



RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 7, 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 5:32 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 report on the District's "Culture of Excellence." Lake Forest hosted the Unified Basketball Tournament, and Pleasant Grove also hosted the Unified Track Meet and Dance. Pleasant Grove's band was highly awarded at the Music in the Parks event this spring. The SCHIELD Program is going well and has brought visitors to RUSD schools so officers can engage with classes for fun and education. The RUSD PTO/PTC meetings, started this school year and offering collaboration and idea-sharing between site teams, are going well. Also mentioned was the Food Services Dept. successes from scratch made food to student-favorite, specific cafeteria items.

The Board President asked at this time if it was the will of the Board to resequence the agenda in order for the proclamations celebrating staff to be read aloud for the school site employees present at the evening's Board Meeting. Trustee White moved to resequence the agenda and Trustee Hunter seconded to approve, Motion passed 5-0. Each proclamation was read aloud by a Trustee.

Teacher Appreciation Week Proclamation

Rescue Union School District recognized May 6-10, 2024 as Teacher Appreciation Week.

Nurses Week and School Nurse Day Proclamation

Rescue Union School District recognized May 6-12, 2024 as Nurses Week and May 8, 2024 as School Nurse Day.

Speech Pathologist Appreciation Day Proclamation

Rescue Union School District recognized May 18, 2024 as National Speech Pathologist Appreciation Day.

Classified School Employee Week Proclamation

Rescue Union School District recognized May 19-25, 2024 as Classified School Employee Week.

Celebrating Excellence - Jackson Elementary Principal Michele Williamson presented a slideshow report with highlights on Community Connections and Collaboration featuring staff and teachers. Benchmark data was reviewed with statistics on English Language Arts (ELA) and Math Counseling Services. Tiered levels of student support were spoken about with comments on Counselor Vanessa Nichols and successful intervention methods. Principal Williamson said reading is a schoolwide focus and librarian Aimee Hepler teaches literacy and the joy of learning. Also cited were new field trips this year such as excursions with the AR Nature Conservancy. The Jackson PTO contributes significantly to site development and events - specific mentions included the Sensory Pathway Project and All Abilities Playground. The Multiple Abilities program through EDCOE is housed at Jackson and inclusion is emphasized. The Leadership Elective Outdoor Wall is a student-maintained feature.

There were no public comments.

GENERAL:

2. LCAP: 2024 - 2027 DRAFT LCAP Revisions

(Information Only)

The Superintendent recommended the Board receive an update on 2024-2027 draft LCAP revisions. Superintendent Shoemake provided an overview or draft revisions to the 2024-2027 LCAP.

There were no public comments

HUMAN RESOURCES:

3. Resolution #24-03: Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators

(Consideration for Action)

Due to legislative changes in the process for hiring teachers with Emergency Teaching Permits and Credentials, a Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators must be authorized at a public meeting by the Governing Board and submitted to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing. This Declaration shall remain in force until June 30, 2025. The Superintendent recommended that Board approve Resolution #24-03.

There were no public comments.

Trustee Bebout moved and Trustee White seconded to approve Resolution #24-03: Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators. Motion passed 5-0.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION:

4. Student Services Department Update

(Information Only)

The Superintendent recommended the Board hear an annual update from the Student Services Department. The Student Services Dept. Director Sunshine Handley presented a slideshow with data on the department's growth over Years 1, 2 and 3, based on student needs.

There were no public comments.

5. CSEA Negotiation Openers

(Information Only)

The Superintendent recommended the Board allow public comment regarding the CSEA Contract Openers. Assistant Superintendent Dustin Haley gave an overview of the CSEA Contract Openers

There were no public comments.

BUSINESS AND FACILITIES:

6. Resolution #24-04: California Schools Healthy Air, Plumbing and Efficiency Program (CalSHAPE)

(Consideration for Action)

The California Energy Commission's California Schools Healthy Air, Plumbing, and Efficiency (CalSHAPE) Program provides grants to local educational agencies (LEAs) that include school districts, charter schools, and regional occupational programs to fund the assessment, maintenance, and repair of ventilation systems, installation of carbon dioxide monitors, and replacement of non-compliant plumbing fixtures and appliances. The Superintendent recommended that the Board approve Resolution #24-04 to allow the District to apply for a grant from the California Energy Commission to implement a CalSHAPE Program project. Assistant Superintendent Lisa Donaldson and Representative Nate Schlegel presented a report on the program, grant opportunity and available funding.

There were no public comments.

Trustee Bebout moved and Trustee Flaherty seconded to approve Resolution #24-04 for the grant application. Motion passed 5-0.

7. Pleasant Grove Central Kitchen Expansion (Consideration for Action)

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Lisa Donaldson provided a report on the project bid from contractor Carter Kelly for Pleasant Grove Middle School's Central Kitchen Expansion project. The Superintendent recommended the Board approve the project bid.

There were no public comments.

Trustee Hunter moved and Trustee White seconded to approve the proposed bid from contractor Carter Kelly. 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 Bebout moved and Trustee White seconded to Consent Agenda items #8-20. Motion passed 5-0.

8. Study Session Minutes - Minutes of the April 9, 2024 Regular Board Meeting (Materials Provided)

9. Board Meeting Minutes - Minutes of the April 23, 2024 Board Study Session (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 Apr. 1, 2024 - Apr. 30, 2024 (Materials Provided)

12. District Purchase Orders - Purchase orders must regularly be presented to the Board of Trustees for ratification. The supplement reflects expenditures from Apr. 1, 2024 - Apr. 30, 2024 (Materials Provided)

13. Teacher Appreciation Week Proclamation - Rescue Union School District recognizes May 6-10, 2024 as Teacher Appreciation Week (Materials Provided)

14. National Nurses Week Proclamation - Rescue Union School District recognizes May 6-12, 2024 as National Nurses Week. (Materials Provided)

15. National Speech Pathologist Day Proclamation - Rescue Union School District recognizes May 18, 2024 as Speech Pathologist Day. (Materials Provided)

16. Classified School Employee Week Proclamation - Rescue Union School District recognizes May 19-25, 2024 as Classified School Employee Week (Materials Provided)

17. Coordinator of Special Education Updated Job Description (Materials Provided)

18. Board Policy/Administrative Regulation 6173.1: Education for Foster Youth (Materials Provided)

19. Overnight Field Trip Request to Sierra Outdoor School, Mar. 2025 - Jackson Elementary (Materials Provided)

20. RUSD Contract with Infinity Communications and Consulting for E-Rate Services (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.

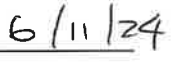
ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee White moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.


Michelle Bebout, Clerk


Date


Michael Gordon, President


Date