

Camino Union School District

Minutes

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, March 10, 2026



Regular Meeting

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

Tuesday, March 10, 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 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION; Title: Superintendent

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 6:05 pm. A 3rd grade student led the Pledge of Allegiance.

6. Meeting Management

6.1 Staff Members in Attendance:

Discussion:

Superintendent Barnes noted many staff members were in attendance.

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: 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:

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

7. Updates

7.1 Student Report

Discussion:

Mrs. Walker and Ms. Dillard presented a 3rd Grade Read Across America presentation. Students shared their love of reading with the Board and spoke about their favorite books.

7.2 Board Members Updates:

Discussion:

Member MacLean shared that he had no updates from the County Board Association, aside from noting an upcoming awards dinner on the 23rd. He also mentioned enjoying time reading to the TK class and expressed his appreciation for the generosity and support shown by the community during the recent storms.

Member Lyster shared that she has had a few meetings and encouraged the community to reach out without hesitation.

Member Kernan thanked the high school district for providing four buses for a student tour of Folsom Lake College and remarked that we live in a special county.

Member Ferris seconded Member Lyster's comments and added that he is looking forward to the track season.

Member Hewitt echoed Member Lyster's comments, shared that he attended the Pages and Pastries event and described it as wonderful, and thanked staff for all that they do.

7.3 Assistance League Updates:

Discussion:

Superintendent Barnes shared that there will be an upcoming “Boogie” event, no longer a dance-a-thon.

7.4 EDCSBA Representative Updates:

Discussion:

Member MacLean shared that his update was included in his board report.

7.5 Superintendent-Principal Updates:

Discussion:

Superintendent Barnes shared that both his son and stepson are graduating from college and expressed his pride in their hard work and accomplishments. He noted that he will be celebrating with them over spring break, as he is unable to attend the ceremonies due to the busy schedule in May.

7.6 Administrative Updates:

Discussion:

- No update from Assistant Principal Sabbagh.
- CFO Tina Constancio deferred her update until the Second Interim Report.

8. Communications

8.1 Bargaining Unit Reports:

Discussion:

CFA President Jon Haffner acknowledged the Board’s difficult budget decisions and noted that role reductions increase demands on teachers, who remain committed to student success. He respectfully requested consideration of the proposed increase as a demonstration of the district’s support for and commitment to its staff.

CSEA President Annika Nelson presented the initial proposal for the 2025–2026 reopener agreement, emphasizing the importance of ensuring staff feel protected and appreciated in the highlighted articles.

8.2 Parent Teacher Organization:

Discussion:

No update from PTO. Superintendent Barnes shared that an upcoming Father-Daughter dance is scheduled.

8.3 DELAC:

Discussion:

Dusty Botting reported that ELPAC testing has been completed in middle school, and K–5 is expected to wrap up within three weeks. She also shared that BP 1445 was introduced at the previous meeting, and noted that the next meeting is scheduled for May 6th to support planning for next year's calendar.

8.4 Communication to the Board of Trustees:

Discussion:

There were no communications to the Board of Trustees.

8.5 Comments and Petitions from Guests:

Discussion:

Sara Skidmore emphasized the importance of supporting staff, raised concerns about the impact of reductions, and highlighted the impact of rising medical costs.

Adrienne Bitondo, a Library Clerk at Camino Union School, thanked teachers for using the Beanstalk reading-tracking program. She noted that it's encouraging students to read more, highlighting the excitement students share as they track their reading minutes across campus.

Mr. Hallock, Computer Teacher at Camino Union School, noted that, while reviewing his taxes this year, rising medical benefit costs have reduced his income.

Third-grade teacher Cora Dillard shared concerns with the Board about the potential impact of staff reductions on students and campus safety. She emphasized how significant the loss of valued staff would be and requested the Board's consideration of the proposed increase.

