

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

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, July 28, 2021 – 6:30 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 are two options to view and/or participate in this open session meeting, via Zoom or in person.:

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>.

ITEM	ITEM DESCRIPTION
CALL TO ORDER:	The Board president called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.
ROLL CALL:	✓Nancy Brownell, President ✓Michael Gordon, Vice President ✓Suzanna George, Clerk ✓Tagg Neal, Member ✓Kim White, Member ✓Jim Shoemake, Superintendent and Board Secretary
OPEN SESSION:	The meeting commenced in open session.
Welcome	The Board president provide an introduction to Board meeting proceedings.
1. Adoption of Agenda (Consideration for Action)	Trustee Gordon moved and Trustee George seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion passed 5-0. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trustee Gordon, George, Neal, White and Brownell
2. Superintendent's Report	Superintendent Shoemake shared how excited Rescue is about the full reopening to in-person learning on August 11. In addition, he provided clarification on face coverings, from the California Department of Public Health (July 27) requiring universal masking when inside on all K-12 campuses. He went on to say that the Rescue Union School District feels the best instructional method for our students is accomplished in-person, and face to face. Tonight's proclamation will be presented to

	provide legal, safe and instructionally sound outdoor education opportunities.																																
PUBLIC COMMENTS:	Public comments were heard on agenda items.																																
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3. Outdoor Education Opportunities Proclamation (Supplement) (Consideration for Action) Superintendent	<p>The Superintendent recommended the Board of Trustees approve the proclamation regarding legal, safe and instructionally sound outdoor education opportunities.</p> <p>Public Comments: Chris Cockrell led the flag salute.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Bob Price Parent</td> <td>RE: Unmask students in school</td> </tr> <tr> <td>MC Britton Parent</td> <td>RE: Unmask students in school</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chris Britton Parent</td> <td>RE: Unmask students in school</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vani Das Parent</td> <td>RE: Unmask students in school</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Michelle Hobbs Parent</td> <td>RE: Unmask students in school</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Angel Parent</td> <td>RE: Unmask students in school</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chirs Cockrell Parent</td> <td>RE: Unmask students in school</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sarah Price Parent</td> <td>RE: Unmask students in school</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lindsay Moffett Parent</td> <td>RE: Unmask students in school</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jason Parent</td> <td>RE: In support of masks for students in school</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Amber Alexander Parent</td> <td>RE: EDCOE Extended Day waiting list</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lotty Boucher Student</td> <td>RE: In support of masks for students in school</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Carlyn Douma Parent</td> <td>RE: In support of masks for students in school</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Teddy Student</td> <td>RE: In support of masks for students in school</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Carrie Brass Parent</td> <td>RE: Superintendent's response to questions during public comment, how will these be addressed?</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mike Smith</td> <td>RE: Zoom attendance limited below advertised access. Many unable to access meeting.</td> </tr> </table> <p>The Board engaged in a lengthy discussion that included comments, concerns and questions regarding current mandates/regulations in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effects on student learning and social emotional health • Safety of students, staff and the community 	Bob Price Parent	RE: Unmask students in school	MC Britton Parent	RE: Unmask students in school	Chris Britton Parent	RE: Unmask students in school	Vani Das Parent	RE: Unmask students in school	Michelle Hobbs Parent	RE: Unmask students in school	Angel Parent	RE: Unmask students in school	Chirs Cockrell Parent	RE: Unmask students in school	Sarah Price Parent	RE: Unmask students in school	Lindsay Moffett Parent	RE: Unmask students in school	Jason Parent	RE: In support of masks for students in school	Amber Alexander Parent	RE: EDCOE Extended Day waiting list	Lotty Boucher Student	RE: In support of masks for students in school	Carlyn Douma Parent	RE: In support of masks for students in school	Teddy Student	RE: In support of masks for students in school	Carrie Brass Parent	RE: Superintendent's response to questions during public comment, how will these be addressed?	Mike Smith	RE: Zoom attendance limited below advertised access. Many unable to access meeting.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandates and how they relate or conflict with Ed Code • Working around restrictions and providing a great option with regard to outdoor learning. <p>Trustee White moved and Trustee Gordon seconded to approve the Proclamation for Outdoor Education Opportunities. The motion passed 5-0. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trustee White, George, Gordon, Neal and Brownell.</p>		
<p>4. Board Policy/Administrative Regulation Update: 6158 Independent Study</p> <p>(Supplement)</p> <p>(Consideration for Action) Superintendent</p>	<p>The Superintendent is recommending the Board of Trustees approve the updates to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6158 Independent Study.</p> <p>Public Comments:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="722 693 1448 756"> <tr> <td data-bbox="722 693 982 756">Kristen Constanza Parent</td> <td data-bbox="982 693 1448 756">RE: Independent Study</td> </tr> </table> <p>Superintendent Shoemake provided information regarding AB130 which requires LEA's to offer Independent Study during the 2021-2022 school year. Mr. Shoemake stated the Board Policy and Administrative Regulation were presented for approval with the necessary changes to meet the requirements of the new legislation.</p> <p>Trustee George moved and Trustee White seconded to approve the updates to BP/AR 6158 Independent Study. The motion passed 5-0. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trustee White, George, Gordon, Neal and Brownell</p>	Kristen Constanza Parent	RE: Independent Study
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<p>ADJOURNMENT:</p>	<p>Trustee White moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m.</p>		

Suzanna George, Clerk

Date

Nancy Brownell, President

Date

Board Approved September 14, 2021