



RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 10, 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

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 6:33 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 White moved and Trustee Flaherty seconded to adopt the amended agenda. Motion passed 4-0.

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 provided a district-related presentation with highlights on the District's Culture of Excellence and Continuous Improvement, specifically naming efficiency measures taking place in the RUSD Human Resources Department. Superintendent Shoemake emphasized that the District aims to ground culture with caring, and named staff support as a priority both within and outside of RUSD. The District's Commitment to Community was featured as a tie-in, and special mention was made of our counselors who recently spent hours with a neighboring district's staff after a tragedy occurred involving one of their longtime employees.

There were no public comments.

Celebrating Excellence - Lakeview Elementary Principal Laurisa Stuart presented a report on the school site which briefly touched on staff positions and numbers. She introduced a group of the school's 4th-5th graders who spoke on STEM projects including a working prosthetic they designed and built for a plush toy animal. Also described with detail from a few young engineers was the school's robotics program. Slides were shown with pictures of small mobile robots that could be controlled by remote to navigate around obstacles and move items from place to place. A demonstration was given in the Boardroom with one they brought to the meeting. Lessons they learned were collaboration, working through challenges and trying multiple attempts when initial opportunities fail. One student said they valued the creativity in the process in selecting or conceiving a design, deciding how to execute it, and then figuring out and devising workarounds needed during the process.

There were no public comments.

GENERAL:

2. CSBA Delegate Assembly Election Ballot

(Consideration for Action)

The Superintendent recommended the Board of Trustees consider Misty diVittorio, Placerville Union School District Trustee, for CSBA Delegate Assembly. Each board may nominate as many individuals as it chooses.

There were no public comments.

Trustee Flaherty moved and Trustee Hunter seconded the Board vote as a whole for Misty diVittorio for CSBA Delegate Assembly. Motion passed 4-0.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

(Consideration for Action)

3. Resolution #26-01: Classified Personnel Reduction of Hours/Elimination of Positions

The Superintendent recommended the Board hear information on Resolution #26-01: Classified Personnel Reduction of Hours/Elimination of Positions, and consider the resolution for approval. Dustin Haley, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, presented the resolution.

There were no public comments.

Trustee Hunter moved and Trustee Flaherty seconded to approve the District's Resolution #26-01: Classified Personnel Reduction of Hours/Elimination of Positions. Motion passed 4-0.

4. CSEA Negotiation Openers

(Consideration for Action)

The Superintendent recommended the Board of Trustees set the April 14, 2026 Board Meeting as the date and opportunity for public comment on CSEA negotiations openers for both CSEA and the Rescue Union School District.

There were no public comments.

Trustee Flaherty moved and Trustee Hunter seconded to approve the date of April 14, 2026 to agendize the CSEA Negotiation Openers for public comment.

BUSINESS AND FACILITIES:

(Consideration for Action)

5. Second Interim Budget Update

The Superintendent recommended the Board hear a report and approve the Rescue Union School District's Second Interim Budget. Lisa Donaldson, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, presented the report.

There were no public comments.

Trustee White moved and Trustee Hunter seconded to approve the District's Second Interim Budget Update. 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 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 Flaherty seconded to approve all remaining consent items. Motion passed 4-0.

6. Regular Board Meeting Minutes - February 10, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes (Materials Provided)

7. Study Session Minutes - February 24, 2026 Study Session Minutes (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 periodically due to 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 included supplement reflects expenditures from February 1, 2026 - February 28, 2026 (Materials Provided)

10. District Purchase Orders - Purchase orders must regularly be presented to the Board for ratification. The supplement reflects expenditures from February 1, 2026 - February 28, 2026 (Materials Provided)

11. Administrative Regulation 3452: School Bus Drivers (Materials Provided)

12. Administrative Regulation/Board Policy 6163.2: Animals at School (Materials Provided)

13. Library Surplus Report (Materials Provided)

14. Proclamation: Occupational Therapist (OT) Month: annually observed in April (Materials Provided)

15. Proclamation: Paraprofessional Appreciation Day: annually observed on the first Wednesday in April (Materials Provided)

16. Proclamation: School Librarian Day: annually observed on April 4th (Materials Provided)

17. Safe School Plan - Lakeview Elementary (Materials Provided)

ADJOURNMENT: Trustee White moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m.



Michelle Bebout, Clerk



Date



Michael Gordon, President



Date