

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

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, September 14, 2021, 6:30 p.m. Open Session (Closed Session at 5:30 p.m.)  
**Rescue District Office Board Room**

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20, which temporarily suspends provisions of the Brown Act relating to public meetings.

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>**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>ITEM DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>CALL TO ORDER:</b>	The Board president called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
<b>ROLL CALL:</b>	✓Nancy Brownell, President ✓Michael Gordon, Vice President ✓Suzanna George, Clerk ✓Tagg Neal, Member ✓Kim White, Member ✓Jim Shoemake, Superintendent and Board Secretary
<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.
Conference with Superintendent	Discussion with the District’s Superintendent regarding directions and issues in negotiations with Rescue Union Federation of Teachers (RUFT), California School Employees Association (CSEA), Confidential Staff, and Administrative Management.
<b>OPEN SESSION:</b>	Convened open session in the Board Room at 6:35 p.m.
Welcome	The Board president provided an introduction to Board meeting proceedings.

Flag Salute	The Board vice president, Michael Gordon, led the flag salute.		
1. Adoption of Agenda (Consideration for Action)	Trustee White moved and Trustee Neal seconded to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed 5-0.		
<b>REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION:</b>			
Report from Closed Session	The Board president reported no action taken in closed session.		
2. Superintendent's Report (Supplement)	Superintendent Shoemake shared information related to activities throughout the District. He reported on our "Bright Spots". These included PTO ice cream socials, welcoming activities with literally a red carpet rolled out for students arriving on Pleasant Grove campus, our music departments providing a safe environment for band students and our outdoor education opportunities. He provided an update on our response to COVID and shared information on our employees impacted by the Caldor fire.		
3. Recognition of New Employees (Presentation) Superintendent	Superintendent Shoemake recognized our new staff members with 113 new employees this year, 49 certificated and 64 classified focused on a Culture of Excellence.		
<b>STUDENT SUCCESS AND RECOGNITION:</b>			
Pleasant Grove Middle School (Presentation)	Pleasant Grove Middle School principal, Vera Morris and assistant principal, Dustin Bailey provided a site update		
<b>PUBLIC COMMENTS:</b>	Public comments heard from: <table border="1" data-bbox="711 1289 1432 1325"> <tr> <td>Nick Gillingham-Parent</td> <td>RE: Mask Mandates</td> </tr> </table>	Nick Gillingham-Parent	RE: Mask Mandates
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<b>GENERAL:</b>			
4. McKinney-Vento: Students in Housing Transition (Supplement) (Presentation) Director of Special Programs	The Superintendent recommended the Board receive an informational presentation on the 2021-2022 RUSD McKinney-Vento Program.  Director of Special Programs, Amy Bohren along with EDCOE Program Coordinator for Foster Youth and School Attendance and Review Board (SARB) Sheila Silan, provided the Board with information regarding students in housing transition. Amy Bohren shared information about Federal definitions and the identification process for children who may lack a fixed nighttime residence as well as foster youth. In addition, Amy reported on funding, services and the numbers of students countywide.  The Board asked clarifying questions about our identification process and passionately requested additional avenues be investigated in order to better identify kinship care so that		

