



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

April 14, 2026

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:

The Board President will call the meeting to order.

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 negotiations with Rescue Union Federation of Teachers (RUFT), California School Employees Association (CSEA), Confidential Staff, and Administrative Management
- c. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint (Government Code Section 54957)
- d. Pending Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2))

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.

ROLL CALL:

The Board President will call the meeting to order and take roll call.

Michael Gordon, President

Kim White, Vice President

Michelle Bebout, Clerk

Jamie Hunter, Member

Michael Flaherty, Member

Jim Shoemake, Superintendent and Board Secretary

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 - Jackson Elementary School Principal, Molly Griffin, will provide a site update.
(Presentation)

7:10 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.

7:15 p.m.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction

2. CSEA Negotiation Openers

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

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Trustees allow public comment regarding CSEA negotiations.
(Information Only) (Materials Provided)

1. Presentation
2. Public Comment

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING:

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING:

3. Discussion

7:30 p.m.

BUSINESS AND FACILITIES:

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services

3. Food Services Department Update

Laura Knight, Director of Food Services, will provide the report.

The Superintendent recommends the Board hear an update on the RUSD Food Services Department.
(Information Only) (Materials Provided)

1. Presentation
2. Public Comment
3. Discussion

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:

4. Board Meeting Minutes - Minutes of the March 10, 2026 Regular Board Meeting (Materials Provided)
5. 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)
6. 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 Mar. 1, 2026 - Mar. 31, 2026 (Materials Provided)
7. District Purchase Orders - Purchase orders must regularly be presented to the Board of Trustees for ratification. The supplement reflects expenditures from Mar. 1, 2026 - Mar. 31, 2026 (Materials Provided)
8. Williams Quarterly Report - The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the Williams Act Quarterly Report for the period of Jan. 1, 2026 - Mar. 31, 2026 (Materials Provided)
9. School Bus Drivers Day Proclamation - Rescue Union School District recognizes the fourth Tuesday in April as School Bus Drivers Day. (Materials Provided)
10. Administrative Professionals Week Proclamation - Rescue Union School District recognizes the last full week in April as Administrative Professionals Week, and Wednesday during this week as Administrative Professionals Day. (Materials Provided)
11. School Principals Day Proclamation - Rescue Union School District recognizes May 1st as School Principals Day, to be annually observed. (Materials Provided)
12. School Lunch Hero Day Proclamation - Rescue Union School District recognizes the first Friday in May as School Lunch Hero Day. (Materials Provided)
13. Teacher Appreciation Week Proclamation - Rescue Union School District recognizes the first full week in May as Teacher Appreciation Week. (Materials Provided)
14. School Nurse Day Proclamation - Rescue Union School District recognizes the first Wednesday in May as School Nurse Day. (Materials Provided)
15. RUSD BP/E 4119.21: Professional Standards (Materials Provided)
16. RUSD BP 4119.24: Maintaining Appropriate Adult-Student Interactions (Materials Provided)
17. RUSD BP 5131.8: Mobile Communication Devices (Materials Provided)
18. Joe Vicini Inc. General Engineering-RUSD Contract: MVMS electric vehicle stations (Materials Provided)
19. Frontline Education-RUSD Contract: Absence and Substitute Management (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 Board Study Session is scheduled April 28, 2026.