

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

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, October 26, 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 are 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:	The Board president called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
ROLL CALL:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓Nancy Brownell, President ✓Michael Gordon, Vice President ✓Suzanna George, Clerk <li style="padding-left: 20px;">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: District Office Conference Room	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.
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 6:30 p.m.
Welcome	The Board president provided an introduction to the Board meeting proceedings.
Flag Salute	The Board vice president, Michael Gordon led the flag salute.

1. Adoption of Agenda (Consideration for Action)	Trustee George moved and Trustee Gordon seconded to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed 4-0.																																																												
REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION:																																																													
2. Report from Closed Session	The Board president reported no action taken in closed session.																																																												
3. Superintendent's Report (Supplement)	Superintendent Shoemake provided an overview of happenings throughout the district that included various activities at our schools, and the new kitchen at Rescue Elementary. In addition, he reported no significant facility issues with the last storm and that staff was out early assessing any potential damage and making sure we were ready for students. Superintendent Shoemake also provided a COVID update regarding staff testing, volunteers, vaccine mandates that currently do not apply to TK-8, and the October 18 protest impact on RUSD.																																																												
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 and anticipated vaccine requirements for students in TK-8. Each speaker was allotted 3 minutes for comments.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="781 926 1328 1759"> <tr><td>Brandy Kollenborn</td><td>Parent</td></tr> <tr><td>Lucas Miller</td><td>Teacher</td></tr> <tr><td>Marchs Thomas</td><td>Grandmother</td></tr> <tr><td>Tom Magallanes</td><td>Parent</td></tr> <tr><td>Brandon Brass</td><td>Student</td></tr> <tr><td>Carrie Brass</td><td>Parent</td></tr> <tr><td>Paul Desert</td><td>Parent</td></tr> <tr><td>Jennifer Winter</td><td>Community Member</td></tr> <tr><td>Andi McKinney</td><td>Parent</td></tr> <tr><td>Nick Gillingham</td><td>Parent</td></tr> <tr><td>Amy Goodfellow</td><td>Community Member</td></tr> <tr><td>Amber Parsons</td><td>Parent</td></tr> <tr><td>Sean Kollenborn</td><td>Parent</td></tr> <tr><td>Coutney Thompson</td><td>Parent</td></tr> <tr><td>Mandy Rodriquez</td><td>Community Member</td></tr> <tr><td>Chad Thompson</td><td>Parent</td></tr> <tr><td>Josh Kirstead</td><td>Community Member</td></tr> <tr><td>MC Britton</td><td>Parent</td></tr> <tr><td>Kenneth Hoage</td><td>Community Member</td></tr> <tr><td>Cindy Rosada</td><td>Community Member</td></tr> <tr><td>Jasmine Dau</td><td>Parent</td></tr> <tr><td>Valerie Rondone</td><td>Parent</td></tr> <tr><td>Carly Baldi</td><td>Community Member</td></tr> <tr><td>Casondra Carson</td><td>Parent</td></tr> <tr><td>Tami Madera</td><td>Parent</td></tr> <tr><td>Andrea Dunn</td><td>Parent</td></tr> <tr><td>Laurel Plewe</td><td>Parent</td></tr> <tr><td>Michelle Witt</td><td>Community Member</td></tr> <tr><td>Valerie Gallup</td><td>Parent</td></tr> </table> <p>Comments also heard from:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="730 1808 1377 1919"> <tr> <td data-bbox="730 1808 1068 1919">Donna Bruch, RUFT President</td> <td data-bbox="1068 1808 1377 1919">RE: Increased cost of health insurance premiums and the impact for staff and their families.</td> </tr> </table>	Brandy Kollenborn	Parent	Lucas Miller	Teacher	Marchs Thomas	Grandmother	Tom Magallanes	Parent	Brandon Brass	Student	Carrie Brass	Parent	Paul Desert	Parent	Jennifer Winter	Community Member	Andi McKinney	Parent	Nick Gillingham	Parent	Amy Goodfellow	Community Member	Amber Parsons	Parent	Sean Kollenborn	Parent	Coutney Thompson	Parent	Mandy Rodriquez	Community Member	Chad Thompson	Parent	Josh Kirstead	Community Member	MC Britton	Parent	Kenneth Hoage	Community Member	Cindy Rosada	Community Member	Jasmine Dau	Parent	Valerie Rondone	Parent	Carly Baldi	Community Member	Casondra Carson	Parent	Tami Madera	Parent	Andrea Dunn	Parent	Laurel Plewe	Parent	Michelle Witt	Community Member	Valerie Gallup	Parent	Donna Bruch, RUFT President	RE: Increased cost of health insurance premiums and the impact for staff and their families.
