



RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

Board of Education meetings are held in person in the Boardroom located at 2390 Bass Lake Road, Rescue, California. Public attendance is welcomed and encouraged. The board meeting can be viewed live on YouTube from a computer, mobile device or tablet by clicking on this link [Rescue USD YouTube Channel](#) or by going to the “[School Board](#)” section of our [Rescue USD Website](#) where the link is posted, or by typing in this URL: <https://bit.ly/RescueUSD>. RUSD board meetings can also be viewed at a later date and time on-demand [here](#).

The district has taken the following steps to assist persons in offering public comment:

1. **In Person Public Comment** - Public comment may be offered in person during the board meeting at the district office located at 2390 Bass Lake Road, Rescue, California.

Note: Board Bylaw 9323 limits visitor comments to two (2) minutes per speaker, with no more than 30 minutes per topic. Time will be extended for any speaker who uses an interpreter. Please complete the blue speakers card requesting to address the Board, which can be found at the back of the Boardroom. Please be aware that public comments, including your name, become part of the public record.

2. **Written Public Comment** - Members of the public who are unable to attend and wish to address the Board can email their name, phone number, and a description of their topic/questions to the Superintendent’s Office, cmason@rescueusd.org and cc the RUSD Board President mgordon@rescueusd.org. All correspondence will be shared with the entire Board of Trustees and Superintendent.

The business to be considered at this board meeting is listed on the following agenda:

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

December 12, 2023

Closed Session 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Open Session starts at 6:30 p.m.

Note: The times of agendized items are approximate

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.

The agenda packet for this public meeting, as well as agenda documents distributed less than 72 hours prior to this meeting, are available for review in the Rescue Union School District Office. A broadcast/recording is being made at the direction of the Board and may capture images and/or sounds of those attending the meeting.

NOTE: In addition to in person attendance, this meeting is being held by video and/or telephonic means and will be accessible to members of the public seeking to attend and to address the Board via the methods set forth above. Members of the public seeking to attend and address the Board who require reasonable accommodations to access the meeting, based on disability or other reasons, should contact the District Office at 530-677-4461 at least 48 hours in advance of this meeting to make arrangements for such reasonable accommodations.

5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Board president will call the meeting to order and take attendance.

Michael Gordon, President

Kim White, Vice President

Michelle Bebout, Clerk

Jamie Hunter, Member

Michael Flaherty, Member

Jim Shoemake, Superintendent and Board Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION TOPICS:

Public Comment: This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Board concerning items on the Closed Session Agenda. Board Bylaw 9323 limits visitor comments to two (2) minutes per speaker, with no more than 30 minutes per single topic.

CLOSED SESSION:

The Board will adjourn 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.

- a. Personnel Matters (Government Code Sections 54954.5(e) and 54957(b))
- b. Collective Bargaining Matters: Discussion with District 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.
- c. Pending Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2))
- d. Student Discipline Discussion with Superintendent Jim Shoemake, Assistant Superintendent Dustin Haley, and site principal regarding the Stipulated Expulsion Agreement and suspension for Student 23-24A.

6:30 p.m.

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION:

The Board will reconvene to open session in the Boardroom.

The Board president will provide a welcome to our in-person and remote attendees and an introduction to Board meeting proceedings.

FLAG SALUTE:

The Board president will lead the flag salute.

1. Adoption of Agenda

This item is provided as an opportunity for trustees, through consensus, to resequence or table agenda topics. (Consideration for Action)

6:40 p.m.

REPORTS & COMMUNICATION:

Superintendent

Closed Session Report - The Board president will report any action taken in closed session.

Superintendent's Report - The Superintendent will provide a district related report. (Presentation)

Celebrating Excellence - Lakeview Elementary School Principal, Laurisa Stuart, will provide a site update. (Presentation)

7:15 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

For items not on tonight's agenda: This item is placed on the agenda for the purpose of providing members of the public and Bargaining Unit representatives the opportunity to address the Board on any item of business that does not appear on the formal agenda. Each speaker will have two (2) minutes to address the Board. The clock on the screen counts down the time. Under the Ralph M. Brown Act, the Board of Trustees is not allowed to comment on items that are not on the agenda. The Board is not ignoring your comments. All public input is of great value, but the Board is legally unable to respond to individual comments. The Superintendent can refer items to staff who can follow up with you.

For items that are on tonight's agenda: The Board President will invite public comment on agenda items as they are discussed.

7:20 p.m.

GENERAL:

Superintendent

2. 2023 CSBA AEC Professional Development Recap

Jim Shoemake, Superintendent, will provide the introduction to this agenda item.

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Trustees engage in a conversation and share their learning and takeaways from the 2023 California School Boards Association Annual Education Conference which took place November 29, 2023-Dec. 2, 2023 in San Francisco, California. (Information Only)

3. CSBA Assembly Delegate Nomination

Jim Shoemake, Superintendent, will provide the report.

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Trustees consider nominations for CSBA Delegate Assembly. Nominations will be accepted until January 7, 2024. Any CSBA member board is eligible to nominate board members within their geographical region or subregion. Each board may nominate as many individuals as it chooses. All nominees must submit a biographical sketch. An optional resume may also be submitted.

(Consideration for Action) (Materials Provided)

1. Nomination
2. Public Comment
3. Discussion
4. Action

4. Annual Organization Meeting - Board Officers Selection

Jim Shoemake, Superintendent, will present the agenda item for consideration.

