

Camino Union School District

Minutes

Regular Meeting, Tuesday December 9, 2025



Regular Meeting

Camino School, Room B, 3060 Snows Road, Camino CA 95709 also via Zoom

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

05:30 PM

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VISION

All members of the Camino School community will experience an educational environment dedicated to developing independent, lifelong learners who are prepared to participate creatively and independently in shaping the future.

MISSION

The Camino Union School District joins with the community to provide a high-quality, standards-based education for all students, preparing them academically, socially, and emotionally for success in high school and as productive citizens in our diverse society.

2026 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

- January 13, 2026
- February 10, 2026
- March 10, 2026
- April 14, 2026
- May 12, 2026
- June 16, 2026 Budget/LCAP public hearings
- June 18, 2026 Budget/LCAP adoption
- August 11, 2026
- September 8, 2026
- October 13, 2026
- November 10, 2026
- December 14, 2026 (Monday)

Details

Board Members: Pat Kernan
Nathan Ferris
Justin Hewitt
Deborah Lyster
Andrew MacLean

1. MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

1.1 MEETING ACCESS:

2. Call to Order

2.1 Call the meeting to order:

Discussion:

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

3. Public Comments on Closed Session

3.1 Public Comments:

Discussion:

There were no public comments.

4. Adjourn to 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 Sections 3549.1, 54956.9, 54956.8, 54957, and 54957.6 and Education Code Sections 35146 and 48918.

4.1 Superintendent Goals

4.2 Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (G.C. 54957)

4.3 Conference with Labor Negotiator (G.C.54957.6)

4.4 Student Discipline (G.C. 54962, California Education Code Section 35146)

5. Reconvene Regular Meeting

5.1 Pledge of Allegiance:

Discussion:

The meeting reconvened at 6:40 pm. Superintendent Matthew Barnes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

6. Meeting Management

6.1 Staff Members in Attendance:

Discussion:

Dusty Botting, Annika Nelson, Jon Haffner, and Tina Constancio

6.2 Board Member Roll Call:

Discussion:

All Board Members were present.

6.3 Others Present (signed in):

6.4 Approval of Agenda:

Motion:

It was moved to approve the agenda.

Motion By: Justin Hewitt

Second By: Nathan Ferris

Yeas: Pat Kernan, Deborah Lyster, Nathan Ferris, Andrew MacLean , Justin Hewitt

Results: Motion Passed

6.5 Disclosure of action, if any, taken in closed session

Discussion:

President Kernan shared no action was taken in closed session.

7. Updates

7.1 Student Report

Discussion:

Superintendent Matthew Barnes noted that Jeanele Walsh had planned to attend to provide an update on the K2 Multitudes screeners but, unfortunately, had to cancel at the last minute.

7.2 Board Members Updates:

Discussion:

Member MacLean shared that the Harvest Run was a great event, noting that even with the rain, he enjoyed cheering on the runners.

Member Lyster shared that she missed the Harvest Run while in Phoenix for her 50th birthday, enjoyed the Sutter's Fort field trip (including embarrassing her child), and is still working in Fresno.

Member Ferris shared a congratulatory mention to our Superintendent on beating his Harvest Run time by mere minutes and to the Camino girls' soccer team on placing fourth in the county.

Member Hewitt shared that he attended the Harvest Run solo with both of his boys, who participated enthusiastically, and quickly realized that his leg had not fully healed.

Member Kernan shared that he had a great lunch with Superintendent Matthew Barnes at the CSBA conference and appreciated their generosity in covering his admission.

7.3 Assistance League Updates:

Discussion:

Jon Haffner shared an update on the Assistance League, highlighting Marla and Sam “firing on all cylinders” and their plan to host an upcoming Dance-a-thon as a fundraiser.

7.4 EDCSBA Representative Updates:

Discussion:

Member Hewitt shared that there was no meeting, so there was no update.

7.5 Superintendent-Principal Updates:

Discussion:

Superintendent Barnes shared that the Apple Hill Run was a delight despite wet and miserable conditions, noting lots of smiles and a sold-out, well-attended event. He also highlighted attending several wonderful events, including the Santa Workshop at the High School with Kindergartners—made possible by the help of CTA and CFA—a Fish Hatchery field trip, and a CSBA conference and luncheon.

7.6 Administrative Updates:

Discussion:

No update shared from Assistant Principal Sabbagh.

CFO Tina Constancio shared that she was working on P1.

8. Communications

8.1 Bargaining Unit Reports:

Discussion:

CFA President Jon Haffner reported that CFA has met and begun reviewing contract language, describing the first meeting as productive. He also provided an update on the Assistance League’s “Drink for a Friend” fundraiser and commended Samantha Winterer and Marla Martin for their creative contributions.

