



## **RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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

Tuesday, April 14, 2026 - 6:30 p.m. Open Session  
Rescue District Office Board Room

The Public's health and wellbeing 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 5:30 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

Trustee Bebout attended the meeting remotely via Zoom.

#### **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 6:32 p.m.

Welcome - The Board President provided an introduction to Board meeting proceedings.

Flag Salute - Board President led the flag salute.

#### **1. Adoption of Agenda (Consideration for Action)**

Trustee Hunter moved and Trustee Bebout seconded to adopt the amended agenda. Motion passed 3-0.

#### **REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION:**

**Closed Session Report** - The Board President stated there was no report from Closed Session.

There were no public comments.

**Superintendent's Report** - The Superintendent gave a brief slideshow presentation with photos depicting highlights of current District events aligned with the District's updated LCAP goals.

There were no public comments.

**Celebrating Excellence** - Jackson Elementary School Principal, Molly Griffin, provided a site update with information on school staff and student population, and activities and happenings on campus in 2025-2026. Student leaders in 5th grade presented a recap with video clips of their new self-written and recorded "Morning Show" for the school.

There were no public comments.

#### **GENERAL:**

#### **2. CSEA Negotiation Openers (Information Only)**

The Superintendent recommended the Board of Trustees allow public comment regarding CSEA negotiations.

Open Public Hearing: 7:11 p.m.

Close Public Hearing: 7:12 p.m.

There were no public comments.

#### **3. Food Services Department Update (Information Only)**

The Superintendent recommended the Board hear an update on the RUSD Food Services Department. The Director of Food Services, Laura Knight, provided a report with information on the food service department, CDE audits, the growth of our District's cafeteria services, and current methods of procurement, food management systems and RUSD staff's efforts to create and use recipes making as many meal items as possible from scratch for the students. They are working with school principals and the District Garden Coordinator to pursue composting and partnerships for fresh local produce and herbs to promote and utilize farm-to-fork methods. Jicama, blood oranges, and kumquats were new introductions in cafeterias this year.

## **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. 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 the consent agenda. Motion passed 3-0.

4. Board Meeting Minutes - Minutes of the January 28, 2025 Regular Board Meeting (Materials Provided)
5. Board Meeting Minutes - Minutes of the March 11, 2025 Regular Board Meeting (Materials Provided)
6. Board Special Meeting Minutes - Minutes of the March 25, 2025 Special Board Meeting (Materials Provided)
7. Board Study Session Minutes - Minutes of the March 25, 2025 Board Study Session (Materials Provided)
8. Human Resources - the District's long-range goal is to recruit a diverse, high quality staff with student focused goals and philosophies. Staffing changes occur due to the need for additional positions, resignations, or leaves of absence. All positions listed are within current budget allocations (Materials Provided)
9. 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, 2025 - Mar. 31, 2025 (Materials Provided)
10. District Purchase Orders - Purchase orders must regularly be presented to the Board of Trustees for ratification. The supplement reflects expenditures from Mar. 1, 2025 - Mar. 31, 2025 (Materials Provided)
11. Williams Quarterly Report - The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the Williams Act Quarterly Report for the period of Jan. 1, 2025 - Mar. 31, 2025 (Materials Provided)
12. School Bus Drivers Day Proclamation - Rescue Union School District recognizes the fourth Tuesday in April as School Bus Drivers Day. (Materials Provided)
13. 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)
14. School Principals Day Proclamation - Rescue Union School District recognizes May 1st as School Principals' Day, to be annually observed. (Materials Provided)
15. School Lunch Hero Day Proclamation - Rescue Union School District recognizes the first Friday in May as School Lunch Hero Day. (Materials Provided)
16. Teacher Appreciation Week Proclamation - Rescue Union School District recognizes the first full week in May as Teacher Appreciation Week. (Materials Provided)
17. EDCOE Contract Agreement to Hire, Train Certified Wellness Staff (Materials Provided)
18. Naming of School Facility/ies Resolution (Materials Provided)
19. RUSD BP/AR 3515: Campus Security (Materials Provided)
20. RUSD BP 5131: Conduct (Materials Provided)

**ADJOURNMENT:** Trustee Hunter moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m.



Michelle Bebout, Clerk

Date



Michael Gordon, President

Date