



## **RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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

Tuesday, September 12, 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 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 6:37 p.m.

Welcome - The Board 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 Bebout moved and Trustee Hunter 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 staff helping out in all capacities such as garden leaders, coaches, Health Office staff, PD Training. Superintendent Shoemake commented on RUSD events such as ice cream socials, Grandparents Days, and important safety measures taking place such as bus evacuation procedures for students, Transportation Dept. trainings, and highlighted the very special All Abilities Playground opening at Jackson Elementary having a significant impact in our community.

There were no public comments.

## **GENERAL:**

2. Updates for Board Policy, Administrative Regulations and Board Bylaws (AR 6115: Ceremonies and Observances) The Superintendent recommended the Board review and approve a revision to Administrative Regulation 6115: Ceremonies and Observances to include recognition of Juneteenth as a federal holiday to be annually observed on June 19th.

There were no public comments.

Trustee Bebout moved and Trustee White seconded to adopt updated Administrative Regulation 6115: Ceremonies and Observances as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

## **CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION:**

3. RISE Program

The Superintendent recommended the Board receive a report on the district's preparation for the 2023 RUSD Program school year from LF P Renee Mallot. Catch up curriculum, STEAM focus, daily PE, with TCM - Teachers Created Materials to teach math and language arts. The presentation included a recap of the enrollment of 450 students, many volunteers who pitched in. They had Science Assemblies, positive culture such as all staff visibly AM/PM for families, treat days on FRidays, inclusion for all students, RISE/ESy together, lockdown drill, all parents and volunteers screened and cleared per protocol, extra aides to help those in need, great communication home, ideas for changes to next year's programs. There were no public comments.

#### 4. Williams Act Public Hearing

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve Resolution #23-03 - Sufficiency of Textbooks and Instructional Materials, to comply with the state mandate and Ed Codes 60119 and 60422.

Public Hearing Opened: 7:38 p.m.

Public Hearing Closed: 7:39 p.m.

There were no public comments.

Trustee White moved and Trustee Flaherty seconded to approve Resolution #23-03 - Sufficiency of Textbooks and Instructional Materials. Motion passed 5-0.

### **HUMAN RESOURCES:**

#### 5. Resolution #23-04 - Local Teaching Assignments

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve Resolution #23-04 - Local Teaching Assignments Credential Authorization, which authorizes teaching assignments in accordance with the regulations adopted by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing, California Education Code and Board Policy, in order to meet the needs of the District's students.

There were no public comments.

Trustee Hunter moved and Trustee Flaherty seconded to approve Resolution #23-04. Motion passed 5-0.

### **BUSINESS AND FACILITIES:**

#### 6. 2022-2023 Unaudited Actuals and Budget Update

The Superintendent recommended the Board hear a report on the current status of the district budget and approve the Unaudited Actuals for the 2022-2023 school year. Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Lisa Donaldson provided an informational slide presentation.

There were no public comments.

Trustee White moved and Trustee Bebout seconded to approve the Unaudited Actuals for the 2022-2023 school year. Motion passed 5-0.

#### 7. CSEA Tentative Agreement

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve the CSEA Tentative Agreement and School District Public Disclosure of the Negotiated Agreement-AB1200 Compliance for Classified Staff (CSEA 610 dated 5/1/23 and ratified on 8/26/23.)

There were no public comments.

Trustee Hunter moved and Trustee Bebout seconded to approve the CSEA Tentative Agreement. 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 Hunter moved and Trustee Bebout seconded to approve all items on the Consent Agenda. Motion passed 5-0.


- 8. Board Meeting Minutes - Minutes of the Aug. 8, 2023 Regular Board Meeting (Materials Provided)
- 9. Study Session Minutes - Minutes of the Aug. 22, 2023 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 Aug. 1, 2023 - Aug. 31, 2023 (Materials Provided)
- 12. District Purchase Orders - Purchase orders must regularly be presented to the Board of Trustees for ratification. The supplement reflects expenditures from Aug. 1, 2023 - Aug. 31, 2023 (Materials Provided)
- 13. Service Agreement with Golden Poppy Speech Therapy (Materials Provided)
- 14. Resolution #23-05 GANN Limit (Materials Provided)
- 15. Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP) Plan - The 2023 ELOP Plan Guide includes afterschool revisions that were not incorporated into the 2022 Plan. (Materials Provided)
- 16. CA Dept. of Education (CDE) Consolidated Application/Certification of Assurances 2023-2024 (Materials Provided)
- 17. PGMS Band Overnight Field Trip to Disneyland Request (Materials Provided)

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Trustee White moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

  
Michelle Bebout, Clerk

10/10/23  
Date

  
Michael Gordon, President

10/10/23  
Date