	<p>needed resources and funding could be make available to these families that often are overlooked. The Board strongly encouraged additional areas of growth to include ongoing training for our school staff, forming stronger partnerships with EDCOE, county agencies, utilizing other community resources and developing sensitive modes for identification of kinship care families.</p>
<p>5. Resolution #21-08 Authorizing the Participation in the Rural School Bus Pilot School Bus Project</p> <p>(Supplement)</p> <p>(Consideration for Action) Assistant Superintendent of Business Services</p>	<p>The Superintendent recommended the Board approve Resolution #21-08 authorizing the participation in the Rural School Bus Pilot School Bus Project to receive Diesel Emissions Reduction Act Funding (DERA).</p> <p>Trustee George moved and Trustee White seconded to approve Resolution #21-08 Authorizing the Participation in the Rural School Bus Pilot School Bus Project. The motion passed 5-0.</p>
<p>6. Board Policy and Administrative Regulation Revisions and Updates</p> <p>(Supplement)</p> <p>(Information and Discussion) Superintendent</p>	<p>The Superintendent recommended the Board of Trustees identify two members to participate in an ad hoc and temporary advisory committee to discuss the process for revising and updating Board Policies and Administrative Regulations.</p> <p>The Board discussed at length the process for reviewing Board Policies, Administrative Regulations and Board Bylaws. Although appreciative of the Superintendent’s recommendation to streamline the initial review, the Board felt all members should be involved in the process and updates should be presented at regular meeting to allow for discussion and/or revisions. It was determined, in order to be able to thoroughly vet each one, there should be a reasonable and limited number presented for review and that changes should be clearly identified for comparison.</p>
<p>7. Call for Nominations for Directors-at-Large</p> <p>(Supplement)</p> <p>(Consideration for Action) Superintendent</p>	<p>The Board considered nominations for CSBA Directors-at-Large, African American, American Indian and County.</p> <p>There were no nominations.</p>
<b>PERSONNEL:</b>	
<p>8. Resolution #21-09 Local Teaching Assignments Credential Authorization</p> <p>(Supplement)</p> <p>(Consideration for Action) Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction</p>	<p>The Superintendent recommended the Board approve Resolution #21-09 authorizing teaching assignments in accordance with the regulations adopted by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing, California Education Code and Board Policy, in order to meet the educational needs of the District’s students.</p> <p>Trustee George moved and Trustee Neal seconded to approve Resolution #21-09, Local Teaching Assignments Credential Authorization. The motion passed 5-0.</p>

<p><b>BUSINESS AND FACILITIES ITEMS:</b></p>	<p>These items are provided for Board information, discussion, and/or action.</p>
<p>9. Unaudited Actuals 2020-2021 and Budget Update (Supplement)  (Consideration for Action) Assistant Superintendent of Business Services</p>	<p>The Superintendent recommended the Board receive an update on the current status of the District budget and approve the Unaudited Actuals for the 2020-2021 school year.</p> <p>Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, Lisa Donaldson provided information on the unaudited actuals. She indicated that the first interim will be updated in December and will include carryover, staffing revisions, and updated revenues and expenses including the ongoing impacts of COVID-19. Enrollment, the structural deficit and other factors will be analyzed and updated. The District is currently able to meet its financial obligations and reserve balances. She also noted a large portion of current funds are one time dollars due to COVID-19.</p> <p>Trustee George moved and Trustee White seconded to approve the Unaudited Actuals for 2020-2021. The motion passed 5-0.</p>
<p><b>CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION:</b></p>	
<p>10. Sufficiency of Instructional Materials (Williams) – Public Hearing and Resolution #21-10 (Supplement)  (Hearing/Consideration for Action) Director of Curriculum and Instruction</p>	<p>To comply with the state mandate, the District will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Hold a public hearing on the availability of pupil textbooks and instructional materials. The public notice has been posted for the appropriate 10-day period. <p style="margin-left: 40px;">OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: 8:58 p.m. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: 8:59 p.m.</p> </li> <li>▪ To comply with Ed. Code 60119 and 60422 and to receive state textbook funding, the Board will consider passing a resolution stating the availability of textbooks and instructional materials. District administration recommends adoption of Resolution #21-10.</li> </ul> <p>There were no public comments regarding the sufficiency of instructional materials. Trustee Gordon moved and Trustee George seconded to approve Resolution #21-10, Sufficiency of Instructional Materials. The motion passed 5-0.</p>
<p><b>CONSENT AGENDA:</b>  (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 16A was pulled for separate vote</p>

