



## **RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, January 24, 2023

Closed Session 3:00 p.m. - 3:25 p.m.

Open Session starts at 3:25 p.m.

Closed Session 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Open Session starts at 6:30 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 all 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>

**CALL TO ORDER:** Board president called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

- ✓ Michael Gordon, President
- ✓ Kim White, Vice President
- ✓ Michelle Bebout, Clerk
- ✓ Jamie Hunter, Member
- Vacant Seat
- ✓ Jim Shoemake, Superintendent and Board Secretary

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

(Closed session agenda items only)

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 Negotiator - Discussion with the District's Superintendent, Jim Shoemake, and/or labor negotiators, Lisa Donaldson and Dustin Haley, regarding directions and issues in negotiations with Rescue Union Federation of Teachers (RUFT), California School Employees Association (CSEA), Confidential Staff, and Administrative Management.

a. Collective Bargaining Matters: Discussion with District Superintendent Jim Shoemake and/or labor negotiators Lisa Donaldson and Dustin Haley, regarding directions and issues in negotiations with Rescue Union Federation of Teachers (RUFT), California School Employees Association (CSEA), Confidential Staff, and Administrative Management.

b. Personnel Matters (Government Code section 54957).

c. A body may hold a closed session to consider the appointment or employment of a public employee, including interviews. CA Government Code 11126(a) (Bagley-Keene Act); 54957(b)(1) (Brown Act).

**OPEN SESSION:**

Convened open session in the Board Room at 3:25 p.m.

**GENERAL:**

1. Board of Trustees Vacant Seat Interviews

Interviews for the RUSD open Board seat were conducted.

(Interviews)(Discussion)(Consideration for Action)

The Board discussed the candidates and their qualifications. Trustee White moved and Trustee Bebout seconded to approve a Special Meeting on January 31, 2023 with second-round interviews for candidates Efrain Mercado and Michael Flaherty. Motion passed 4-0.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Board President called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

- ✓ Michael Gordon, President
- ✓ Kim White, Vice President
- ✓ Michelle Bebout, Clerk
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Recognition - The Board President presented Proclamations recognizing School Board Member Month in January and the Week of the School Counselor, February 6-10.

#### Celebrating Excellence in our Schools

Lake Forest Principal, Jana Vermette, provided a site update and discussed the growth of the Special Day Class (SDC) program for students, general academic recovery and site statistics post-pandemic with emphasis on improved Language Arts. Also presented were garden photos and mention of the success of both Lake Forest's outdoor learning space and the hydroponics room on campus. School events put on by both faculty and the PTO have gone very well this school year and staff is looking forward to more events such as Read-A-Thon, Val-O-Grams and the Color Run.

Difference Makers honored were Stacy Gallman, School Site Secretary and Teacher Denise Colter.

There were no public comments.

#### **GENERAL:**

##### 2. Update for Board Policies, Administrative Regulations and Board Bylaws

The Superintendent recommended the Board review updates to and approve changes for Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6158: Independent Study. Trustee White moved and Trustee Hunter seconded to approve the Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6158. Motion passed 4-0.

##### 3. Health and Nursing Staff and Student Supports

The Superintendent recommended the Board hear a presentation by Sunshine Handley, Director of Special Education Health and Nursing updates within the District.

There were no public comments.

#### **CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION:**

##### 4. California School Dashboard Update for 2022

The Superintendent recommended the Board receive information regarding the Rescue Union School District's status for the state indicators.

##### 5. Library Plan

The Superintendent recommended the Board receive a report and approve the 2022-2023 RUSD Library Plan. Trustee White moved and Trustee Bebout seconded to approve the 2022-2023 Library Plan. Motion passed 4-0.

There were no public comments.

#### **BUSINESS AND FACILITIES:**

##### 6. Budget Update - Board Reserves and Budget Guidelines

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve the Board Budget Guidelines for 2022-2023.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

(Closed session agenda items only)

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**OPEN SESSION:**

Convened open session in the Boardroom at 6:30 p.m.

Welcome - The Board president provided an introduction to Board meeting proceedings.

Flag Salute - Board president led the flag salute.

**1. Adoption of Agenda**

(Consideration for Action)

Trustee White moved and Trustee Bebout seconded to approve the agenda. Motion passed 4-0.

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION:**

Report from Closed Session - Board president reported no action taken in closed session.

Superintendent's Report - The Superintendent presented a report on recent Bright Spots happening around the district, including Lakeview's staff and faculty teams coming together in remembrance and celebration of longtime site volunteer Blair Barnes, who recently passed away. Donations in his honor are requested to be given to the school's Pottery Program. RUSD facilities plans are in place, most notably at Jackson, and will feature field improvements as well as a new playground structure. RUSD students were also mentioned in remarks as well-engaged this school year with activities and sports participation increased from the prior year.