9. Presentation and Public Hearing

9.1 A Public Hearing Will Be Held on Initial Proposal from the California School Employees Association and its Camino Chapter #849 (together "CSEA") to the Camino Union Elementary School District

Discussion:

- The Public Hearing opened at 6:46 pm.
- There were no comments.
- The Public Hearing closed at 6:47 pm.

9.2 A Public Hearing will be held on the Initial Bargaining Proposal from the Camino Union School District, to the California School Employees Association, Chapter 849

Discussion:

- The Public Hearing opened at 6:47 pm.
 - There were no comments.
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- The Public Hearing closed at 6:48 pm.

10. Business and Information

10.1 Action: Consider Approval of the 2025-26 Second Interim Budget Report

Motion:

It was moved to approve the 2025-2026 Second Interim Budget Report.

Motion By: Andrew MacLean

Second By: Pat Kernan

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

Results: Motion Passed

Discussion:

Tina Constancio, CFO, presented the 2nd Interim Report, recommending that the Board approve the 2025-26 report and multi-year budgets for 2026-27 and 2027-28. She noted the budget carries a Qualified Certification and stressed that careful planning is needed to avoid a Negative Certification in 2027-28, with attention to student services, facilities, rising Special Education costs, and the depletion of one-time revenues.

10.2 Information: Statement of Economic Interest - Form 700

Discussion:

Superintendent Matthew Barnes provided a reminder that the Form 700 submission deadline is April 1, 2026.

10.3 Action: Approval of Transportation Plan

Motion:

It was moved to approve the Transportation Plan

Motion By: Nathan Ferris

Second By: Deborah Lyster

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

Results: Motion Passed

10.4 Information: District Benefit Review

Discussion:

Superintendent Barnes introduced the topic of a District Benefits Review. Board President Justin Hewitt requested that a review of employee benefits be initiated and that a subcommittee be formed with staff representation. Mr. Barnes noted that he will connect with Mr. Haffner, CFA President, and Ms. Annika Nelson, CSEA President, to gauge interest within their respective units for participation on the subcommittee.

11. Personnel

11.1 Action: Consider Approval of UPDATED RESOLUTION 25/26-05, Reduction and Elimination of Particular Kinds of Certificated Service for the 2026-2027 School Year

Motion:

A roll call vote was conducted on the motion to approve the updated resolution 25/26-05, Reduction and Elimination of Particular Kinds of Certificated Service for the 2026-2027 School Year. The motion carried.

Motion By:

Second By:

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

Results: Motion Passed

11.2 Action: Consider Approval of UPDATED RESOLUTION 25/26-06, Reduction and Elimination of Particular Kinds of Classified Service for the 2026-2027 School Year

Motion:

A roll call vote was conducted on the motion to approve the updated resolution 25/26-06, Reduction and Elimination of Particular Kinds of Classified Service for the 2026-2027 School Year. The motion carried.

Motion By:

Second By:

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

Results: Motion Passed

12. Board Policy Review

12.1 First Reading

Discussion:

Superintendent Barnes introduced the following Board Policies and Administrative Regulations to the Board for a first reading.

13. Consent Agenda

13.1 Consider Approval of Minutes

13.2 Consider Approval of Warrant Orders

13.3 Personnel:

13.4 El Dorado County Investment Pool- Quarterly Investment Portfolio Report: Quarter Ending December 31, 2025

13.5 Consider Approval of Sierra Child and Family Services 2025-26 Master Contract

13.6 Action: Approval of All Consent Agenda

Motion:

It was moved to approve all Consent Agenda Items.

Motion By: Nathan Ferris

Second By: Andrew MacLean

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

Results: Motion Passed

14. Next Board Meetings

14.1 Regular Board Meeting: April 14, 2026

14.2 Regular Board Meeting: May 12, 2026

14.3 Regular Board Meeting: June 16, 2026 Budget/LCAP Public Hearings

14.4 Regular Board Meeting: June 18, 2026 Budget/LCAP Adoption

15. Adjourn Meeting

15.1 Adjournment:

Discussion:

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm.