



RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 8, 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 vice 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 6:35 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 Flaherty 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 Bright Spots happening within the district, including these new hires in administration: Coordinator of Multi-Tiered Systems of Support and Special Programs - Jenn Lawson, Lake Forest Principal - Renee Mallot and Lakeview Principal Laurisa Stuart. Superintendent Shoemake commented on RUSD volunteers having a significant impact at our sites for events like summer school as well as campus improvements such as murals and garden area upgrades. Recent TK/K orientations went very well with volunteer help also. The District's Technology team provided valuable time and resources over the summer to an important county program called Sugarloaf Fine Arts Camp, facilitating much of the camp's digital production in music, photography and video work. The RUSD Human Resources Department, Leadership and Facilities teams have worked hard with staff to ensure a successful start to the school year by welcoming all new hires, readying classrooms, attending a safety training and preparing sites.

There were no public comments.

GENERAL:

2. CSBA Call for Nominations for Legislative Award

(Consideration for Action)

CSBA annually honors current members of Senate and Assembly as well as members of Congress, who have demonstrated strong leadership for public education and supported local school board governance. Nominees must be from within our district boundaries and received by September 1, 2023. The Board considered submitting a nomination to CSBA. No nominations were made.

There were no public comments.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION:

(Information Only)

3. Preparation for the 2023-2024 School Year

The Superintendent recommended the Board receive a report on the district's preparation for the 2023-2024 school year from Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Dustin Haley. The presentation included a recap of the summer RISE program, TWIG Science Training for teachers on updated curriculum, and planned Professional Learning Opportunities for staff including SPED Training.

There were no public comments.

BUSINESS AND FACILITIES:

(Information Only)

4. 45-Day Budget Update

The Board heard a presentation from Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Lisa Donaldson on the changes to the budget for the 2023-2024 school year, per Education Code Sections 42127(h), that call for the public review within 45 days of any budget revisions that the local agency decides to make based upon the enactment of the State Budget. No action was taken by the Board.

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 approve item 5, pulled due to Trustee Flaherty's absence on June 27, 2023 at the previous Board Meeting. The motion passed 4-0 with an abstention from Trustee Flaherty. Trustee Bebout moved and Trustee Hunter seconded to approve the balance of the Consent Agenda, items 6-14. Motion passed 5-0.

5. Board Meeting Minutes- Minutes of the June 27, 2023 Regular Board Meeting (Materials provided)

6. 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)

7. 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 July 1, 2023 - July 31, 2023 (Materials provided)

8. District Purchase Orders - Purchase orders must regularly be presented to the Board of Trustees for ratification. The supplement reflects expenditures from July 1, 2023 - July 31, 2023 (Materials provided)

9. Williams Act Quarterly Report - The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the Williams Act Quarterly Report for the period of April 1, 2023 - June 30, 2023. (Materials Provided)

- 10. Medi-Cal Billing Service Agreement Relay-RUSD (Materials provided)
- 11. Schools Library Surplus Reports (Materials provided)
- 12. Contract with the Law Firm of Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo (Materials provided)
- 13. Contract for Legal Services - Gutierrez, Perry & Villarreal LLP (Materials provided)
- 14. Contract for Legal Services - Lozano Smith LLP (Materials provided)

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee White moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m.



Michelle Bebout, Clerk

9/12/23

Date



Michael Gordon, President

9/12/23

Date