintendent</p>	<p>CSBA annually honors current members of Senate and Assembly as well as members of Congress, who have demonstrated strong leadership for public education and supported local school board governance. Nominees must be from within our district boundaries and received by September 3, 2021.  <i>There were no nominations and no action was taken.</i></p>
<p>7. Certification of District Signatures (Supplement) (Consideration for Action)</p>	<p>Pursuant to Education Code 35143, 42632, 42633 and Board Bylaw 9100, the District must certify the signatures of members of the governing board and verify signatures of the person or persons authorized to sign notices of employment, contracts and orders drawn on the funds of the District.  Trustee Gordon moved and Trustee George seconded to approve the certification of signatures due to a change in admiration. The motion passed 4-0. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trustee White, George, Gordon and Brownell</p>
<b>CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION</b>	
<p>8. Summer School Report (Supplement) (Presentation) Director of Special Programs</p>	<p>The Board received a report from Amy Bohren, Director of Special Programs, on our R.I.S.E. and BOOST summer programs.  The Board expressed their appreciation to staff and shared how proud they were of Rescue Union for providing the benefit of a summer school program. This provided an exceptional opportunity to help migrate learning loss from last year as well as provide much needed social emotional support and re-engage students for in-person attendance.</p>
<p>9. Start of School Year 2021-2022 (Supplement) (Presentation) Director of Curriculum and Instruction</p>	<p>The Board received a report regarding the start of the 2021-2022 school year, from Dustin Haley, Director of Curriculum and Instruction.  The Board thanked staff for preparing so well for the start of school. This included all the additional hiring to keep class sizes small, providing additional classified support for student learning and staff collaboration.</p>

<p>10. Long-Term Independent Study Program (AB130)</p> <p>(Supplement)</p> <p>(Presentation)</p> <p>Director of Special Programs</p>	<p>The Board receive an informational presentation on the 2021-2022 Rescue Union Long-Term Independent Study Program (LTIS).</p> <p>Director of Special Programs Amy Bohren shared the main components of the Long-Term Independent Study program in alignment with AB130.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intent is to provide an alternative education program</li> <li>• Parent/guardian would serve as the learning coach</li> <li>• Included limited synchronous instruction with a credentialed teacher</li> <li>• A master agreement that contains the process for enrolling, frequently asked questions, roles and responsibilities, and a required signature page</li> <li>• Special Education students may only participate if an IEP meeting is held and it is determined students will be able to work independently and reach IEP goals</li> </ul> <p>The Board asked clarifying questions regarding the synchronous learning time for children, availability of the teacher during the day and connections for student engagement with peers as well as social emotional health. There was also discussion regarding the online curriculum, Acellus. Topics included the pros, cons, funding source, cost, what it actually looks like for students during a typical day as well as re-engagement strategies.</p>
<b>BUSINESS AND FACILITES</b>	
<p>11. 2021-2022 Budget Update 45 Day Budget Revision</p> <p>(Supplement)</p> <p>(Information Only)</p> <p>Assistant Superintendent of Business Services</p>	<p>The Board reviewed the changes to the budget for the 2021-2022 per Education Code Sections 42127(h) that calls for the public review, within 45 days, of any budget revisions that the local agency decides to make based upon the enactment of the State Budget.</p>
<b>PERSONNEL:</b>	
<p>12. Resolution #21-06 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators</p> <p>(Supplement)</p> <p>(Consideration for Action)</p> <p>Director of Curriculum and Instruction</p>	<p>Due to legislative changes in the process for hiring teachers with Emergency Teaching Permits and Credentials, a Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators must be authorized at a public meeting by the Governing Board and submitted to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing. This Declaration shall remain in force until June 30, 2022. District administration recommends approval of Resolution #21-06.</p> <p>Trustee White moved and Trustee George seconded to approve Resolution # 20-07, Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trustee White, George, Gordon and Brownell.</p>

<p><b>CONSENT AGENDA:</b></p> <p>(Consideration for Action)</p>	<p>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 will enact all items.</p> <p>Item 15 and Item 18B were pulled for discussion/separate vote</p> <p>Trustee White moved and Trustee George seconded to approve the balance of the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 4-0. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trustee White, George, Gordon and Brownell.</p>
<p>13. Board Meeting Minutes (Supplement)</p>	<p>Minutes of June 8, 2021 Regular Board meeting.</p>
<p>14. Board Meeting Minutes (Supplement)</p>	<p>Minutes of June 22, 2021 Regular Board meeting.</p>
<p>15. Board Meeting Minutes (Supplement)</p>	<p>Minutes of July 28, 2021 Special Board meeting.</p> <p><i>This item was tabled and will be brought back.</i></p>
<p>16. District Expenditure Warrants (Supplement)</p>	<p>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 5/18/21 through 7/21/21.</p>
<p>17. District Purchase Orders</p>	<p>Purchase orders must regularly be presented to the Board of Trustees for ratification. The supplement reflects expenditures from 6/1/21 through 7/31/21.</p>
<p>18. Personnel (Supplement)</p>	<p>Rescue Union School District’s long-range goal is to recruit a diverse, high quality staff whose goals and philosophies are student focused. Periodically, changes in staffing occur due to need for additional positions, resignations, or requests for leaves of absence. All positions listed are within current budget allocations. The Superintendent recommends approval of the listed personnel actions.</p>
<p>A. Administration Employment:  Promotion:</p>	<p>Dustin Bailey, Vice Principal, (1.0 FTE), Pleasant Grove, effective 7/1/21  Todd McGinnis, Principal, (1.0 FTE) Rescue, effective 7/1/21</p>
<p>B. Certificated Employment:</p>	

Megan Alvarado, Teacher, (1.0 FTE), Jackson, effective 8/9/21

Kyle Burkhardt, Teacher, (1.0 FTE), Pleasant Grove, effective 8/9/21

Danielle DeSimoni, Counselor, (1.0 FTE), Jackson/Lakeview, effective 8/9/21

Cara Diaz, Teacher, (1.0 FTE), Lakeview, effective 8/9/21

Sara Dull, Teacher, (1.0 FTE), Jackson, effective 8/9/21

Rebecca Klutz, Teacher, (1.0 FTE), Lake Forest, effective 8/9/21

Matthew Lubic, Teacher, (.80 FTE), Marina Village, effective 8/9/21

Theresa Merrill, Teacher, (1.0 FTE), Marina Village, effective 8/9/21

Ashley Oxford, Teacher, (1.0 FTE), Lake Forest, effective 8/9/21

Terese Rudfelt, Teacher, (1.0 FTE), Lake Forest, effective 8/9/21

Lauren Todoroff, Counselor, (1.0 FTE), Pleasant Grove, effective 8/9/21

Heather Uchima, Teacher, (1.0 FTE), Pleasant Grove, effective 8/9/21

Kristi Blondino, temporary teaching assignment, (1.0 FTE), Lake Forest, effective 8/9/21

Angie Bryan, temporary teaching assignment, (.5389 FT), Rescue, effective 8/9/21

Morgan Butler, Nurse, temporary assignment, (1.0 FTE) District Office, effective 8/9/21

Chris Carey-Stronck, temporary teaching assignment, (.5389 FTE), Green Valley, effective 8/9/21

Moira Carpenter, temporary teaching assignment, (1.0 FTE), Rescue, effective 8/9/21

Clara Castillo, temporary teaching assignment, (1.0 FTE), Rescue, effective 8/9/21

Diane Connolly, temporary teaching assignment, (1.0 FTE), Green Valley, effective 8/9/21

Alyssa Daebelliehn, temporary teaching assignment, (1.0 FTE), Green Valley, effective 8/9/21

JoAnn DeRoco, temporary teaching assignment, (1.0 FTE), Green Valley/Pleasant Grove, effective 8/9/21

Kelly Dutton, temporary teaching assignment, (1.0 FTE), Jackson, 8/9/21

Nancy Erwin, temporary teaching assignment, (1.0 FTE), Rescue, effective 8/9/21

Deborah Faleschini, temporary teaching assignment, (1.0 FTE), Jackson, effective 8/9/21

Jessica Gannon, temporary teaching assignment, (1.0 FTE), Jackson, effective 8/9/21

Carla Gomann, temporary teaching assignment, (.4491 FTE), Green Valley, effective 8/9/21

Viktoriya Grom, temporary teaching assignment, (1.0 FTE), Lake Forest, effective 8/9/21

Laura Haislip, temporary teaching assignment, (1.0 FTE), Lakeview, effective 8/9/21

