



## **RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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

Tuesday, December 12, 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 5:30 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 6:36 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 4-0.

## **REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION:**

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

Celebrating Excellence - Lakeview Elementary School Principal, Laurisa Stuart, provided a site update, sharing general school data information including enrollment and staff numbers. The report also covered student support systems in place such as Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) and Systematic Instruction in Phonological Awareness, Phonics and Sight Words (SIPPS) as well as Impact Groups open to students for individual opportunity and collective development. Impact Groups at Lakeview are Kindness Crew, Safety Patrol, Friendship Group and Leadership. Principal Stuart discussed ongoing enrichment programs like the campus garden, sports, fine arts and after-school classes with focuses on STEM, exercise, and cooking to name a few. PTO events were highlighted with shared photos of holiday celebrations and fundraisers. In addition, pictures of recent visits from community partner law enforcement agencies were provided, showing classes with the El Dorado County Sheriff's Office patrol vehicle and a military helicopter on the field with students who were able to see and learn firsthand, with the help of the pilots.

There were no public comments.

## **GENERAL:**

### 2. 2023 CSBA AEC Professional Development Recap

(Information Only)

The Superintendent recommended the Board of Trustees engage in a conversation and share their learning and takeaways from the 2023 California School Boards Association Annual Education Conference which took place November 29, 2023-Dec. 2, 2023 in San Francisco, California. Trustee Hunter stated that she appreciated the Socio-Emotional Learning class as well as the SPED mentoring workshop. Trustee White spoke about the great educational opportunity for the RUSD Board as a group, and commented on the Artificial Intelligence

(AI) information presented with her interest in this current issue with various implications for school districts. Trustee Flaherty said that he was particularly impressed with the overall experience of the CSBA AEC, which offers powerful instructional tools. He also said he found the state and local budget data given to be especially important. Trustee Gordon cited “the value of the guardrails” provided by the event instruction, on multiple topics, as incredibly helpful to many evolving districts, and mentioned STEM and CTE subject matter updates as key takeaways. Superintendent Shoemake connected the benefits of conference class sessions with the District’s efforts in continuous improvement. The Superintendent went on to say he enjoyed the feedback from each Trustee and considered the 2023 CSBA AEC to be positive and impactful.

There were no public comments.

3. CSBA Assembly Delegate Nomination (Consideration for Action)

The Superintendent recommended the Board of Trustees consider nominations for CSBA Delegate Assembly. Nominations will be accepted until January 7, 2024. Any CSBA member board is eligible to nominate board members within their geographical region or subregion. Each board may nominate as many individuals as it chooses. All nominees must submit a biographical sketch. An optional resume may also be submitted. No nominations were made.

There were no public comments.

4. Annual Organization Meeting - Board Officers Selection (Consideration for Action)

Each December the Board is required to nominate and approve its officers. EC 35143, BB 9100 Organization.

Board Bylaw 9121 - Select President

Trustee White moved and Trustee Flaherty seconded nominating and approving Michael Gordon for Board President. The motion passed 4-0.

Board Bylaw 9100 - Select Vice President

Trustee Gordon moved and Trustee Hunter seconded nominating and approving Kim White for Board Vice President. The motion passed 4-0.

Board Bylaw 9123 - Select Clerk

Trustee Gordon moved and Trustee Hunter seconded nominating and approving Michelle Bebout for Board Clerk. The motion passed 4-0.

Board Bylaw 9122 - Confirm Superintendent to serve as Secretary to the Board

There were no public comments.

Trustee Flaherty moved and Trustee White seconded to nominate and approve Superintendent Shoemake as Secretary to the Board. The motion passed 4-0.

5. Board Appointment to the El Dorado County School Boards Association (Consideration for Action)

Each December, per Board Bylaws 9130 and 9140 the Board may appoint any of its members to serve as representatives on District Committees or advisory committees of other public agencies or organizations.

There were no public comments.

Trustee Gordon moved and Trustee Hunter seconded to nominate and approve Kim White as the RUSD Representative to El Dorado County School Boards Association (EDCSBA). The motion passed 4-0.

6. Board Appointment to the El Dorado Schools Financing Authority (Consideration for Action)

Each December, per Board Bylaws 9130 and 9140 the Board may appoint any of its members to serve as representatives on District Committees or advisory committees of other public agencies or organizations. The Board considered committee appointments to the El Dorado Schools Financing Authority (EDSFA).

There were no public comments.

Trustee White moved and Trustee Flaherty seconded to approve Jamie Hunter as the RUSD Representative to the El Dorado Schools Financing Authority (EDSFA). The motion passed 4-0.

