



## **RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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

Tuesday, April 9, 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 5:35 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 6:33 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 provided a brief overview of 2024 proclamations celebrating District staff. Each proclamation was read aloud by a Trustee. Superintendent Shoemake informed the Board and audience that Dr. Jennifer Lawson was unable to attend the evening's Board Meeting as planned and the Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) department presentation had been moved to a future meeting date and is now slated for the August Regular Board Meeting.

**Celebrating Excellence** - Pleasant Grove Middle School Principal Vera Morris and Vice Principal Molly Griffin presented a slideshow report with data on site enrollment including general education and special education numbers, and highlighted that 82% of school staff is now trained in the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program and the school's WICOR learning model. WICOR stands for Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization and Reading/Rigor. The slideshow included photos of students receiving instruction in these methods and putting them into practice on their own. In particular, the weekly planners and annual binders used as organizational tools have an 80% passing success rate. For those students who pass the first and second trimester organizational checks, they are not required to continue for the remainder of the school year. PGMS extracurricular activities are also going very well, and the administrators discussed the students' championship teams in flag football, basketball, and more.

### **School Library Month Proclamation**

Rescue Union School District recognized the month of April 2024 as School Library Month.

### **School Bus Drivers Day Proclamation**

Rescue Union School District recognized April 23, 2024 as School Bus Drivers Day.

### **Administrative Professionals Week Proclamation**

Rescue Union School District recognized April 21-27th, 2024 as Administrative Professionals Week and April 24th, 2024 as Administrative Professionals Day.

### **School Principals Day Proclamation**

Rescue Union School District recognized May 1, 2024 as School Principals Day.

### **School Lunch Hero Day Proclamation**

Rescue Union School District recognized May 3, 2024 as School Lunch Hero Day.

There were no public comments.

**GENERAL:**

2. LCAP - Educational Partners Feedback (Information Only)

The Superintendent recommended the Board receive an update on feedback from the 2023-2024 LCAP Parent Survey. Overall, community feedback was positive and survey participation increased by 34%. Positive themes included appreciation of safe, clean schools, good general communication from the district and sites, and a collective sense of positivity. Areas to improve as noted were: some facilities in need of modernization, smaller class sizes would be better, and pickup and dropoff lines can be congested and may need to be readdressed.

There were no public comments

**CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION:**

3. Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) Services Update (Information Only)

This report was postponed until the August 2024 Regular Board Meeting.

4. CSEA Negotiation Openers (Information Only)

The Superintendent recommended the Board allow public comment regarding the introduction of Classified School Employees Association (CSEA) contract openers. There were no public comments. The Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, Dustin Haley, reported that the CSEA Negotiation Openers would be brought back by plan for open public comment at the Regular Board Meeting the following month, on May 7, 2024. The Board agreed in discussion without acting by vote.

There were no public comments.

**BUSINESS AND FACILITIES:**

5. 2010 Certificate of Participation (COP) (Consideration for Action)

Lisa Donaldson, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, and Lori Raineri of Government Financial Services Joint Powers Authority presented a report regarding prepayment of the 2010 COP. The Superintendent recommended the Board approve Resolution #24-02 to authorize actions for prepayment of the 2010 Certificate of Participation (COP).

There were no public comments.

Trustee Bebout moved and Trustee White seconded to approve Resolution #24-02 for prepayment of the 2010 Certificate of Participation. 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 Hunter seconded to approve item #6 on the Consent Agenda. Motion passed 4-0 with an abstention from Trustee Flaherty. Trustee White moved and Trustee Flaherty seconded to approve all remaining Consent Agenda items #7-16. Motion passed 5-0.

6. Study Session Minutes - Minutes of the Feb. 27, 2024 Study Session (Materials Provided)
7. Board Meeting Minutes - Minutes of the March 12, 2024 Regular Board Meeting (Materials Provided)
8. 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)
9. 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 Mar. 1, 2024 - Mar. 31, 2024 (Materials Provided)
10. District Purchase Orders - Purchase orders must regularly be presented to the Board of Trustees for ratification. The supplement reflects expenditures from Mar. 1, 2024 - Mar. 31, 2024 (Materials Provided)
11. Williams Quarterly Report - The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the Williams Act Quarterly Report for the period of 1/1/24 - 3/31/24 (Materials Provided)
12. School Library Month - Rescue Union School District recognizes April 2024 as School Library Month. (Materials Provided)
13. School Bus Drivers Day Proclamation - Rescue Union School District recognizes April 23, 2024 as School Bus Drivers Day. (Materials Provided)
14. Administrative Professionals Week Proclamation - Rescue Union School District recognizes April 21-27th as Administrative Professionals Week and April 24, 2024 as Administrative Professionals Day. (Materials Provided)
15. School Principals Day - Rescue Union School District recognizes May 1, 2024 as School Principals' Day. (Materials Provided)
16. School Lunch Hero Day Proclamation - Rescue Union School District recognizes May 3, 2024 as School Lunch Hero Day. (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 8:16 p.m.

  
Michelle Bebout, Clerk

5/17/24  
Date

  
Michael Gordon, President

5/17/24  
Date