



RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES STUDY SESSION MINUTES

Tuesday, May 23, 2023
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 appropriate health safety precautions. This meeting was held in Closed Session.

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 by request.

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

Flag Salute - Board president led the flag salute.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The following comments were made by community members, in regard to the May 14, 2023 resignation of Lake Forest Principal Jana Vermette:

Jelline Vautier spoke positively on behalf of Mrs. Vermette's time and efforts at Lake Forest and expressed concern about the school's management of SPED and the welfare of special needs students onsite.

Celine Chandler stated that Mrs. Vermette was doing a good job in her role as principal and mentioned concern that the overall social climate at Lake Forest should be addressed.

Cara Kerhlikar commented on the interpersonal connections Mrs. Vermette made at school, and the good experience her family and others had with her.

Sonja Foster described Mrs. Vermette's strengths as a site leader for staff, and her personal experience collaborating with and being supported by Mrs. Vermette during the school year.

Joe Juarez said that more transparency was desired with regard to Mrs. Vermette's resignation.

Superintendent Shoemake offered to follow-up individually with each person who wished to have a follow-up conversation with him.

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 Section 3549.1, 54956.9, 54956.8, 54957, and 54957.6 and Education code Sections 35146 and 48918.

Public Employee Performance Evaluation

Superintendent

OPEN SESSION:

Reconvene Open Session at 8:30 p.m.

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION:

Board president reported no action taken in Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT: Trustee White moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m.


Michelle Bebout, Clerk

6/13/23
Date


Michael Gordon, President

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