



## **RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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

Tuesday, August 12, 2025 - 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 5:36 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 6:34 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 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 summary on the state of the District.

Superintendent Shoemaker provided information on the beginning of the 2025-26 school year including the day's school year kickoff Leadership Meeting, and the fact that general glows and grows, districtwide, were discussed and agreed upon by administrators and department heads.

There were no public comments.

## **GENERAL:**

### **2. CSBA Call for Nominations for Legislative Awards**

(Consideration for Action)

CSBA annually honors current members of Senate and Assembly as well as members of Congress, who have demonstrated strong leadership in public education and supported local school board governance. Nominees must be from within district boundaries and received by September 5, 2025. The Superintendent recommended the Board consider submitting a nomination to CSBA.

There were no public comments.

No nominations were made.

## **CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION:**

### **3. Preparation for the 2025-2026 School Year**

(Information Only)

The Superintendent recommended the Board receive a report on the district's preparation for the 2025-2026 school year. Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Dustin Haley presented a slideshow on the RISE Summer School Program, the Extended School Year (ESY) Program, Professional Development Day held the prior week, the District's Annual Leadership Retreat, and New Employee Orientation and Onboarding. Also summarized with photo slides were school site introduction and welcoming connection events for students, from TK/K orientations to the return of middle school activities.

There were no public comments.

Trustee Flaherty commended the District and said he recently heard a new family to RUSD praising the community and orientation at MVMS. Trustee Gordon asked a question about the RISE Summer School enrollment numbers and growth of the program. Assistant Superintendent Haley confirmed that the District has had higher a volume of registered students year-to-year. Total enrollment in 2025 was about 500 students.

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

(Information Only)

The Superintendent recommended the Board hear a presentation on updates in the Multi-Tiered Systems of Support Department. Dr. Jennifer Lawson shared information on the data-informed culture of RUSD MTSS and the transition from 2024-2025 to the new school year. A student progress monitoring system is under current evaluation. PBIS Facilitators are making an impact at three selected schools with updated

implementation of behavioral-response measures as the department continues to establish and refine a framework with tools to address additional supports and interventions for students in need.

There were no public comments.

Trustee Hunter thanks Dr. Lawson for her important work and called RUSD a “stronger place” for the overall success of MTSS. Trustee White asked about communication with families and backup at home. Dr. Lawson stated the schools typically manage this.

## **BUSINESS AND FACILITIES:**

### **5. Facilities Summer Projects Update**

(Information Only)

The Superintendent recommended the Board hear a report on the District’s facilities summer projects. The RUSD Director of Facilities, Jeremiah Patterson, provided the report. The Director opened with remarks on custodial staff and several new employees who are being trained now, as the M&O Department works to organize and streamline processes to improve overall department performance. He went on to show slides of the districtwide solar installations happening now, as well as other facilities undertakings such as new fencing at Jackson, new kitchen work at various sites such as Marina Village and Green Valley, and field and court improvements at Pleasant Grove.

There were no public comments.

Trustee Hunter said incredible work has been done and the results are visible throughout the District.

## **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 Hunter moved and Trustee White seconded to pull Items #6-7 to bring forward to the September Board meeting due to lack of quorum with eligible votes for approval. Motion passed 4-0. Trustee White motioned and Trustee Flaherty seconded to approve the balance of the Consent Agenda. Motion passed 4-0.

6. Board Meeting Minutes - Minutes of the June 10, 2025 Regular Board Meeting (Materials Provided)
7. Board Meeting Minutes - Minutes of the June 17, 2025 Regular Board Meeting (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. 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)
9. District Expenditure - Warrants must be regularly presented to the Board for ratification. Detailed warrant order listings are available at the District Office. The supplement reflects expenditures from June 1, 2025 - July 31, 2025 (Materials Provided)
10. District Purchase Orders - Purchase orders must be regularly presented to the Board for ratification. The supplement reflects expenditures from June 1, 2025 - July 31, 2025 (Materials Provided)
11. Williams Quarterly Report - The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the Williams Act Quarterly Report for the period of 4/1/25 - 6/30/25 (Materials Provided)
12. Board Bylaw/BB 9230: Orientation (Materials Provided)
13. Board Bylaw/BB 9240: Board Training (Materials Provided)
14. EDCOE/RUSD Extended Day Program Services MOU (Materials Provided)
15. 2025-26 California Department of Education (CDE) Certification of Assurances (Materials Provided)
16. Steven Roatch Accountancy Corporation Contract Renewal Agreement (Materials Provided)

17. White Paper Response: Serrano Phase 90 -Village M2, Unit 1 6084 Western Sierra Drive, El Dorado Hills APN 123-640-004 (Proposed Single-Family Dwelling) (Materials Provided)

18. Donation Letter - Sierra Laundry Services for RUSD families in coordination with the District's MTSS Dept. (Materials Provided)

19. Donation Letter - Soroptimist International of Cameron Park and El Dorado Hills donation of new shoes and socks for students in need (Materials Provided)

20. Donation Letter - LeGaux family donation - backpacks and school supplies for students (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:**

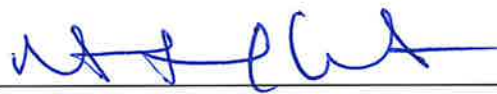
Trustee White moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m.



Michelle Bebout, Clerk

9/9/25

Date



Michael Gordon, President

9/9/25

Date