



## **RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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

Tuesday, January 16, 2024 - 6:30 p.m. Open Session  
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 5:33 p.m.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

- ✓ Michael Gordon, President
- ✓ Kim White, Vice President
- ✓ Michelle Bebout, Clerk
- ✓ Jamie Hunter, Member
- ✓ Michael Flaherty, Member
- ✓ 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.

## **OPEN SESSION:**

Convened open session in the Board Room at 6:34 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 Flaherty seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

## **REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION:**

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

**Superintendent's Report** - The Superintendent provided a district related report and spoke about Bright Spots in the district such as school assemblies - a recent elementary site assembly taught empathy for others. Other bright spots mentioned were school field trips, staff going above and beyond at sites such as the Jackson maintenance crew performing in school plays and Green Valley's custodian who wrote a book, as well as Pleasant Grove's Coach Malecke and his winning sports teams. Superintendent Shoemake also said the District's students currently benefit from new funding with state monies for music, arts classes and more.

**National School Board Recognition Month Proclamation** - Rescue Union School District recognizes the month of January 2024 as National School Board Recognition Month. Superintendent Shoemake read the proclamation aloud.

**National School Counseling Week Proclamation** - Rescue Union School District recognizes February 5-9, 2024 as National School Counseling Week. Trustee Hunter read the proclamation aloud.

**Celebrating Excellence** - Marina Village Middle School Principal Levi Cambridge presented a report with this year's theme - A Force for Good with a Star Wars graphic. Demographics, introductory AI math lessons with guided prompts, a new Student Intervention team which is working on establishing metrics and data collection from CAASSP and AR scores etc. Student Activities include sports, band, SEL events focused on: Where Everybody Belongs (WEB) and PBIS supports such as reward incentives like 3-D printing opportunities. The Impact Team is making plans to beautify the MVMS campus. Counselor Leah Teddington spoke on student

engagement in mental wellness with staff-led games, laughing yoga. Student President Nik Sirur discussed fundraising, leadership events such as dances and a trivia rally.

There were no public comments.

**GENERAL:**

2. RUFT Negotiation Reopeners (Information Only)

The Superintendent recommended the Board allow public comment regarding the RUFT Contract Reopeners. Dustin Haley, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, provided a brief report stating upcoming topics of discussion as presented by the Rescue Union Federation of Teachers (RUFT) including duty hours, staff development days, compensation and evaluations procedures.

There were no public comments.

**CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION:**

3. RUSD Board Policy 6170.1: Transitional Kindergarten (Consideration for Action)

Periodically, the Board reviews, revises and/or adopts Board Policies, Administrative Regulations and Board Bylaws. The Superintendent recommended the Board review and approve the revisions to Board Policy 6170: Transitional Kindergarten.

There were no public comments.

Trustee Hunter and Trustee White seconded to approve. Motion passed 5-0.

4. California School Dashboard Update for 2023 (Information Only)

The Superintendent recommended the Board receive information regarding the Rescue Union School District's status for the state indicators. Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Dustin Haley presented a report on the California School Dashboard with updated scores and data, updates on chronic absenteeism rates with progress in decreased numbers, and state standards met with conditions and climate district community survey results.

There were no public comments.

**BUSINESS AND FACILITIES:**

5. Auditor's Report/Financial Statements (Consideration for Action)

To comply with Ed. Code 14503, an annual independent audit must be conducted. Stephen Roatch Accountancy Corporation completed the financial audit for the 2022-23 fiscal year. The Assistant Superintendent of Business Services presented the report with financial statements. The Superintendent recommended approval of the Auditor's Report on the 2022-23 financial statements.

There were no public comments.

Trustee White moved and Trustee Bebout seconded to approve the RUSD Auditor's Report/Financial Statements for 2022-2023. Motion passed 5-0.

**6. Budget Guidelines for 2024-2025**

(Consideration for Action)

The Superintendent recommended the Board receive a report to review and approve the Budget Guidelines for 2024-2025. The Assistant Superintendent of Business Services provided information on the updated Budget Guidelines.

There were no public comments.

Trustee White moved and Trustee Flaherty seconded to approve the Budget Guidelines for 2024-2025. Motion passed 5-0.

**7. Schools Insurance Authority (SIA) Report**

(Information Only)

The Superintendent recommended the Board hear a presentation on the Joint Powers Authority organization of Schools Insurance Authority, which insures and provides benefits for Rescue USD. The Assistant Superintendent of Business Services provided an overview and information on the SIA report.

There were no public comments.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

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 enacts all items. The Board President called for public comment on any of the items on the consent agenda. There were no public comments. Trustee Hunter moved and Trustee Bebout seconded to approve item #8 on the Consent Agenda. Motion passed 3-0 with abstentions from Trustees White and Flaherty. Trustee White moved and Trustee Hunter seconded to approve item #9 on the Consent Agenda. Motion passed 4-0 with an abstention from Trustee Bebout. Trustee Hunter moved and Trustee Bebout seconded to approve all remaining Consent Agenda items #10-17. Motion passed 5-0.

**8. Study Session Minutes - Minutes of the Sept. 26, 2023 Board Study Session (Materials Provided)**

Note: This item was pulled from the Nov. 14, 2023 and Dec. 12, 2023 Consent Agendas due to lack of quorum

**9. Board Meeting Minutes - Minutes of the Dec. 12, 2023 Regular Board Meeting (Materials Provided)**

**10. Human Resources -** the District's long-range goal is to recruit a diverse, high quality staff with student focused goals and philosophies. Periodically, changes in staffing occur due to need for additional positions, resignations, or leaves of absence. All positions listed are within current budget allocations (Materials Provided)

**11. District Expenditure -** 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 Dec. 1, 2023 - Dec. 31, 2023 (Materials Provided)

- 12. District Purchase Orders - Purchase orders must regularly be presented to the Board of Trustees for ratification. The supplement reflects expenditures from Dec. 1, 2023 - Dec. 31, 2023 (Materials Provided)
- 13. Williams Quarterly Report (Materials Provided)
- 14. Out-of-State Travel Conference Request - CADA State Convention (Materials Provided)
- 15. PGMS Donation Letter - Jay's Trucking Service (Materials Provided)
- 16. PGMS Donation Letter - Foothills United Methodist Church (Materials Provided)
- 17. Lakeview Donation Letter - Family Gift of Toys and Games (Materials Provided)

**CLOSED SESSION:**

The Board may reconvene to closed session as authorized by Government Code Sections 3549.1, 54956.9, 54956.8, 54957, and 54957.6 and Education Code Sections 35146 and 48918.

**OPEN SESSION:**

Reconvene open session.

**REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION:**


The Board president will report any action taken in closed session.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Trustee White moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

  
Michelle Bebout, Clerk

2/13/24  
Date

 2-13-24  
Michael Gordon, President Date