

Camino Union School District

Minutes

Special Board Meeting, Tuesday January 24, 2023



Special Meeting

Camino School Cafeteria, 3060 Snows Road, Camino CA 95709

Tuesday, January 24, 2023

05:00 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: Maggie Bush
Pat Kernan
Judy Morris
Bill Snodgrass
Robert Van Gilder

1. MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

1.1 MEETING ACCESS:

2. Call to Order 5:00pm

2.1 Call the meeting to order:

Discussion:

President Morris called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

3. Public Comments on all Closed Sessions Items

3.1 Public Comments:

Discussion:

There were no comments on closed session. The Board adjourned to closed session at 5:04 p.m.

4. Adjourn to Closed Session

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

4.2 Public Employee (G.C.54957)

5. Reconvene Special Meeting 5:45pm

5.1 Pledge of Allegiance:

Discussion:

The Board reconvened at 5:54 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Helen Gray.

6. Meeting Management

6.1 Roll Call:

Discussion:

All member were present. President Morris, Member Bush and Member Kernan in person. Member Van Gilder and Member Snodgrass via Zoom.

6.2 Staff Members in Attendance:

Discussion:

Laurisa Stuart, Tina Constancio, Dusty Botting, Emily Walker, Cora Dillard, Dione Stinnett, Jeanele Walsh, Sara Rikalo, Sarah Skidmore, Richard Hallock, Alice Bresnan, Helen Gray, Chris Slager, Rick Nelson, Patty Nelson, Patti Robertson, Claudia Webb, Crystal Mendoza, Justin Perras, Alisha Rains, and Jennifer Anderson (recording secretary)

6.3 Others present (signed in):

Discussion:

Karmen Ortloff, John Gray, Ken Lyster, Nicole Marshall, Jamie Reyes, Jessica Fazio, Kristin Pease, Kari Hennefer, Marin Bell, Whitney Weaver,

6.4 Approval of Agenda:

Motion:

It was moved to approve the agenda.

Motion By: Maggie Bush

Second By: Pat Kernan

Yeas: Judy Morris, Maggie Bush, Bill Snodgrass, Pat Kernan, Robert Van Gilder

Results: Motion Passed

7. Reports

7.1 Communications to the Board of Trustees:

Discussion:

President Morris read the following statement:

Due to our transition in leadership, Dr. Brandon Krueger (introduced at our last meeting) has agreed to serve as a leadership coach providing guidance for our current Administrator Designee, Laurisa Stuart. In Laurisa's job description for the position Assistant Principal, it states that in the absence of a Superintendent/Principal, the Assistant Principal assumes all responsibilities of the Superintendent/Principal. Laurisa is currently the point person for all matters needing administrator attention. The Board wanted to make sure that she had the support of an experienced administrator and was not just given additional tasks on top of her current responsibilities. Dr. Krueger is providing professional development and guidance to assist Laurisa with her new role so she has a mentor while learning the job.

Dr. Krueger is NOT the Superintendent/Principal and he is not a site administrator and is not interested in serving in those capacities.

The assistance of a guest/substitute Assistant Principal (likely a retired administrator) is being explored so that Ms. Stuart has more day-to-day support of a credentialed administrator who can be available for administrative tasks to support Ms. Stuart (Laurisa), staff and students.

The Board greatly appreciates the work of Ms. Stuart (Laurisa) and the leadership guidance and coaching from Dr. Krueger. The Board will continue to provide updates on future developments and decisions pertaining to the leadership structure for our schools and district.

President Morris acknowledged the receipt of emails from Noel Mittelstadt-Wright, Kathy Meierotto, Sara Rikalo and Maryann Argyres.

7.2 Comments and Petitions from Guests:

Discussion:

The following parents, staff, and community members shared their thoughts and concerns on the budget information and previous board meeting.

Emily Walker, Dusty Botting, Jessica Fazio, Amanda Carrillo, Alisha Rains and Dione Stinnett

7.3 CTA Representative Budget Report (15 mins)**Discussion:**

Karmen Lee Ortloff presented the CFA financial narrative.

After the presentation President Morris read the following statement:

The board appreciates the community's attendance at tonight's meeting and everyone's interest in our budget. We take our finances seriously and manage our budget carefully. We have our budget reviewed continuously by the El Dorado County Office of Education. Our budget and our expenditures are also independently audited each year and subject to state oversight.

This year, in light of the criticism we received about our budget, we also asked Schools Services of California (SSC) to work with the District and the County Office to ensure that our budget is lawful and meets all legal requirements. Both the County Office of Education and SSC have confirmed that our budget is lawful and appropriate.

We have heard CTA's criticisms and, while we do not believe it is productive to engage in a public budget debate, suffice it to say that we disagree with many, if not all, of their criticisms. The CTA analysis engages in a "apples to oranges" comparison and draws inappropriate conclusions.

We do want our teachers and the community to know that, through our bargaining team, we will be negotiating in good faith. We desire to have competitive salaries and benefits and simultaneously, we want to ensure that, as a small school district, we budget conservatively and retain sufficient reserves to get us through hard times.

As a community, we try to function as an extended family. Family members sometimes disagree with one another, but they stay connected, they communicate respectfully, and they support each other. That is how we intend to interact, and we look forward to reaching mutually agreeable bargaining solutions.

The meeting was adjourned back to closed session at 6:44pm.

Files:

[CFA financial narrative.pdf](#)

8. Next Board Meetings

8.1 Regular Board Meeting: February 14, 2023

8.2 Special Board Meeting: February 28, 2023 (if necessary)

8.3 Regular Board Meeting: March 14, 2023

8.4 Special Board Meeting: March 28, 2023 (if necessary)

8.5 Regular Board Meeting: April 11, 2023

8.6 Special Board Meeting: April 25, 2023 (if necessary)

Discussion:

9. Adjourn to Closed Session 6:15 pm

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

9.2 Employee Organizations:

10. Adjournment of the Special Meeting

10.1 Disclosure of action, taken in Closed Session:

Discussion:

No action was taken in closed session.

10.2 Adjournment:

Discussion:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.