Each December the Board is required to nominate and approve its officers. EC 35143, BB 9100 Organization. (Consideration for Action)

Board Bylaw 9121 - Select President

1. Nomination
2. Public Comment
3. Discussion
4. Action

Board Bylaw 9100 - Select Vice President

1. Nomination
2. Public Comment
3. Discussion
4. Action

Board Bylaw 9123 - Select Clerk

1. Nomination
2. Public Comment
3. Discussion
4. Action

Board Bylaw 9122 - Confirm Superintendent to serve as Secretary to the Board

1. Public Comment
2. Discussion
3. Action

5. Board Appointment to the El Dorado County School Boards Association

Jim Shoemake, Superintendent, will present the agenda item for consideration and action.

Each December, per Board Bylaws 9130 and 9140 the Board may appoint any of its members to serve as representatives on District Committees or advisory committees of other public agencies or organizations. The Board will consider committee appointments to the El Dorado County School Boards Association.

(Consideration for Action)

1. Nomination

2. Public Comment
3. Discussion
4. Action

6. Board Appointment to the El Dorado Schools Financing Authority

Jim Shoemake, Superintendent, will present the agenda item for consideration and action.

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(Consideration for Action)

1. Nomination
2. Public Commented
3. Discussion
4. Action

7. Certification of District Signatures

Jim Shoemake, Superintendent, will present the agenda item for consideration and action.

Pursuant to Education Code 35143, 42632, 42633 and Board Bylaw 9100, the District must certify the signatures of members of the governing board and verify signatures of the person or persons authorized to sign notices of employment, contracts and orders drawn on the funds of the District.

(Consideration for Action) (Materials Provided)

1. Presentation
2. Public Comment
3. Discussion
4. Action

8:00 p.m.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction

8. Openers for RUFT Negotiations

Dustin Haley, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, will provide the report.

The Board is required to set a date for public comment on collective bargaining unit openers for the upcoming season. The Superintendent recommends that Rescue Union Federation of Teachers (RUFT) negotiation and Rescue Union School District openers be put on the agenda for the January 16, 2024 regular Board meeting for public comment. (Consideration for Action) (Materials Provided)

1. Presentation
2. Public Comment
3. Discussion
4. Action

8:15 p.m.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION:

9. Library Plan

Dustin Haley, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, will provide the report.

The Superintendent recommends the Board receive updated information and consider action to approve the District's 2023-2024 Library Plan. (Consideration for Action) (Materials Provided)

1. Presentation
2. Public Comment
3. Discussion
4. Action

8:30 p.m.

BUSINESS AND FACILITIES:

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services

10. Classified Staff – CSEA Tentative Agreement, and AB1200 Compliance 2023-2024

Lisa Donaldson, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, will provide the report.

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the Tentative Agreement and School District Public Disclosure of Negotiated Agreement AB1200 Compliance for Classified Staff.

(Consideration for Action) (Materials Provided)

1. Presentation
2. Public Comment
3. Discussion
4. Action

11. First Interim Budget Report/Positive Certification

Lisa Donaldson, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, will provide the report.

The Board is required by law to receive updated financial reports during the fiscal year. After reviewing the report, the Board will consider certification of the financial condition of the District. The Superintendent recommends approval of a positive certification for the 2022-2023 First Interim Report.

(Consideration for Action) (Materials Provided)

1. Presentation
2. Public Comment
3. Discussion
4. Action

12. Resolution #23-06 to Adopt and Approve The Joint Powers Authority Agreement and Joining Government Financial Services Joint Powers Authority (GFSJPA)

Lisa Donaldson, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, will provide the report.

The Superintendent recommends the Board adopt the Resolution to Join and Contract with GFS JPA.

(Consideration for Action) (Materials Provided)

1. Presentation
2. Public Comment
3. Discussion
4. Action

13. Resolution #23-07 Providing Workers' Compensation Coverage for Authorized Volunteers

Lisa Donaldson, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, will provide the report.

The Superintendent recommends the Board adopt the Resolution to provide workers' compensation coverage for authorized volunteers.

(Consideration for Action) (Materials Provided)

1. Presentation
2. Public Comment
3. Discussion
4. Action

8:45 p.m.

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 will enact all items. There will be no separate discussion of these items prior to the time the Board of Trustees votes on the motion unless Members of the Board, staff or public request specific items to be discussed or deleted from the consent agenda for separate action. The Board President will call for public comment on consent agenda items. The Superintendent recommends approval of the following:

14. Board Meeting Minutes - Minutes of the Sept. 26, 2023 Board Study Session (Materials Provided)

Note: This item was pulled from the November 14, 2023 Board Consent Agenda due to a lack of a quorum

15. Board Meeting Minutes - Minutes of the Nov. 14, 2023 Regular Board Meeting (Materials Provided)

16. 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)

17. 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 Nov. 1, 2023 - Nov. 30, 2023 (Materials Provided)

18. District Purchase Orders - Purchase orders must regularly be presented to the Board of Trustees for ratification. The supplement reflects expenditures from Nov. 1, 2023 - Nov. 30, 2023 (Materials Provided)

19. RUSD Facilities Master Plan (Materials Provided)

20. Library Surplus Report (Materials Provided)

21. Contract with Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin, Metz & Associates (FM3) to conduct opinion research assessing voter views of a potential measure to fund Rescue Union School District priorities (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:

The next regular Board Meeting is scheduled January 16, 2024.