

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, November 16, 2021, 6:30 p.m. Open Session (closed session 5:30 p.m.)
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 you 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>

ITEM	ITEM DESCRIPTION
CALL TO ORDER:	Board president called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.
ROLL CALL:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Nancy Brownell, President ✓ Michael Gordon, Vice President ✓ Suzanna George, Clerk ✓ Tagg Neal, Member ✓ Kim White, Member ✓ Jim Shoemake, Superintendent and Board Secretary
PUBLIC COMMENT:	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 Negotiations	Discussion with the District’s Superintendent and/or labor negotiators 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 6:31 p.m.
Welcome	The Board president provided an introduction to Board meeting proceedings.
Flag Salute	Board member, Tagg Neal, led the flag salute.
1. Adoption of Agenda (Consideration for Action)	Trustee George moved and Trustee Neal seconded to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION:													
Report from Closed Session	The Board president reported no action taken in closed session.												
2. Superintendent's Report	<p>Superintendent Shoemake called out the "Bright Spots" this past month, highlighting our outdoor learning activities, field trip opportunities brought to school campuses and our Veterans Day celebrations. The Superintendent reported that enrollment is up 132 students over last year and provided an update on the impact of the statewide walkouts on RUSD.</p> <p>Additionally, Superintendent Shoemake shared the letter sent to the Governor from all El Dorado County Superintendents communicating one common voice regarding challenges the COVID related requirements are creating, requesting El Dorado County Public Health to adjust requirements to fit local conditions and to request to continue to allow for personal belief, religious and medical exemptions.</p>												
CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE:													
Green Valley Elementary School	Green Valley principal, Michelle Winberg provided a site update. Green Valley School honored Julie Parsley, Teacher and Liz Hostetler, Yard Supervisor, Paraeducator, and Crossing Guard as the recipients of the Difference Maker Award.												
PUBLIC COMMENTS:	<p>Public Comments were heard from the following staff, parents and community members, expressing opposition to the California COVID-19 mandates relating to masking, vaccine for staff and anticipated vaccine requirements for TK-8 students. Speakers encouraged the Board to stand up against mandates to provide parental choice.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="875 1146 1235 1274"> <tr> <td>Andrew Opland</td> <td>Parent</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nick Gillingham</td> <td>Parent</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lucas Miller</td> <td>Teacher</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Paul Dessert</td> <td>Parent</td> </tr> </table> <p>Comments were also heard from the following in support of masking and vaccinations, for staff and student safety. Additional concerns regarding students who are vaccinated exposed to those who are not and vaccinated students still being required to quarantine.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="875 1486 1235 1551"> <tr> <td>Ellyn Donovan</td> <td>Parent</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Amy Atkins</td> <td>Parent</td> </tr> </table>	Andrew Opland	Parent	Nick Gillingham	Parent	Lucas Miller	Teacher	Paul Dessert	Parent	Ellyn Donovan	Parent	Amy Atkins	Parent
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<p>3. PROCLAMATION OF THE RESCUE UNION SCHOOL BOARD REGARDING THE IMPACT OF COVID-RELATED STATE LAWS AND MANDATES RELATED TO MASKS, TESTING, QUARANTINES AND VACCINES ON OUR DISTRICT, EMPLOYEES, FAMILIES, STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY</p> <p>(Supplement)</p>	<p>The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the proclamation regarding the impact of COVID-related state laws and mandates related to masks, testing, quarantines, and vaccines on our district, employees, families, students, and community.</p> <p>Superintendent Shoemake provided an overview of the "why" behind the proclamation and how RUSD has responded to the pandemic. The potential vaccine requirement may impact Rescue community and our instructional programs as the requirement is a divisive issue. Further clarity is needed from the Governor and this proclamation affirms our leadership and governance team's</p>												

(Consideration for Action)
Superintendent

current thinking. Although RUSD will comply with all State laws, requirements and CDPH guidelines, we are empathetic to all our families who are navigating these challenging times. The best instruction for our students is in our classroom, and we believe medical decisions should be left to parents in consultation with their pediatrician. In addition, we support leaving the existing exemptions in the Governor’s mandate for in-person instruction and believe the legislative process, with deep and authentic public input, should determine how vaccines will be implemented. RUSD Board members provided individual perspectives regarding the proclamation, and all agreed in the value of “choice” for parents and felt this proclamation was a step in the right direction as we wait for additional clarity regarding possible vaccine requirements.

Public Comments were heard from the following staff, parents and community members, expressing opposition to the current and anticipated vaccine requirements, encouraging the Board to stand up for freedom of choice. Most were appreciative of the proclamation but felt stronger measures were needed.

Sean Kollenborn	Parent
Nick Gillingham	Parent
Jamie Hall	Parent
Tami Madera	Parent
Andrew Opland	Parent
Rebecca Smith	Parent
Andrea Dunn	Parent
Paul Dessert	Parent
Lucas Miller	Teacher
Amy Goodfellow	Parent
Brandy Kollenborn	Parent

Additional comments were heard from the following parent in support of the vaccine, with exemptions, as the best choice for his family situation.

Chris Stafford	Parent
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4. Annual Organizational Meeting –
Select Date and Time

(Supplement)

(Consideration for Action)
Superintendent

Education Code Sections 35143 and 5017 requires the governing board of each school district shall hold an annual organizational meeting. This year the 15-day window period, established by statute, to hold the Annual Organizations meeting begins on Friday, December 10, 2021 and runs through Friday, December 24, 2021. The Education Code provides that the Board at its regular meeting held immediately prior to December 10 shall select the day and time of the annual meeting. The Superintendent recommends the annual organizational meeting take place at the regular Board meeting on December 14, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Trustee George moved and Trustee White seconded to set December 14, 2021 as the annual organizational meeting. The motion passed 5-0.

