



RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 12, 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 White 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 6:30 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)

The Board President proposed the following revisions to the meeting agenda:

Elimination of the Superintendent's Report, Technology Department Presentation, and LCAP Educational Partners Survey Report. This action would move agenda item #4 Human Resources Report up to #2, to be heard and voted on before the consent agenda items.

Trustee White moved and Trustee Bebout seconded to adopt the agenda as revised. Motion passed 3-0.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION:

Closed Session Report - The Board president stated there was no action taken in Closed Session.

There were no public comments.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

2. Resolution #26-02: Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators

(Consideration for Action)

Due to legislative changes in the process for hiring teachers with Emergency Teaching Permits and Credentials, a Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators must be authorized at a public meeting by the Governing Board and submitted to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing. This Declaration shall remain in force until June 30, 2027. The Superintendent recommended the Board approve Resolution #26-02.

There were no public comments.

Trustee Bebout moved and Trustee White seconded to approve Resolution #26-02. Motion passed 3-0.

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. The Board President requested to pull consent items 3-4 for vote at a later meeting. Trustee Bebout moved and Trustee White seconded to approve pulling items 3-4. Motion passed 3-0. Trustee Bebout then moved and Trustee White seconded to approve the remaining items, 5-11, on the consent agenda. Motion passed 3-0.

3. Study Session Minutes - Minutes of the April 8, 2025 Regular Board Meeting (Materials Provided)

4. Board Meeting Minutes - Minutes of the April 22, 2025 Board Study Session (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 Apr. 1, 2025 - Apr. 30, 2025 (Materials Provided)

7. District Purchase Orders - Purchase orders must regularly be presented to the Board of Trustees for ratification. The supplement reflects expenditures from Apr. 1, 2025 - Apr. 30, 2025 (Materials Provided)

8. National Nurses Week Proclamation - Rescue Union School District recognizes May 6-12, 2025 as National Nurses Week, and Wednesday May 7th as National School Nurse Day (Materials Provided)

9. Classified School Employee Week Proclamation - Rescue Union School District recognizes May 18-24, 2025 as Classified School Employee Week (Materials Provided)

10. Board Bylaw 9322: Agenda/Meeting (Materials Provided)

11. Board Bylaw 9323: Meeting Conduct (Materials Provided)

ADJOURNMENT: Trustee White moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 p.m.


Michelle Bebout, Clerk

8/15/24
Date


Michael Gordon, President

8/18/28
Date