CSEA President Annika Nelson reported that CSEA is closing out 2024–25 and has made adjustments on the tentative agreement, which they plan to bring to the January meeting. She expressed appreciation for the 2% pay increase, while noting that rising benefit costs in October have offset much of that gain. She also mentioned that Black Oak Mine is conducting a benefits study.

8.2 Parent Teacher Organization:

Discussion:

There was no update for PTO.

8.3 DELAC:**Discussion:**

Dusty Botting shared a DELAC update and thanked Member MacLean for attending. She noted that they brainstormed with the five members—each with 8th graders—on ways to encourage new membership and mentioned the La Posada event on December 18th from 6–8 PM.

8.4 Communication to the Board of Trustees:**Discussion:**

No communication was presented to the Board.

8.5 Comments and Petitions from Guests:**Discussion:**

Jon Haffner shared the finished models from his woodworking elective and noted that the next project will be assembling a picnic table kit.

9. Business and Information**9.1 Action: Conduct the Annual Organizational Meeting****Motion:**

It was moved to approve the proposed 2026 Board Meeting Calendar.

Motion By: Nathan Ferris

Second By: Pat Kernan

Yeas: Nathan Ferris, Andrew MacLean , Justin Hewitt, Pat Kernan, Deborah Lyster

Results: Motion Passed

Discussion:

Board Officer and Representation Elections:

Board President: President Member Kernan nominated Member Hewitt for Board President. Member MacLean seconded the nomination, and all were in favor.

Board Clerk: Member Deborah Lyster nominated Member Ferris for Board Clerk. Member Hewitt seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

El Dorado County School Boards Association Representative: Member Kernan nominated Member MacLean for the position. Member Hewitt seconded the nomination, and all were in favor.

9.2 Action: Consider Approval of the First Interim Report

Discussion:

It was recommended that the Governing Board approve the Camino Union School District 2025-26 1st Interim Report and the multi-year projected budgets for 2026-27 and 2027-28.

The CFO noted that, with the proposed 2025-26 1st Interim budget carrying a Qualified certification, specific actions are recommended to maintain fiscal stability and avoid a Negative Certification, particularly for the 2027-28 school year.

9.3 Information: Investment Portfolio Report- Quarter ending September 30, 2025

Discussion:

CFO Tina Constancio presented the Investment Portfolio Report- Quarter ending September 30, 2025.

9.4 Action: Consider Approval of the 2026/2027 School Calendar

Motion:

It was moved to approve the 2026–2027 Draft School Calendar, developed with input from Grade Level Leadership and staff, as outlined in the draft PDF, which listed an August 13 start date (based on staff feedback).

Motion By: Nathan Ferris

Second By: Deborah Lyster

Yeas: Pat Kernan, Deborah Lyster, Nathan Ferris, Andrew MacLean , Justin Hewitt

Results: Motion Passed

9.5 Action: Consider Approval of the Audit of the District Financial Operations for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year

Motion:

It was moved to approve the Audit of the District Financial Operations for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year.

Motion By: Nathan Ferris

Second By: Andrew MacLean

Yeas: Deborah Lyster, Pat Kernan, Andrew MacLean , Nathan Ferris, Justin Hewitt

Results: Motion Passed

10. Board Policy Review

10.1 First Reading

Discussion:

Superintendent/Principal Matthew Barnes introduced the following Board Policies and Administrative Regulations for a First Reading.

10.2 Second Reading: Action Item**Motion:**

It was moved to approve the aforementioned Board Policies and Administrative Regulations and Board Bylaws and adopt them as presented.

Motion By: Pat Kernan

Second By: Deborah Lyster

Yeas: Andrew MacLean , Nathan Ferris, Justin Hewitt, Deborah Lyster, Pat Kernan

Results: Motion Passed

11. Consent Agenda

11.1 Consider Approval of Minutes

11.2 Consider Approval of Warrant Orders

11.3 Personnel:

11.4 Consider Approval of E-Waste Disposal

11.5 Action: Approval of All Consent Agenda

Motion:

It was moved to approve all Consent Agenda Items.

Motion By: Deborah Lyster

Second By: Nathan Ferris

Yeas: Justin Hewitt, Pat Kernan, Deborah Lyster, Nathan Ferris, Andrew MacLean

Results: Motion Passed

12. Next Board Meetings

12.1 Regular Board Meeting: January 13, 2026

12.2 Regular Board Meeting: February 10, 2026

12.3 Regular Board Meeting: March 10, 2026

12.4 Regular Board Meeting: April 14, 2026

13. Adjourn Meeting

13.1 Adjournment:

Discussion:

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm.
