



RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 13, 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 Rescue Union School District Board of Trustees, 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 Boardroom at 6:35 p.m.

Welcome - The Board vice president provided an introduction to Board meeting proceedings.

Flag Salute - Board vice 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 the continued Culture of Excellence and improvement emphasis in Rescue Union School District. Trainings and events in preparation for Back-to-School were covered including a special kickoff for families in need with donated supplies such as backpacks, new pairs of shoes, and giftcards for school items. MTSS Coordinator Dr. Jennifer Lawson and Community Liaison Sol Plasencia spearheaded the event. The District is also in process of improving facilities at several sites. Green Valley has a new TK classroom and Staff Room. Pleasant Grove Middle School's Central Kitchen area has been expanded to allow for more cooking and storage space to prepare and keep food fresh. Rescue Elementary has a new Multipurpose Room/Gymnasium under construction this school year. The Superintendent's Report highlighted volunteers across the district and projects and important work they contribute for various reasons at all of the RUSD sites. This summer, volunteers painted blacktops for recess games such as Four Square, and registered more parents for PTO and PTC groups. Also reported on is current, ongoing Safety Training with state-of-the-art phone systems that have immediate capability for initiating school and site lockdowns. The District has new, up-to-date radio devices and buses have upgraded seatbelts. The recent local fire off of Green Valley Road was an opportunity to learn more about handling emergencies, and leaning into disaster preparedness with planning and organization.

There were no public comments.

GENERAL:

2. CSBA Call for Nominations for Legislative Awards

(Consideration for Action)

CSBA annually honors current members of Senate and Assembly as well as members of Congress, who have demonstrated strong leadership in public education and supported local school board governance.

Nominees must be from within district boundaries and received by September 1, 2024. The Superintendent recommended the Board consider submitting a nomination to CSBA.

There were no public comments.

No nominations were made.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION:

3. Preparation for the 2024-2025 School Year

(Information Only)

The Superintendent recommended the Board receive a report on the district's preparation for the 2024-2025 school year. Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Dustin Haley presented a slideshow on the RISE Summer School Program, the Extended School Year (ESY) Program, the District's Leadership

Retreat, New Employee Orientation and Onboarding, and school site introduction and connection dates from TK/K orientations to the return of middle school activities such as the PGMS Puma Walk. RUSD has also had facilities modernization projects going on with new classroom and office space at Green Valley Elementary, new kitchen area expansion at Pleasant Grove Middle School, and construction underway to remodel the Multipurpose Center at Rescue Elementary.

There were no public comments.

4. Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) Dept. Update

(Information Only)

The Superintendent recommended the Board hear a presentation on updates in the Multi-Tiered Systems of Support Department. Dr. Jennifer Lawson shared a high-level overview report of MTSS as a comprehensive framework. The “tiers” address student needs at various levels from academic, social-emotional and whole child growth bringing in cooperation from leadership and administration, the community and families, and daily assistance from faculty and staff. A July training conference for MTSS was attended by staff from six of seven RUSD schools, and provided important takeaways such as practical support applications to discuss and implement across grade levels. In addition, the District’s MTSS Playbook is being devised with standardized guidelines and recommendations for faculty and staff.

Trustee Gordon asked about the makeup of Tier 2 Playbook teams and the evaluative approach. Dr. Lawson replied with information on teachers, counselors, and aides who are included in assessments and care. She also said the playbook applies to many students in identification of behavioral concerns but the site teams analyze individual patterns and create tailored plans.

Trustee Hunter commented that the MTSS is a crucial and impressive tool and she is eager to learn more and see development within the district.

There were no public comments.

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 pull Item #5 for separate vote. The Board voted 4-0 to approve the Minutes of the June 11, 2024 Regular Board Meeting, with 1 abstention from Trustee Flaherty. Trustee Bebout motioned and Trustee Flaherty seconded to pull Item #6 for separate vote. The Board voted 3-0 to approve the Minutes of the June 25, 2024 Regular Board Meeting, with 2 abstentions from Trustees White and Hunter. Trustee White motioned and Trustee Bebout seconded to approve the balance of the Consent Agenda with Item #17 amended to “SchoolWorks Inc. Service Contract Proposal.” The motion was approved 5-0.

5. Board Meeting Minutes - Minutes of the June 11, 2024 Regular Board Meeting (Materials Provided)

6. Board Meeting Minutes - Minutes of the June 25, 2024 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 be regularly presented to the Board for ratification. Detailed warrant order listings are available at the District Office. The supplement reflects expenditures from June 1, 2024 -

July 31, 2024 (Materials Provided)

9. District Purchase Orders - Purchase orders must be regularly presented to the Board for ratification.

The supplement reflects expenditures from June 1, 2024 - July 31, 2024 (Materials Provided)

10. Provisional Internship Permit (PIP) Application for 2024-2025 RSP Teacher at Lake Forest Elementary (Materials Provided)

11. Donation Letter - Flaherty Family Foundation gift to RUSD (Materials Provided)

12. Out-of-State Event Travel Request for Huron/Studer What's Right in Education Conference in October 2024. (Materials Provided)

13. Business Services Agreement with Eaton Interpreting Services, Inc. (Materials Provided)

14. BP 1313: Civility - (Materials Provided)

15. BP 6112: School Day - (Materials Provided)

16. EDCOE/RUSD Extended Day Program Services MOU (Materials Provided)

17. SchoolsFirst Inc. Service Contract Proposal (Materials Provided)

18. White Paper Response Letter - Promontory Phase 2 in El Dorado Hills (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 8:06 p.m.



Michelle Bebout, Clerk

9/10/24

Date



Michael Gordon, President

9/10/24

Date