



RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

Board of Education meetings are held in person in the Board Room 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](#) or 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 on-demand [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 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 STUDY SESSION AGENDA

January 13, 2026

There is no Closed Session for this meeting.

Open Session starts at 5:30 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 the 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 in attendance.

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:

The Board president will call the meeting to order.

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

Michael Flaherty, Member

Jim Shoemake, Superintendent and Board Secretary

5:40 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 may 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.

Bond Presentation

The Superintendent recommends the Board hear a presentation on data collected from our community related to a possible November 2026 Bond and discuss potential next steps. (Information Only) (Materials to be Provided)

CLOSED SESSION:

The Board may adjourn to closed session to discuss matters of personnel, security, negotiations, student discipline, litigation, or other matters as authorized by Government Code Section 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 District Superintendent Jim Shoemake and/or labor negotiators Lisa Donaldson and Dustin Haley, regarding directions and matters 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))

OPEN SESSION:

Reconvene Open Session (if needed)

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION:

The Board President will report any action taken in closed session if applicable.

ADJOURNMENT:

The next regular Board Meeting is scheduled January 27, 2026.