



RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 - 6:30 p.m. Open Session
Rescue District Office Board Room

The Public's health and well-being 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 5:36 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 6:32 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)

Trustee White moved and Trustee Flaherty seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION:

Report from Closed Session - Board President reported no action taken in closed session.

Superintendent's Report - The Superintendent presented a report tied into the District's Culture of Excellence. An example was given of a recent band class Superintendent Shoemake attended at PGMS. He observed Band Instructor Mr. Manley teaching finer points of music sequences and addressing the attentive class as they improved on a piece in the minutes the Superintendent was there. The report also touched on school community events that include extended families from Grandparent Breakfast to Ice Cream Socials for visits from extended family and friends. These gatherings help to establish and maintain connectedness among students and greater investment in our schools.

There were no public comments.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION:

2. RISE Summer Program 2025

(Information Only)

Lake Forest Principal and RISE Program leader Dr. Renee Mallot presented the report along with Debbie Faleschini, a teacher in RUSD and a program assistant who helped manage this past summer's RISE Program. This summer's RISE program had 520 kids enrolled. The program continues to grow. Curriculum and classes are well-rounded and include STEAM, Art, and P.E. Parents and students alike love the program for the enrichment opportunities and chances to meet new friends from schools across the District. Qualitative and quantitative data showed students' academic improvement in the program.

There were no public comments.

3. Resolution #25-06 Williams Act Public Hearing - Sufficiency of Textbooks/Instructional Materials

(Consideration for Action)

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve Resolution #25-06. To comply with the state mandate, Ed. Codes 60119 and 60422, and to receive state textbook funding, the district held a public hearing on the availability and sufficiency of pupil textbooks and instructional materials. The public notice was posted for the appropriate 10-day period.

Open Public Hearing: 7:41 p.m.

Close Public Hearing: 7:42 p.m.

There were no public comments.

Trustee Bebout left the room temporarily. Trustee Hunter moved and Trustee White seconded to approve Resolution #25-06: Sufficiency of Textbooks/Instructional Materials. Motion passed 4-0.

BUSINESS AND FACILITIES:

4. Unaudited Actuals 2024-2025 and Budget Update

(Consideration for Action)

The Superintendent recommended the Board receive an update on the current status of the District budget

and approve the Unaudited Actuals for the 2024-2025 school year. The Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, Lisa Donaldson, presented the report.

There were no public comments.

Trustee Hunter moved and Trustee White seconded to approve the Unaudited Actuals 2024-2025 and Budget Update. 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 enacts all items. The Board President called for public comment on any of the items on the consent agenda. There were no public comments. Trustee Bebout moved and Trustee Hunter seconded to approve the balance of the Consent Agenda. Motion passed 5-0.

5. Board Meeting Minutes - Minutes of the June 10, 2025 Regular Board Meeting (Materials Provided)
6. Board Meeting Minutes - Minutes of the June 17, 2025 Regular Board Meeting (Materials Provided)
7. Board Meeting Minutes - Minutes of the August 12, 2025 Regular Board Meeting (Materials Provided)
8. Board Study Session Minutes - Minutes of the August 26, 2025 Study Session (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, 2025 - Aug. 31, 2025 (Materials Provided)
11. District Purchase Orders - Purchase orders must regularly be presented to the Board for ratification. The supplement reflects expenditures from Aug. 1, 2025 - Aug. 31, 2025 (Materials Provided)
12. National IT Professionals Day Proclamation - Rescue Union School District recognizes Sept. 16, 2025 as National IT Professionals Day. (Materials Provided)
13. National Custodial Workers Day Proclamation - Rescue Union School District recognizes Oct. 2, 2025 as National Custodial Workers Day. (Materials Provided)
14. National Coaches Day Proclamation - Rescue Union School District recognizes Oct. 6, 2025 as National Coaches Day. (Materials Provided)
15. Overnight Field Trip Request - 2025 CODS Trip for Lakeview (Materials Provided)
16. Board Policy 3516.5 update - Emergency Schedules (Materials Provided)
17. Board Bylaw 9012 update: Board Member Electronic Communication (Materials Provided)
18. 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)
19. Resolution #25-07: Adoption of GANN Limit for Maximum Appropriations (Materials Provided)
20. Donation Letter - Kidz Kreamery Gift of \$100 to Lake Forest Elementary (Materials Provided)
21. White Paper Response: Summit Estates north of Green Valley Road in El Dorado Hills (Materials Provided)
22. EDCOE 2024-2025 Career Technical Education Incentive Grant (CTIEG) District Participation MOU (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 8:00 p.m.



Michelle Bebout, Clerk

10/7/25

Date



Michael Gordon, President

10-7-25

Date