<p>Promotion:</p> <p>Resignation:</p>	<p>Charise Harris, temporary teaching assignment, (1.0 FTE), Pleasant Grove, effective 8/9/21</p> <p>Krista Hasler, temporary teaching assignment, (1.0 FTE), Rescue, effective 8/9/21</p> <p>Loren Hines, temporary teaching assignment, (1.0 FTE), Lake Forest, 8/9/21</p> <p>Hillary Johnson, temporary teaching assignment, (1.0 FTE), Pleasant Grove, effective 8/9/21</p> <p>Lisa Jones, temporary teaching assignment, (1.0 FTE), Jackson, effective 8/9/21</p> <p>Taylor Khan, temporary teaching assignment, (1.0 FTE), Rescue, effective 8/9/21</p> <p>Melissa Kuhlman, temporary teaching assignment, (1.0 FTE), Rescue, effective 8/9/21</p> <p>Jennifer Kunkle, temporary teaching assignment, (1.0 FTE), Lakeview, effective 8/9/21</p> <p>Rebecca LaFranire, temporary teaching assignment, (1.0 FTE), Marina Village, effective 8/9/21</p> <p>Ryann Langtry, temporary teaching assignment, (1.0 FTE), Jackson, effective 8/9/21</p> <p>Kristen McKelvy, Counselor, temporary assignment, (.6230 FTE), Lake Forest, effective 8/9/21</p> <p>Theresa Nichols, temporary teaching assignment, (1.0 FTE), Lakeview, effective 8/9/21</p> <p>Sara Pagano, temporary teaching assignment, (1.0 FTE), Rescue, effective 8/9/21</p> <p>Kristen Petty, temporary teaching assignment, (.6287 FTE), Lakeview, effective 8/9/21</p> <p>Paulina Roman, temporary teaching assignment, (1.0 FTE), Lake Forest, effective 8/9/21</p> <p>Julie Samrick, temporary teaching assignment, (1.0 FTE), Marina Village, effective 8/9/21</p> <p>Daneille Semlow, temporary teaching assignment, (1.0 FTE), Jackson, effective 8/9/21</p> <p>Sydney Shykowski, temporary teaching assignment, (1.0 FTE), Rescue, effective 8/9/21</p> <p>Heather Tittle, temporary teaching assignment, (1.0 FTE), Pleasant Grove, effective 8/9/21</p> <p>Amy Witte, temporary teaching assignment, (<del>1.0 FTE</del>), (.50 FTE) Marina Village, effective 8/9/21</p> <p>Melanie McGinnis, temporary teaching assignment, (.6287 FTE), Lake Forest, effective 8/9/21</p> <p>Laurisa Stuart, Teacher, (1.0 FTE), Lakeview, effective 5/28/21</p> <p>Trustee Gordon moved and Trustee White seconded to approve Item 18 B with modification to the FTE for Amy Witte. The motion passed 4-0.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trustee White, George, Gordon and Brownell.</p>
<p>C. Classified Management</p>	





<p>Retirement:</p>	<p>Aimee Helper, Itinerant Independence Facilitator, (.75 FTE), Jackson, effective 6/30/21  Deborah Mackey, Instructional Assistant, (.38 FTE), Jackson, effective 5/31/21  Deborah Mackey, Yard Supervisor, (.13 FT), Jackson, effective .5/31/21  Rena Marsjones, Health Office Nurse, (.59 FTE), Green Valley, effective 7/2/21  Shane McClellan, Yard Supervisor, (.38 FTE), Marina Village, effective 7/20/21  Yvonne Mix, Yard Supervisor, (.38 FTE), Pleasant Grove, effective 5/19/21  Nichelle Montelongo, Yard Supervisor, (.49 FTE), Lakeview, effective 5/31/21  Sarah Phillips, School Secretary, (1.0 FTE), Green Valley, effective 6/29/21  Luke Rodgers, Mechanic, (1.0 FTE), Transportation, effective 6/30/21  Henry Schmidt IV, Dispatcher/Relief Driver, (1.0 FTE), Transportation, effective 7/30/21  Summerstar Scowcroft, Yard Supervisor, (.33 FTE), Green Valley, effective 5/31/21  Barbara Wheat, Itinerant Independence Facilitator, District Office, effective 5/31/21    Jean Shirkman, Support Services Secretary, (1.0 FTE), FMOT, effective 9/30/21  Theresa Stephanopoulous, Library Media Coordinator, (1.0 FTE), Marina Village, 8/2/21</p>
<p>19. Contract:  Assistant Superintendent of Business Services    (Supplement)</p>	<p>The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the employment contract for Assistant Superintendent of Business Services.</p>
<p>20. Board Policy Update  BP/AR 5144.1 Suspension Expulsion Due Process    (Supplement)</p>	<p>The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the updated/revised Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5144.1 Suspension Expulsion Due Process brought forward from the June 22, 2021 regular meeting.</p>
<p>21. Agreement for Legal Services    (Supplement)</p>	<p>The District desires to retain and engage the law firm of Lozano Smith to perform legal consulting services on the District's behalf. The Superintendent recommends approval of the agreement for legal services.</p>
<p>22. Resolution #21-07  Designated Signatory    (Supplement)</p>	<p>The Superintendent recommends the Board determine and designate the listed representatives signatory authority on checks, drafts or other orders for payment of money, notes or other evidence of indebtedness in the name of the District</p>