5. CSBA Delegate Assembly
Nomination

(Supplement)

(Consideration the Action)

The Board considered nominations of CSBA members for the delegate assembly opening in Region 6. Each Board may nominate as many individuals as it chooses. All nominees must serve on a CSBA member board. Each delegate serves a two-year term.

Superintendent	There were no nominations.		
6. Updates for Board Policy, Administrative Regulations and Board Bylaws (Supplement) (First Reading and Possible Consideration for Action) Superintendent	Periodically, the Board reviews, revises and/or adopts Board Policies, Administrative Regulations and Board Bylaws. The following bylaw was provided for first reading and possible consideration for action. <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td>BB 9324</td> <td>Minutes and Recordings</td> </tr> </table> Trustee Gordon moved and Trustee George seconded to approve the bylaw with the suggested changes. The motion passed 5-0.	BB 9324	Minutes and Recordings
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CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION			
7. Educator Effectiveness Funding (Supplement) (Information Only) Superintendent	The Board received information regarding the proposed plan for Educator Effectiveness Funding.		
<i>At 9:37 p.m., Trustee Gordon moved and Trustee White seconded to extend the meeting until 9:50 p.m. The motion passed 5-0.</i>			
8. Curriculum and Instruction Update (Supplement) (Information Only) Director of Curriculum and Instruction	The Superintendent recommends the Board receive an update on the districtwide Curriculum and Instruction activities for the 2021-2022 school year. <i>This item was tabled and will be brought back to the December meeting.</i>		
PERSONNEL:			
9. Public Hearing Proposals for RUFT Negotiations Openers for 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 (Supplement) (Hearing) Director of Curriculum & Instruction	To comply with Government Code 3547, the Board is holding a public hearing for comment prior to the adoption of RUFT Negotiation Openers in 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. <p style="text-align: center;">OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: 9:38 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: 9:39 p.m.</p>		
10. Job Description Update Personnel Technician (Supplement) (Consideration for Action) Director of Curriculum and Instruction	The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the update to the Personnel Technician position. Trustee Gordon moved and Trustee George seconded to approve the update to the Personnel Technician position. The motion passed 5-0.		
BUSINESS AND FACILITIES ITEMS:	These items are provided for Board information, discussion, and/or action.		
11. Resolution # 21-16 Adopting Accounting of Developer Fees	The Superintendent recommends the Board adopt Resolution #21-16 Adopting Accounting of Developer Fees – 2020-2021. Pursuant to Government Code Section 66000 et seq., the District is		

<p>(Supplement)</p> <p>(Consideration for Action)</p> <p>Assistant Superintendent of Business Services</p>	<p>required to make public an annual accounting of developer fees collected.</p> <p>Trustee George moved and Trustee Neal seconded to approve Resolution #21-16 Adopting Accounting of Developer Fees.</p>
<p>CONSENT AGENDA:</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 #13 pulled for separate vote</p> <p>Trustee George moved and Trustee Neal seconded to approve the balance of the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 5-0.</p>
<p>12. Board Meeting Minutes</p> <p>(Supplement)</p>	<p>Minutes of October 12, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.</p>
<p>13. Board Meeting Minutes</p> <p>(Supplement)</p>	<p>Minutes of the October 26, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.</p> <p>Trustee George moved and Trustee White seconded to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2021 Regular Board Meeting. The motion passed 4-0 with 1 abstention.</p> <p>Ayes: Trustee White, George, Gordon and Brownell</p> <p>Abstentions: Trustee Neal</p>
<p>14. District Expenditure Warrants</p> <p>(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 10/6/21 through 10/27/21.</p>
<p>15. District Purchase Orders</p> <p>(Supplement)</p>	<p>Purchase orders must regularly be presented to the Board of Trustees for ratification. The supplement reflects expenditures from 10/1/21 through 10/29/21.</p>
<p>16. Personnel</p> <p>(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.</p>
<p>A. Certificated</p> <p>Leave of Absence: (LOA)</p>	<p>Kristen Petty, Teacher, 100% LOA, Lakeview, effective 10/28/21</p>
<p>B. Classified</p> <p>Employment:</p>	<p>Kara Adema, Yard Supervisor/Crossing Guard, (.04 FTE), Green Valley, effective 10/5/21</p> <p>Debra Hoss, Yard Supervisor, (.38 FTE), Marina Village, effective 10/11/21</p> <p>Louisa Matsumoto, Yard Supervisor, (.375 FTE), Jackson, effective 10/14/21</p>

22. AB181 White Paper Response (Serrano Village M5) (Supplement)	AB181 Department of Real Estate Subdivision “White Paper” Response and Student Yield Impact analysis of Serrano Village M5. The District has established a .338 student yield factor per single-family unit. Accordingly, staff estimates the District can expect there will be 3.38 students generated from this subdivision.
23. Donations (Supplement)	The Board and District appreciate and accept the following donations: <u>Rescue Union School District</u> – Donation of headphones, webcams and speakers for student use from Cyber Acoustics
CLOSED SESSION:	The Board may reconvene to closed session as authorized by Government Code Sections 3549.1, 54956.9, 54956.8, 54957, and 54957.6 and Education Code Sections 35146 and 48918.
OPEN SESSION:	Reconvene open session.
REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION:	The Board president will report any action taken in closed session.
ADJOURNMENT:	The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is December 14, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the District Board Room.

Clerk

Date

President

Date

Board Approved December 14, 2021