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<p>4. Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) III Funds</p> <p>(Supplement)</p> <p>(Consideration for Action)</p> <p>Superintendent</p>	<p>The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the ESSER III Expenditure Plan. The ARP Act requires local education agencies (LEAs) that receive ESSER III funds to approve an Expenditure Plan as to how these funds will be used to address students’ academic, social, emotional and mental health needs that were exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>Public Comments were heard from the following regarding questions/comments about how the ESSER III funds relate to current state mandates :</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="776 478 1349 716"> <tr><td>Brandy Kollenborn</td><td>Parent</td></tr> <tr><td>Bob Price</td><td>Parent</td></tr> <tr><td>Paul Desert</td><td>Parent</td></tr> <tr><td>Jennifer Winter</td><td>Community Member</td></tr> <tr><td>Vicki Gray</td><td>Community Member</td></tr> <tr><td>Chris Cockrell</td><td>Community Member</td></tr> <tr><td>Nick Gillingham</td><td>Parent</td></tr> <tr><td>Sean Kollenborn</td><td>Parent</td></tr> </table>	Brandy Kollenborn	Parent	Bob Price	Parent	Paul Desert	Parent	Jennifer Winter	Community Member	Vicki Gray	Community Member	Chris Cockrell	Community Member	Nick Gillingham	Parent	Sean Kollenborn	Parent
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<p>5. Updates for Board Policy, Administrative Regulations and Board Bylaws</p> <p>(Supplement)</p> <p>(First Reading and Possible Consideration for Action)</p> <p>Superintendent</p>	<p>Periodically, the Board reviews, revises and/or adopts Board Policies, Administrative Regulations and Board Bylaws. The following bylaw is provided for first reading and possible consideration for action.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="732 940 1317 978"> <tr><td>BB 9324</td><td>Minutes and Recordings</td></tr> </table> <p>Trustee Gordon moved and Trustee White seconded to table items 5 and 6 until the November 9, 2021 meeting. The motion passed 4-0.</p>	BB 9324	Minutes and Recordings														
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<p>6. Curriculum and Instruction Update</p> <p>(Supplement)</p> <p>(Information Only)</p> <p>Director of Curriculum and Instruction</p>	<p>The Superintendent recommends the Board receive an update on the districtwide Curriculum and Instruction activities for the 2021-2022 school year.</p> <p><i>This item was tabled, see motion referenced above.</i></p>																
<p>7. Math Adoption</p> <p>(Supplement)</p> <p>(Consideration for Action)</p> <p>Director of Curriculum and Instruction</p>	<p>The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the three year extension of the elementary math adoption Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Go Math, K-5 through the 2024-2025 school year.</p> <p>Trustee White moved and Trustee Gordon seconded to approve the extension. The motion passed 4-0.</p>																
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<p><i>At 9:28 p.m. a motion was made by Trustee White and seconded by Trustee Gordon to extend the meeting until 9:45 p.m.</i></p>																	

<p>8. Openers for RUFT Negotiations 2021-2022 and 2022-2023</p> <p>(Supplement)</p> <p>(Consideration for Action)</p> <p>Director of Curriculum and Instruction</p>	<p>The Board is required to set a date for public comment on collective bargaining unit openers for the upcoming season. The Superintendent recommends that Rescue Union Federation of Teachers (RUFT) negotiation openers be put on the agenda for the November 9, 2021 regular Board meeting for public comment.</p> <p>Trustee Gordon moved and Trustee White seconded to set November 9, 2021 as the date for public comment on RUFT negotiation openers. The motion passed 4-0.</p>
<p>ADJOURNMENT:</p>	<p>Trustee White moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 p.m.</p>

Suzanna George, Clerk

Date

Nancy Brownell, President

Date

Board Approved November 16, 2021