



**Rescue Union School District**  
Educating for the Future, Together

# Rescue Union School District Board Workshop

April 18, 2023

# Agenda

Welcome and Introductions

Purpose

Brown Act Review

Role of Governance Team Members

Board Protocols

Wrap Up

# Purpose

To provide a forum for conversation as a Board Governance team in order to learn and grow together and foster a culture of excellence

To review and discuss Brown Act requirements

To review and discuss roles and responsibilities of the Board and the Superintendent

To discuss protocols to support and promote the effectiveness of the Governance team

Why did you become a  
Board member in the  
Rescue Union School

▶ District?

# The Brown Act

# Overview

Requires adherence to strict guidelines for conducting meetings

Meeting of the Board in public, not a public meeting

Requires published agendas

Requires opportunity for public comment

Guidelines for Closed Session

Prohibits the Board from conducting business outside of a meeting or without a quorum

- ▶ Caution: A meeting includes any use of direct communication, intermediaries, or technological devices, such as email or social media
- ▶ Serial Meetings: A series of meetings or communications between individual members of the Board in which ideas are exchanged among a majority of the Board through one or more persons acting as intermediaries or through use of phone, email, voicemail, Facebook, Twitter, etc.

# Meetings



# Agendas

- ▶ Regular agendas
- ▶ Consent agendas



# Public Comment

- ▶ Regular meeting agendas are required to give the public an opportunity to comment on any agenda item(s) or item(s) within the jurisdiction of the Board
- ▶ General public comment time is a designated time for items not on the agenda
- ▶ For an item on the agenda, the Board can give the public an opportunity to comment before or after the item is discussed by the Board
- ▶ Board can respond briefly to comments made or questions posed by the public
- ▶ Agenda should specify the amount of time given for public comment
- ▶ Other responses could be:
  - ▶ Ask a question for clarification
  - ▶ Provide a reference
  - ▶ Request staff to report back on the subject at a later meeting
  - ▶ Direct staff to agendize item(s) at a later meeting

# Closed Session

Only permitted for specific purposes

Pending litigation with agency's attorney

Real Estate Negotiations

Personnel Matters -  
Appointment/ Employment/ Evaluation  
/Discipline/ Dismissal

Labor Negotiations

Student Discipline

**Think on it...**

What does it mean to  
be an effective  
Superintendent/Board  
Governance Team?

# Roles of Governance Team Members

## Board

- The “WHAT”
- Value Driven
- Beliefs, Vision, Mission, Policies, Priorities

## Superintendent

- The “HOW”
- Skill Driven
- Action Plans, Implementation, Evaluation, Progress Reports

# Five Major Responsibilities of the Board



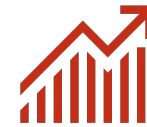
Set direction



Structure



Support



Accountability



Community  
Leader

- ▶ Purpose - Written statements adopted by the Board which communicate the guidelines within which the Superintendent or designee and staff take discretionary action
- ▶ 0000 - Philosophy - Goals - Objectives and Comprehensive
- ▶ 1000 - Community Relations
- ▶ 2000 - Administration
- ▶ 3000 - Business and Non-Instructional Operations
- ▶ 4000 - Personnel
- ▶ 5000 - Students
- ▶ 6000 - Instruction
- ▶ 7000 - Facilities
- ▶ 9000 - Bylaws of the Board

# Board Policies

# Board Policies - the 9000s

- ▶ 9000 - Role of the Board
- ▶ 9005 - Governance Standards
- ▶ 9200 - Limits of Board  
Member Authority
- ▶ 9323 - Meeting Conduct
- ▶ 9400 - Board Self-Evaluation

# Role of the Superintendent

Accepts leadership responsibility and accountability for implementing the vision, goals, and policies of the district

BP 2110 highlights key responsibilities and duties



# Superintendent/Board Relationship



Importance of Evaluation Process

Contract  
BP 2121 and BP 2140  
LCAP



No surprises



Collaborative and supportive growth process



Structures for communication

# District Board Planning Calendar

Helps ensure governance team members are fulfilling their governance responsibilities in a logical sequence

# Board Protocols

Does the Governance team have clear protocols in place for communication and other Governance team operations?

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