



RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

Board of Education meetings are held in person in the Boardroom located at 2390 Bass Lake Road, Rescue, California. Public attendance is welcomed and encouraged. The board meeting can be viewed live on YouTube from a computer, mobile device or tablet by clicking on this link [Rescue USD YouTube Channel](#), by going to the “[School Board](#)” section of our [Rescue USD Website](#) where the link is posted, or by typing in this URL: <https://bit.ly/RescueUSD>. RUSD board meetings can also be viewed at a later date and time [here](#).

The district has taken the following steps to assist persons in offering public comment:

1. In Person Public Comment - Public comment may be offered in person during the board meeting at the district office located at 2390 Bass Lake Road, Rescue, California.

Note: Board Bylaw 9323 limits visitor comments to two (2) minutes per speaker, with no more than 30 minutes per topic. Time will be extended for any speaker who uses an interpreter. Please complete the blue speakers card requesting to address the Board, which can be found at the back of the Boardroom. Please be aware that public comments, including your name, become part of the public record.

2. Written Public Comment - Members of the public who are unable to attend and wish to address the Board can email their name, phone number, and a description of their topic/questions to the Superintendent’s Office, cmason@rescueusd.org and cc the RUSD Board President mgordon@rescueusd.org. All correspondence will be shared with the entire Board of Trustees and Superintendent.

The business to be considered at this board meeting is listed on the following agenda:

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

September 15, 2026

Closed Session 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Open Session starts at 6:30 p.m.

Note: The times of agendized items are approximate

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.

The agenda packet for this public meeting as well as agenda documents distributed less than 72 hours prior to this meeting are available for review in the Rescue Union School District Office. A broadcast/recording is being made at the direction of the Board and may capture images and/or sounds of those attending the meeting.

NOTE: In addition to in person attendance, this meeting is being held by video and/or telephonic means and will be accessible to members of the public seeking to attend and to address the Board via the methods set forth above. Members of the public seeking to attend and address the Board who require reasonable accommodations to access the meeting, based on disability or other reasons, should contact the District Office at 530-677-4461 at least 48 hours in advance of this meeting to make arrangements for such reasonable accommodations.

5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Board president will call the meeting to order.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION TOPICS:

Public Comment: This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Board concerning items on the Closed Session Agenda. Board Bylaw 9323 limits visitor comments to two (2) minutes per speaker, with no more than 30 minutes per single topic.

CLOSED SESSION:

The Board will adjourn 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.

- a. Personnel Matters (Government Code Sections 54954.5(e) and 54957(b))
- b. Collective Bargaining Matters: Discussion with Superintendent Jim Shoemake and/or labor negotiators Lisa Donaldson and Dustin Haley, regarding negotiations with Rescue Union Federation of Teachers (RUFT), California School Employees Association (CSEA), Confidential Staff, and Administrative Management.
- c. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint (Government Code Section 54957)
- d. Pending Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2))

6:30 p.m.

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION:

The Board will reconvene to open session in the Boardroom.

The Board president will provide a welcome to our in-person and remote attendees and an introduction to Board meeting proceedings.

FLAG SALUTE:

The Board president will lead the flag salute.

ROLL CALL:

Michael Gordon, President

Kim White, Vice President

Michelle Bebout, Clerk

Jamie Hunter, Member

Vacancy

Jim Shoemake, Superintendent and Board Secretary

1. Adoption of Agenda

This item is provided as an opportunity for trustees, through consensus, to resequence or table agenda topics.
(Consideration for Action)

6:40 p.m.

REPORTS & COMMUNICATION:

Superintendent

Closed Session Report - The Board president will report any action taken in closed session.

Superintendent's Report - The Superintendent will provide a district related report. (Presentation)

7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

For items not on tonight's agenda: This item is placed on the agenda for the purpose of providing members of the public and Bargaining Unit representatives the opportunity to address the Board on any item of business that does not appear on the formal agenda. Each speaker will have two (2) minutes to address the Board. The clock on the screen counts down the time. Under the Ralph M. Brown Act, the Board of Trustees is not allowed to comment on items that are not on the agenda. The Board is not ignoring your comments. All public input is of great value, but the Board is legally unable to respond to individual comments. The Superintendent can refer items to staff who can follow up with you.

For items that are on tonight's agenda: The Board President will invite public comment on agenda items as they are discussed.

7:10 p.m.

GENERAL:

Superintendent

2. Provisional Board Selection

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Trustees select Kim White as their Provisional Appointment to the Rescue USD School Board. If approved, Ms. White will resign from her current Rescue USD Board Member term at the October 13, 2026 Board Meeting prior to being sworn in for her new term at the same October 13, 2026 Board Meeting. Ms. White will fulfill the remaining 2 years of the 4-year term resigned by Trustee Michael Flaherty, due to a residence move in July 2026. This term will end in December 2028.
(Materials Provided) (Consideration for Action)

1. Presentation
2. Public Comment
3. Discussion
4. Action

7:20 p.m.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION: Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction

3. RISE Summer Program 2026

The Principal of Lake Forest and RISE Program Director, Dr. Renee Mallot, and Jackson Teacher and Aspiring Administrator Deborah Faleschini, will provide the report.

The Superintendent recommends the Board hear a presentation on the 2026 RISE Summer Program from Dr. Renee Mallot. (Materials Provided) (Information Only)

1. Presentation
2. Public Comment
3. Discussion

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

The MTSS Coordinator, Dr. Jennifer Lawson, will provide the report.

The Superintendent recommends the Board hear a presentation on updates in the Multi-Tiered Systems of Support Department. (Materials Provided) (Information Only)

1. Presentation
2. Public Comment
3. Discussion

5. Resolution #26-05 Williams Act Public Hearing - Sufficiency of Textbooks/Instructional Materials

The Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, Dustin Haley, will provide the report.

The Superintendent recommends 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. (Materials Provided) (Consideration for Action)

1. Presentation
2. Public Comment
OPEN PUBLIC HEARING:
CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING:
3. Discussion
4. Action

7:50 p.m.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Services

6. Openers for CSEA Negotiations

Dustin Haley, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, will provide the report.

The Board is required to set a date for public comment on collective bargaining unit openers for 2026-2027. The Superintendent recommends 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. (Consideration for Action) (Materials Provided)

1. Presentation
2. Public Comment
3. Discussion
4. Action

8:00 p.m.

BUSINESS AND FACILITIES:

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services

7. Unaudited Actuals 2025-2026 and Budget Update

The Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, Lisa Donaldson, will provide the report.

The Superintendent recommends the Board receive an update on the current status of the District budget and approve the Unaudited Actuals for the 2025-2026 school year. (Materials Provided) (Consideration for Action)

1. Presentation
2. Public Comment
3. Discussion
4. Action

8:15 p.m.

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. There will be no separate discussion of these items prior to the time the Board of Trustees votes on the motion unless Members of the Board, staff or public request specific items to be discussed or deleted from the consent agenda for separate action. The Board President will call for public comment on consent agenda items. The Superintendent recommends approval of the following:

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 EDCOE-RUSD Library Services MOU (Materials Provided)
25. 2026-2027 Legal Services Agreement with Heyer Gutierrez (Materials Provided)

CLOSED SESSION:

The Board may convene 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.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Special Board Meeting scheduled for September 22, 2026, related to the Provisional Appointment Interviews and Selection is canceled.

The next regular Board Meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2026.