

Camino Union School District

Minutes

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, January 13, 2026



Regular Meeting

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

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

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 Conference with Labor Negotiator (G.C.54957.6)

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

5. Reconvene Regular Meeting

5.1 Pledge of Allegiance:

Discussion:

The meeting reconvened at 6:07 pm. Board President Justin Hewitt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

6. Meeting Management

6.1 Staff Members in Attendance:

Discussion:

Mr. Barnes asked: What's your favorite Winter Olympics event?

Staff:

- Annika Nelson– Women's singles figure skating
- Jeanelle Walsh – Big air snowboarding
- Sarah Rikalo – Halfpipe

- Tina Contancio – Ice skating (all types), snowboarding halfpipe
- Matthew – Men's & women's downhill
- Mary Lupina – Halfpipe

Board:

- Maclean – Curling, hockey
- Lyster – Figure skating
- Kernan – Hockey
- Ferris – Giant slalom skiing
- Hewitt – Luge (to watch Cool Runnings)

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: Nathan Ferris

Second By: Deborah Lyster

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

Results: Motion Passed

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

Discussion:

Board President Hewitt shared that no action was taken during the closed session.

7. Updates

7.1 Student Report

Discussion:

K–2 Multitudes Screener Update – Presented by Jeanelle Walsh

Jeanelle shared an update on the K–2 Multitudes Screener, which included 1:1 reading screeners, expressive vocabulary, rapid letter-naming drills, and spelling assessments. Students completed all tasks independently and participated fully, with no one giving up. Some students were flagged for additional support three times per week, and Jeanelle expressed pride in their engagement and effort. She looks forward to monitoring their progress throughout the year.

7.2 Board Members Updates:

Discussion:

Member MacLean shared that he attended La Posada and found the experience excellent. Also attended a coffee meeting with the High School District Superintendent.

Member Lyster reported enjoying some downtime and noted feeling unwell while in Fresno.

Member Kernan expressed excitement for the new year and noted both the challenges and opportunities ahead.

Member Ferris noted enjoying spending time with family during the holidays.

Member Hewitt reported recuperating from the holidays.

7.3 Assistance League Updates:

7.4 EDCSBA Representative Updates:

Discussion:

Member MacLean reported that he received an invitation to the budget workshop and plans to attend. He noted that the next meeting is scheduled for January 26. He also reminded everyone that the deadline for CSBA award nominations is this Friday and mentioned that there is a call for student work to be showcased at the awards dinner.

7.5 Superintendent-Principal Updates:

Discussion:

Superintendent Barnes shared that the December holiday staff gift exchange was lively and raucous, with gift stealing and lots of fun, providing a special time for laughter and enjoyment. He noted that La Posada was a successful event and extended thanks to Dusty and Ian Stevenson for his last-minute guitar accompaniment. He reported that girls' basketball is underway, boys' basketball will begin soon, and staff are looking for a favorable weather window to install sod. He also acknowledged the importance of staff taking time off to spend with family during the holidays.

7.6 Administrative Updates:

Discussion:

Tina Constancio reported that she worked on P1 over the break. She also noted the budget proposal and the upcoming County Office meeting on the 20th. Additionally, she is working on the LCAP mid-year expenditure report.

8. Communications

8.1 Bargaining Unit Reports:

Discussion:

CFA Treasurer Rikalo reported that CFA applied for two grants with CTA. She shared that two teachers will be attending the Good Teachers Conference in Burlingame. A community grant was approved, and planning is underway for Pages and Pastries, with another community event also in development. Rikalo noted that 8th-grade students will attend a high school field trip on the 20th. She also shared that the girls' basketball team has been formalized, with finals scheduled for February.

A note from Stinett announcing that the Spelling Bee team has started.

The 4th-grade team reported that the February 11th meeting for Living History volunteers is scheduled.

CSEA President Annika Nelson reported that there is not much new to share at this time. She expressed excitement about completing the 2024–25 contract and beginning work on this year's contract. She noted that a couple of CFA members are attending a seminar this week on health insurance costs and options. Nelson also mentioned that the annual re-voting of roles is taking place.

8.2 Parent Teacher Organization:**Discussion:**

No report

8.3 DELAC:**Discussion:**

Superintendent Barnes shared that DELAC is actively encouraging families with younger students to join, as many current members have children who are aging out.

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

No Board communications were received.

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

There were no comments.

9. Business and Information

9.1 Action: Consider Approval of the 2025 Camino School Accountability Report Card (SARC)**Motion:**

It was moved to approve the 2025 Camino School Accountability Report Card.

Motion By: Pat Kernan

Second By: Andrew MacLean

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

Results: Motion Passed

9.2 Action: Consider Approval of the 2025 Camino Polytechnic School Accountability Report Card (SARC)

Motion:

It was moved to approve the 2025 Camino Polytechnic School Accountability Report Card.

Motion By: Deborah Lyster

Second By: Andrew MacLean

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

Results: Motion Passed

9.3 Information: AI update

Discussion:

AI Update – Magic School

Superintendent Barnes presented Magic School, highlighting its focus on data privacy and school-centered AI applications. A one-month sandbox trial is expected to begin soon. Barnes noted that Magic School would be happy to meet with board members to discuss the technology and its privacy protections.

Member MacLean commented that the website's breakdown and ratings of privacy technologies represent significant progress in data privacy.

Member Hewitt asked about the selection process. Barnes explained that while some large districts are building their own platforms, Magic School offers a unique, school-focused solution with strong data privacy.

Member Kernan noted that EDCSBA is at the forefront of AI policy and data privacy. Pat suggested identifying which districts are currently using Magic School, and Barnes confirmed that Placerville is already using it.

Member Lyster added that it would be valuable to obtain reports from Placerville on usage and impact.

10. Personnel

10.1 Action: Approval of Tentative Agreement by and Between CUSD and the California School Employees Association, and its Camino Chapter 849

Motion:

It was moved to approve the Tentative Agreement by and between CUSD and the California School Employees Association, and its Camino Chapter 849.

Motion By: Deborah Lyster

Second By: Nathan Ferris

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

Results: Motion Passed

11. Board Policy Review

11.1 Second Reading: Action Item

Motion:

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

Motion By: Andrew MacLean

Second By: Justin Hewitt

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

Results: Motion Passed

12. Consent Agenda

12.1 Consider Approval of Minutes

12.2 Consider Approval of Warrant Orders

12.3 Personnel:

12.4 Consider Approval of Quarterly Williams Uniform Complaints Report

12.5 Action: Approval of all Consent Agenda Items

Motion:

It was moved to approve all Consent Agenda Items.

Motion By: Nathan Ferris

Second By: Pat Kernan

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

Results: Motion Passed

13. Next Board Meetings

13.1 Regular Board Meeting: February 10, 2026

13.2 Regular Board Meeting: March 10, 2026

13.3 Regular Board Meeting: April 14, 2026

13.4 Regular Board Meeting: May 12, 2026

14. Adjourn Meeting

14.1 Adjournment:

Discussion:

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.