



RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 10, 2023 - 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 5:00 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 Boardroom at 6:33 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 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 presented a report on Bright Spots happening within the district, including student athletes performing at high levels in their classrooms and sports, school PTO and PTC groups hosting amazing and well-attended celebrations and gatherings, and dedicated staff in RUSD with an average of 15 years of service showing spirit and dedication. Also mentioned were community partnerships such as the existing relationship with RUSD event sponsor SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union, district department employees who go the extra mile to maintain campus sites, and create and serve meals, and safely transport students to and from their neighborhoods, field trips and team events.

There were no public comments.

California School Bus Safety Month Proclamation - Superintendent Shoemake presented a proclamation, read aloud by the Board vice president, stating Rescue Union School District recognizes the month of October 2023 as California School Bus Safety Month.

School Administrator Week Proclamation - Superintendent Shoemake presented a proclamation, read aloud by the Board vice president, stating Rescue Union School District recognizes October 8-14, 2023 as the Week of the School Administrator.

Celebrating Excellence in Our Schools - Green Valley Elementary Principal, Michelle Winberg, provided a site update with information on "The Gator Way" incorporating the Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) framework, student incentives such as reward tickets, and staff and faculty studying educational book "Setting Limits in the Classroom" together and including brainstorming in their meetings.

Guidance counseling was highlighted as a character building and assisting process with GV Guidance Counselors on campus all recess every day helping kids with socio-emotional regulation. Student leadership has established committees, helpers, and other roles for participants such as announcement makers. Student enrichments are going very well and offer a variety of opportunities for interested groups such as spanish, art, etc. The GV garden has grown and all are proud to share harvested pumpkins this time of year. Choir is very popular and has 80 kids from 2nd-5th grades. The school is under construction for new office space and a converted room to allow more space for incoming TK classes.

There was no public comment.

GENERAL:

2. 2024 Board Meeting Calendar (Consideration for Action)

The Superintendent recommended the Board review and approve the 2024 Board Meeting Calendar draft.

There were no public comments.

Trustee Hunter moved and Trustee Bebout seconded to approve and adopt the 2024 Board Meeting Calendar as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION:

3. English Learner (EL) Master Plan (Consideration for Action)

The Superintendent recommended the Board hear information to approve the English Learner Master Plan.

Jenn Lawson, Multi-Tiered Systems of Support and Special Programs Coordinator, provided the report.

There were no public comments.

Trustee White moved and Trustee Flaherty seconded to approve the English Learner (EL) Master Plan as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

BUSINESS AND FACILITIES:

4. Nutrition Services Update (Information Only)

The Superintendent recommended the Board receive a presentation on the district's nutrition program. Kim Andreasen, Director of Food Services provided the report. The presentation highlighted great staff across RUSD kitchen sites managing the high volume of food and inventory with increasing numbers of fresh meals prepared and served, including recent additions at specific sites like MVMS where they now have a new program for the 10-minute "nutrition break." The reports covered partnerships past and current such as one with El Dorado Food Bank. Key points cited were menu development, the in-process goal of 40% scratch made food with quality brands such as Miller's Hot Dogs and produce from local farmers, updated staff trainings for recipe creation and machine operation, and the creation of inviting spaces for students with fun decor. Current challenges the Food Department faces include staffing shortages and lack of storage space. Samples of overnight oats, chicken and rice, cinnamon pan bread and chips and salsa were provided to all Trustees and Cabinet. Most or all extra food can be used over time, with little to no waste.

There were no public comments.

5. Solar Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) Proposal

(Consideration for Action)

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve the Solar Power Purchase Agreement (PPA). Lisa Donaldson, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, provided the contract draft based on a PPA informational report the Board received in the spring of 2023. Cost savings to the district were emphasized. Building and construction at sites would begin in summer 2024 and will take place in school parking lots.

Public Hearing Opened: 8:54 p.m. / Public Hearing Closed: 8:55 p.m.

There were no public comments.

Trustee Bebout moved and Trustee Flaherty seconded to approve the Solar Power Purchase Agreement. Motion passed 5-0.

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 White moved and Trustee Bebout seconded to approve all items on the Consent Agenda. Motion passed 5-0.

6. Board Meeting Minutes - Minutes of the Sept. 12, 2023 Regular Board Meeting (Materials Provided)

7. 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)

8. 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 Sept. 1, 2023 - Sept. 30, 2023 (Materials Provided)

9. District Purchase Orders - Purchase orders must regularly be presented to the Board of Trustees for ratification. The supplement reflects expenditures from Sept. 1, 2023 - Sept. 30, 2023 (Materials Provided)

10. Williams Act Quarterly Report - The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the Williams Act Quarterly Report for the period of July 1, 2023 - September 30, 2023. (Materials Provided)

11. White Paper Response - Placer Title Company/Malcolm Dixon Parcels (Materials Provided)

12. Bus Radio Agreement - Silke Communications Solutions/RUSD (Materials Provided)

13. Out of State Travel Request (Materials Provided)

14. Coaching Services Contract for New Administrators (Materials Provided)

15. Professional Services Agreement - Dave Burgess Consulting (Materials Provided)

16. Best of GLAD Workshop Contract for Teacher Trainers (Materials Provided)

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee White moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 p.m.

Michelle Bebout, Clerk

Date



Michael Gordon, President

11-14-23

Date