



RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 15, 2026 - 6:30 p.m. Open Session
Rescue District Office Board Room

The Public's health and well-being 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
- Vacancy
- ✓ 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 6:31 p.m.

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

Flag Salute - Board President led the flag salute and took roll call.

1. Adoption of Agenda

(Consideration for Action)

Trustee White moved and Trustee Bebout seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion passed 4-0.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION:

Report from Closed Session - Board President reported no action taken in closed session.

Superintendent's Report - The Superintendent presented a brief report tied into the District's Culture of Excellence.

There were no public comments.

GENERAL:

2. Provisional Board Selection

(Consideration for Action)

The Superintendent recommended the Board of Trustees select Kim White as their Provisional Appointment to the Rescue USD School Board. If approved, Ms. White would resign from her current Rescue USD Board Member term at the September 22, 2026 Special Board Meeting, prior to being sworn in for her new term at the same meeting. Ms. White will fulfill the remaining 2 years of the 4-year term resigned by former Trustee Michael Flaherty, due to a relocation out of the district in July 2026. This term ends December 2028.

There were no public comments.

The Board voted 3-0 to approve the selection of Kim White, with an abstention from Trustee White.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION:

3. RISE Summer Program 2026

(Information Only)

The Principal of Lake Forest and RISE Program Director, Dr. Renee Mallot, and Jackson Teacher and Aspiring Administrator Deborah Faleschini, provided a report on the 2026 RISE Summer Program.

There were no public comments.

4. Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) Dept. Update

(Information Only)

The MTSS Coordinator, Dr. Jennifer Lawson, gave a presentation on updates in the Multi-Tiered Systems of Support Department.

There were no public comments.

5. Williams Act Public Hearing/Resolution #26-05: Sufficiency of Textbooks/Instructional Materials (Consideration for Action)

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve Resolution #26-05. To comply with the state mandate, Ed Codes 60119 and 60422, and to receive state textbook funding, the district will hold a public hearing on

the availability of pupil textbooks and instructional materials. The public notice has been posted for the appropriate 10-day period.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: 7:44 p.m.
CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: 7:45 p.m.

There were no public comments.

Trustee Hunter motioned and Trustee White seconded to approve Resolution #26-05. Motion passed 4-0.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

6. Openers for CSEA Negotiations (Consideration for Action)

The Board is required to set a date for public comment on collective bargaining unit openers for 2026-2027. The Superintendent recommended that California School Employee Association (CSEA) openers and Rescue Union School District openers be put on the agenda for the October 13, 2026 regular Board Meeting for public comment.

There were no public comments.

Trustee Bebout motioned and Trustee White seconded to approve Resolution #26-05. Motion passed 4-0.

BUSINESS AND FACILITIES:

7. Unaudited Actuals 2025-2026 and Budget Update (Consideration for Action)

The Superintendent recommended the Board receive an update on the current status of the District budget and approve the Unaudited Actuals for the 2025-2026 school year. Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, Lisa Donaldson, provided the report.

There were no public comments.

Trustee White motioned and Trustee Hunter seconded to approve Unaudited Actuals for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion passed 4-0.

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 Bebout moved and Trustee White seconded to approve the balance of the Consent Agenda. Motion passed 4-0.

8. Board Meeting Minutes - Minutes of the August 18, 2026 Regular Board Meeting (Materials Provided)

9. 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 for additional positions, resignations, or leaves of absence. All positions listed are within current budget allocations (Materials Provided)

10. District Expenditure - Warrants must regularly be presented to the Board for ratification. Detailed warrant order listings are available at the District Office. The supplement reflects expenditures from Aug.1, 2026 - Aug. 31, 2026 (Materials Provided)

11. District Purchase Orders - Purchase orders must regularly be presented to the Board for ratification. The supplement reflects expenditures from Aug. 1, 2026 - Aug. 31, 2026 (Materials Provided)
12. National Custodial Workers Day Proclamation - Rescue Union School District recognizes Oct. 2, 2026 as National Custodial Workers Day. (Materials Provided)
13. National Coaches Day Proclamation - Rescue Union School District recognizes Oct. 6, 2026 as National Coaches Day. (Materials Provided)
14. Overnight Field Trip Request: December 2026 CODS for Lake Forest 4th Graders (Materials Provided)
15. Overnight Field Trip Request: January 2027 Disneyland Performance for PGMS Band (Materials Provided)
16. Overnight Field Trip Request: March 2027 Disneyland Performance for MVMS Band (Materials Provided)
17. Board Policy 6111: School Calendar (Materials Provided)
18. Administrative Regulation 6116: Classroom Interruptions (Materials Provided)
19. Board Policy 6142.3: Civic Education (Materials Provided)
20. Board Policy 6145.8: Assemblies and Special Events (Materials Provided)
21. Variable Term Credential Waiver - This waiver allows an educator to serve in a specific assignment while completing the requirements needed to obtain the appropriate credential. Approval of the waiver ensures that the District can meet staffing needs and provide students with a qualified instructor while the educator works toward full credential authorization. (Materials Provided)
22. 2027 RUSD Board Meeting Calendar Draft (Materials Provided)
23. Resolution #26-06: Adoption of GANN Limit for Maximum Appropriations (Materials Provided)
24. 2026-2027 Legal Services Agreement with Heyer Gutierrez (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:

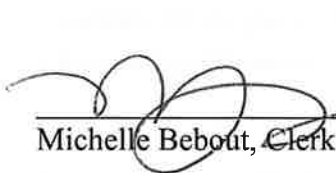
Reconvene open session.

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION:

The Board president will report any action taken in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee White moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

	<u>10/13/26</u>		<u>10/10/26</u>
Michelle Bebout, Clerk	Date	Michael Gordon, President	Date