



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 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 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

September 22, 2026

Open Session Starts at 4:30 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: This meeting can be attended in person or accessed remotely via video and/or telephonic means by members of the public seeking to attend and to address the Board who require reasonable accommodations for access, based on disability or other reasons, and who may contact the District Office at 530-677-4461 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to make arrangements for any such reasonable accommodations.

4:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

The 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 may adjourn to closed session at the conclusion of this meeting 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) or 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))

4:30 p.m.

WELCOME:

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:

The Board President will take roll call.

Michael Gordon, President

Kim White, Vice President

Michelle Bebout, Clerk

Jamie Hunter, Member

Vacancy, Member

Jim Shoemake, Superintendent and Board Secretary

1. Adoption of Agenda

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

4:35 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 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.

4:40 p.m.

GENERAL:

Superintendent

2. Board Resignation

The Superintendent recommends the Board accept the resignation of Kim White from her current Board term (expiring December 2026) effective September 22, 2026. Following her selection by the Board on September 15, 2026 as the provisional appointee for the seat vacated by Michael Flaherty, Trustee White submitted her written resignation from her current term prior to taking the oath of office later at this meeting for the new seat. (Information Only)

1. Presentation
2. Public Comment
3. Discussion

3. Provisional Board Selection

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Trustees confirm the selection of Kim White as their Provisional Appointee to the Rescue USD School Board by vote. If approved, 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

4. Oath of Office Administration

The Board President, Michael Gordon, will administer the Oath of Office to Kim White. The Term of Office will be 9.22.2026 to 12.8.2028 and the Certificate of Appointment will be signed by appointed Board Member Kim White. (Materials to be Provided)

4:55 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:

5. Resolution #26-07: Local Teaching Assignments Credential Authorization

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve Resolution #26-07 authorizing teaching assignments in accordance with the regulations adopted by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing, California Education Code and Board Policy, in order to meet the additional needs of the District's students.

(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 next regularly scheduled Board meeting is Tuesday, October 13, 2026.