



RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 18, 2025 - 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 5:34 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 6:40 p.m.

Welcome - The Board president provided an introduction to Board meeting proceedings.

Flag Salute - MVMS ASB Vice President and student representative Reese Leadingham 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 5-0.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION:

Closed Session Report - The Board president stated there was a report from Closed Session. The Board voted 5-0 to approve the Stipulated Expulsion for Student #25-26A, and to bring the discussion back to the December Board Meeting 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 with mention and celebration of the following: middle school athletic championships in multiple sports - volleyball, cross country and flag football, student and staff support shown on spirit days, during events, and professional trainings and workshops, community partnerships with local Rotary, and fiscal accountability and facilities management. Special comments were shared with photos of this month's Veterans Day with thanks expressed by both Superintendent Shoemake and Trustee Hunter to the numerous veterans who were present and participated in the school happenings across the District.

There were no public comments.

Celebrating Excellence - Marina Village Middle School Principal, Levi Cambridge, and Vice Principal Samantha Schlesinger, provided a site update with information on demographics, the school's academic progress and test scores, classwork and service from leadership and student peer groups, after school programs and extracurricular offerings going well. ASB Vice President Reese Leadingham spoke briefly about student leadership and successful fundraising efforts.

There were no public comments.

GENERAL:

2. Openers for RUFT Negotiations

(Consideration for Action)

The Board is required to set a date for public comment on collective bargaining unit openers for the upcoming season. The Superintendent recommended that Rescue Union Federation of Teachers (RUFT) negotiation and Rescue Union School District openers be put on the agenda for the December 9, 2025 regular Board meeting for public comment.

There were no public comments.

Trustee Bebout motioned and Trustee White seconded to approve the openers for RUFT negotiations. Motion passed 5-0.

3. CAASPP Update (Overall and Subgroup Results)

(Information Only)

The Superintendent recommended the Board hear a presentation on test results for the 2025 administration of the Smarter Balanced Assessments of California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress. (CAASPP)

There were no public comments.

CURRICULUM:

4. TeachTown SPED Curriculum Adoption

(Consideration for Action)

Rescue Union Special Day Class teachers participated in an in-depth review of materials on the State Approved List. After piloting a program and analyzing for standards alignment, student engagement, and how well they promoted critical thinking and collaboration, the TeachTown program has been selected to best meet the needs of students. The Superintendent recommended adoption of the TeachTown program for grades K-8 of the Special Day Class program.

1. Presentation

2. Public Comment

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: 7:51 p.m.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: 7:52 p.m.

3. Discussion

4. Action

There were no public comments.

Trustee Hunter motioned and Trustee White seconded to approve the TeachTown SPED Curriculum adoption. Motion passed 5-0.

BUSINESS AND FACILITIES:

5. Annual/5 Year Developer Fee Report

(Consideration for Action)

The Superintendent recommended the Board of Trustees adopt the Accounting of Developer Fees for Fiscal Year 2024-25 Report. Pursuant to Government Code Section 66000 et seq. The District is required to make Public an annual accounting of developer fees collected by the District within 180 days after the last day of each fiscal year.

There were no public comments.

Trustee Bebout moved and Trustee Flaherty seconded to approve and adopt the Annual/5 Year Developer Fee Report for fiscal year 2024-25. Motion passed 5-0.

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 White seconded to approve all consent items. Motion passed 5-0.

6. Regular Board Meeting Minutes - Minutes of the Oct. 7, 2025 Regular Board Meeting (Materials Provided)

7. Study Session Minutes - Minutes of the Oct. 21, 2025 Board Study Session (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 the need for additional positions, resignations, or leaves of absence. 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 Nov. 1, 2025 - Nov. 30, 2025 (Materials Provided)
10. District Purchase Orders - Purchase orders must regularly be presented to the Board of Trustees for ratification. The supplement reflects expenditures from Nov. 1, 2025 - Nov. 30, 2025 (Materials Provided)
11. Board Policy/Administrative Regulation 5131.2: Bullying (Materials Provided)
12. Board Policy/Administrative Regulation 5142: Safety (Materials Provided)
13. National Special Education Day Proclamation - Rescue Union School District recognizes National Special Education Day (Materials Provided)
14. Green Valley Donation Letter - Andrea Duane and Company (Materials Provided)
15. White Paper Response - Lakeside Estates development in Cameron Park (Materials Provided)
16. Revised Job Description (Media/Technology Director revised to Director of Information Technology and Cybersecurity) (Materials Provided)
17. Report of Surplus Items - Technology Department (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 7:58 p.m.


Michelle Bebout, Clerk
12/9/25
Date


Michael Gordon, President
12/9/25
Date