	Trustee Neal moved and Trustee George seconded to approve the balance of the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed 5-0.
11. Board Meeting Minutes (Supplement)	Minutes of the July 28, 2021 Special Board meeting.
12. Board Meeting Minutes (Supplement)	Minutes of the August 10, 2021, Regular Board meeting.
13. Board Meeting Minutes (Supplement)	Minutes of the August 24, 2021 Study Session.
14. District Expenditure Warrants (Supplement)	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 8/4/21 through 8/25/21.
15. District Purchase Orders	Purchase orders must regularly be presented to the Board of Trustees for ratification. The supplement reflects expenditures from 8/1/21 through 8/31/21.
16. Personnel (Supplement)	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.
A. Certificated: Employment:  Resignation:	<p>Jeff Butler, temporary teaching assignment, (1.0 FTE), Long-Term Independent Study, effective 8/13/201</p> <p>Sydney Ernst, temporary teaching assignment, (1.0 FTE), Lakeview, effective 8/9/21</p> <p>Marie Lazdowski, temporary teaching assignment, (1.0 FTE), Lake Forest, effective 8/10/21</p> <p><i>Stephen Martin, <del>temporary teaching assignment</del>, Teacher (1.0 FTE), Marina Village, effective 8/23/21</i></p> <p>Jennifer Smith, temporary teaching assignment, (1.0 FTE) Long-Term Independent Study, effective 8/9/21</p> <p>Megan Wojan, temporary teaching assignment, (1.0 FTE), Jackson, effective 8/16/21</p> <p>Janie Grantham-Carlson, Nurse, (1.0 FTE), District Office, effective 9/3/21</p> <p>A revision was made for employee Stephen Martin to reflect he is not on a temporary teaching assignment. Trustee George moved and Trustee White seconded to approve Item 16A with the above listed revision. The motion passed 5-0.</p>

<p>B. Classified Management:</p> <p>Employment:</p> <p>Promotion:</p>	<p>Brandon Page, Director of Facilities, (1.0 FTE), Maintenance and Operations, effective 9/7/21</p> <p>Rene Buenrostro, Information Technology Director, (1.0 FTE), Technology, effective 8/17/21</p>
<p>C. Classified</p> <p>Employment:</p>	<p>Maryann Bloomquist, Itinerant Independence Facilitator, (.75 FTE), Student Support Services, effective 8/10/21</p> <p>Jennifer Burton, Instructional Assistant, (.38 FTE), Green Valley, effective 9/1/21</p> <p>Christina Cortez, Custodian, (.13 FTE), Lakeview, effective 8/10/21</p> <p>Rebekah Cracraft, Yard Supervisor, (.38 FTE), Marina Village, effective 8/12/21</p> <p>Jennifer Davis, Yard Supervisor, (.47 FTE), Rescue, effective 8/10/21</p> <p>Sara Diggs, Instructional Assistant, (.25 FTE), Lakeview, effective 8/10/21</p> <p>Cheryl Graham, Instructional Assistant, (.78 FTE), Pleasant Grove, effective 8/4/21</p> <p>Alicia Greer, Food Service Worker, (.31 FTE), Food Service, effective 8/10/21</p> <p>Jamie Hall, Health Office Aide, (.75 FTE), Green Valley, effective, 8/10/21</p> <p>Sandra Hanson, School Secretary, (1.0 FTE), Green Valley, effective 8/2/21</p> <p>Jena Holcomb, Instructional Assistant, (.75 FTE), Marina Village, effective 8/10/21</p> <p>Margaux Hughes, Itinerant Independence Facilitator, (.56 FTE), Marina Village, effective 8/11/21</p> <p>Robin Hutchins, Yard Supervisor, (.30 FTE), Green Valley, effective 8/10/21</p> <p>Elisa King, Bus Driver, (substitute no-FTE) Transportation, effective 8/11/21</p> <p>Christina Mason, Office Clerk, (.50 FTE), District Office, effective 8/24/21</p> <p>Jenna Miller, Itinerant Independence Facilitator, (.75 FTE), Pleasant Grove, effective 8/23/21</p> <p>Dori Napolitano, Itinerant Independence Facilitator, (.75 FTE), Jackson, effective 8/10/21</p> <p>Daylene Nelson, Instructional Assistant, (.19 FTE), Green Valley, effective 9/1/21</p> <p>Daylene Nelson, Yard Supervisor, (.19 FTE), Green Valley, effective 8/10/21</p> <p>Christina Noonan, Instructional Assistant, (.13 FTE), Lakeview, effective 8/10/21</p> <p>Kristin Obregon, Grant Lead, (.42 FTE), Pleasant Grove, effective 8/10/21</p> <p>Deborah Poulson, Itinerant Independence Facilitator, (.75 FTE), Lakeview effective 8/10/21</p>

<p>Leave of Absence (LOA):</p> <p>Resignation:</p>	<p>Amy Robbins, Itinerant Independence Facilitator, (.75 FTE), Lake Forest, effective 8/10/21  Jennifer Roe, Yard Supervisor, (.38 FTE), Marina Village, effective 8/10/21  Lor Saetern, Mechanic Assistant, (1.0 FTE), Transportation, effective 8/16/21  Monika Saxena, Instructional Assistant, (.19 FTE), Rescue, effective 9/2/21  Nicole Scales, Instructional Assistant, (.38 FTE), Rescue, effective 9/2/21  Cho Soe, Itinerant Independence Facilitator, (.75 FTE), Marina Village, effective 8/10/21  Katherine Spohnholz, Yard Supervisor, (.38 FTE), Marina Village, effective 8/17/21  Christina Tackett, Yard Supervisor, (.34 FTE), Rescue, effective 8/10/21  Bonnie Taylor, Instructional Assistant, (.75 FTE), Pleasant Grove, effective 9/1/21  Kimberly Valdez, Library Media Coordinator, (1.0 FTE), Marina Village, effective 7/28/21</p> <p>Shylia Boyd, Yard Supervisor, 100% LOA, Pleasant Grove, effective 8/23/21</p> <p>Maryann Bloomquist, Itinerant Independence Facilitator, (.75 FTE), Lakeview, effective 5/31/21  Holly Collier, Food Service Worker, (.25 FTE), Food Service, effective 5/31/21  Jennifer Davis, Yard Supervisor, (.34 FTE), Rescue, effective 5/31/21  Jamie Hall, Instructional Assistant, (.17 FTE), Green Valley, effective, 5/31/21  Matthew Lawless, Yard Supervisor, (.39 FTE), Marina Village, 5/31/21  Dori Napolitano, Itinerant Independence Facilitator, (.75 FTE), Lake Forest, 5/31/21  Deborah Poulson, Instructional Assistant, (.75 FTE), Rescue, 5/31/21  Kimberly Valdez, Itinerant Independence Facilitator, (.72 FTE), Pleasant Grove, effective 5/31/21</p>
<p>17. Budget Disclosure Certification (Supplement)</p>	<p>The District is required to certify that the District has budgeted for the necessary payment of rental payments and additional payments related to the 2010 Certificates of Participation.</p>
<p>18. Resolution #21-11 Adopting the Gann Limit (Supplement)</p>	<p>The Superintendent recommended the Board approve Resolution #21-11 Adopting the Gann Limit declaring that the appropriations in the budget for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 fiscal years do not exceed the limitations imposed by Proposition 4. The Gann Limit Amendment, adopted in November 1979, established a maximum appropriation limit for all public agencies including school districts. This calculation must be reviewed and approved by the Board annually.</p>

<p>19. Resolution #21-12 Budget Revisions and Transfers (Supplement)</p>	<p>The Superintendent recommended the Board approve Resolution #21-12 Budget Revisions and Transfers in accordance with the provisions of Section 42601 of Education Code, authorizing budget transfers and revisions as necessary to permit payment of the obligations incurred during the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school year.</p>
<p>20. Mandated Block Grant (Supplement)</p>	<p>The District is requesting funding under the 2021-2022 Mandated Block Grant, pursuant to Government Code Section 1781.6(e), in lieu of submitting claims directly to the State controller for reimbursement.</p>
<p>21. El Dorado Schools Financing Authority - Community Facilities District No. 1 Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Update (Supplement)</p>	<p>The Superintendent recommended the Board receive an update on the El Dorado Schools Financing Authority Community Facilities District No. 1 for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.</p>
<p><b>ADJOURNMENT:</b></p>	<p>Trustee White moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 p.m.</p>

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Suzanna George, Clerk

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Nancy Brownell, President

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*Board Approved October 12, 2021*