7. Certification of District Signatures (Consideration for Action)

Pursuant to Education Code 35143, 42632, 42633 and Board Bylaw 9100, the District must certify the signatures of members of the governing board and verify signatures of the person or persons authorized to sign notices of employment, contracts and orders drawn on the funds of the District.

There were no public comments.

Trustee Flaherty moved and Trustee White seconded to approve the 2024 RUSD Certification of Signatures. Motion passed 4-0.

**HUMAN RESOURCES:**

8. Openers for RUFT Negotiations (Consideration for Action)

The Board is required to set a date for public comment on collective bargaining unit openers for the upcoming season. The Superintendent recommended that Rescue Union Federation of Teachers (RUFT) negotiations and Rescue Union School District openers be put on the agenda for the January 16, 2024 regular Board meeting for public comment.

There were no public comments.

Trustee White moved and Trustee Hunter seconded to approve January 16, 2024 as the date for collective bargaining unit openers, at the first Regular Board Meeting of the new calendar year.

**CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION:**

9. Library Plan (Consideration for Action)

The Superintendent recommended the Board receive updated information and consider action to approve the District's 2023-2024 Library Plan.

There were no public comments.

Trustee Flaherty and Trustee White seconded to approve the District's 2023-2024 Library Plan.

**BUSINESS AND FACILITIES:**

**Assistant Superintendent of Business Services**

**10. Classified Staff – CSEA Tentative Agreement, and AB1200 Compliance 2023-2024**

**(Consideration for Action)**

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve the Tentative Agreement and School District Public Disclosure of Negotiated Agreement AB1200 Compliance for Classified Staff.

There were no public comments.

Trustee Hunter moved and Trustee White seconded to approve the Tentative Agreement and School District Public Disclosure of Negotiated Agreement AB1200 Compliance for Classified Staff. Motion passed 4-0.

**11. First Interim Budget Report/Positive Certification**

**(Consideration for Action)**

The Board is required by law to receive updated financial reports during the fiscal year. After reviewing the report, the Board considered certification of the financial condition of the District. The Superintendent recommended approval of a positive certification for the 2022-2023 First Interim Report.

There were no public comments.

Trustee White moved and Trustee Flaherty seconded to approve the positive certification of the 2022-2023 First Interim Report. Motion passed 4-0.

**12. Resolution #23-06 to Adopt and Approve The Joint Powers Authority Agreement and Joining Government Financial Services Joint Powers Authority (GFSJPA)**

**(Consideration for Action)**

The Superintendent recommended the Board adopt the Resolution to Join and Contract with GFS JPA.

There were no public comments.

Trustee Hunter moved and Trustee Flaherty seconded to approve the positive certification of the 2022-2023 First Interim Report. Motion passed 4-0.

**13. Resolution #23-07 Providing Workers' Compensation Coverage for Authorized Volunteers**

**(Consideration for Action)**

The Superintendent recommended the Board adopt the Resolution to provide workers' compensation coverage for authorized volunteers.

There were no public comments.

Trustee White moved and Trustee Hunter seconded to approve the workers' compensation for authorized volunteers. Motion passed 4-0.

**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 Hunter seconded to pull Consent Item #14, Board Meeting Minutes for the Sept. 26, 2023 Study Session, and bring this item back for Board approval at the next Regular Board Meeting in January due to a lack of quorum. Motion passed 4-0. Trustee Flaherty moved and Trustee Hunter seconded to approve all remaining items, 15-21, on the Consent Agenda. Motion passed 3-0 with 1 abstention from Trustee White.

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

Note: This item was pulled from the November 14, 2023 Board Consent Agenda due to a lack of a quorum

15. Board Meeting Minutes - Minutes of the Nov. 14, 2023 Regular Board Meeting (Materials Provided)

16. 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)

17. 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 Nov. 1, 2023 - Nov. 30, 2023 (Materials Provided)

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

19. RUSD Facilities Master Plan (Materials Provided)

20. Library Surplus Report (Materials Provided)

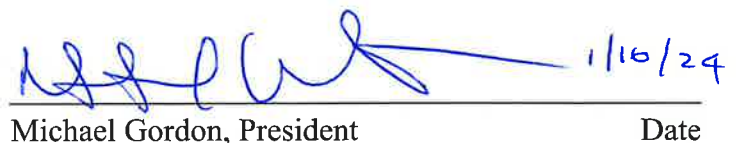
21. Contract with Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin, Metz & Associates (FM3) to conduct opinion research assessing voter views of a potential measure to fund Rescue Union School District priorities (Materials Provided)

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Trustee White moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

  
Michelle Bebout, Clerk

1/10/24  
Date

  
Michael Gordon, President

1/10/24  
Date