

Camino Union School District

Minutes

Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday May 9, 2023



Regular Meeting

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

Tuesday, May 9, 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

2.1 Call the meeting to order:

Discussion:

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 pm.

3. Public Comments on Closed Session

3.1 Public Comments:

Discussion:

There was no public comments on closed session items.

4. Adjourn to Closed Session

4.1 Public Employee (G.C. 54957)

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

5. Reconvene Regular Meeting

5.1 Pledge of Allegiance:

Discussion:

The meeting was reconvened at 6:40 pm. Kevin Polnasek, Interim Assistant Principal led the Pledge of Allegiance.

6. Meeting Management

6.1 Roll Call:

Discussion:

All members were present.

6.2 Staff Members in Attendance:

Discussion:

Laurisa Stuart, Tina Constancio, Kevin Polnasek, Dusty Botting, Dione Stinnett, Cora Dillard, Sara Rikalo, Richard Hallock, Alisha Rains, Sarah Skidmore, Linda Hays, Emily Walker and Jennifer Anderson (recording secretary)

6.3 Others present (signed in):

Discussion:

Brandon Krueger, Ashley Davenport, Jonny Davenport, Andie Davenport, Bill Frost, Claire Frost, James Frost, Danielle Frost

6.4 Approval of Agenda:**Motion:**

It was moved to approve the agenda.

Motion By: Bill Snodgrass

Second By: Robert Van Gilder

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

Results: Motion Passed

6.5 Disclosure of action, taken in Closed Session:**Discussion:**

No action was taken in closed session.

7. Reports**7.1 Board Members Reports:****Discussion:**

Member Bush reported she attended the PTO LCAP Information night. She thanked Emily Walker for the meeting and the information she shared.

Member Kerman had no report.

Member Snodgrass reported that he had attended Mrs. Rikalo's 4th grade class last week and listened to oral reports on Living History. I learned a few things.

Member Van Gilder stated I'm tired. I have sat quietly during the last three months of Regular Board meetings. I have listened to each speaker give her or his thoughts and concerns. I've bristled on the inside while speakers have demanded things, bullied and actually broken the spirit of Laurisa Stuart. I have been quiet while Tina Constancio has been belittled and called incompetent. I have heard words coming out of mouths that I would have never imagined hearing. "Liars, distrustful, shady", regarding this Board. Yep, I'm tired. But I am also hopeful. I know this community. The "few" won't be able to steal the joy of many. The kids deserve this. The kids have and continue to suffer, I'm sure a lot do so in silence. The kids are our driving force. If we aren't hopeful, positive and reassuring it will and does show. I'm hopeful we will find a Leader that is respected and impactful. I'm hopeful that we will settle with CFA at a number that has meaningful impact to personal finances, while protecting our budget. I'm hopeful the innuendos, false narratives and misinformation will stop. I'm hopeful for our kids. They have been resilient. They are hungry to learn. We have some of the best educators and resources to help satisfy this hunger. Yes, I'm tired. But I'm optimistic because we have a wonderful community, we have a great staff and we have a dedicated Board.

Member Morris reported that she attended the talent show. The kids were amazing. They sang, danced and told jokes. I really loved the stand-up comedian and the sound effects she had. I came straight from Farm Day to the

meeting tonight. There were 1,386 happy & laughing 3rd graders this year. They learned about farming and forestry. This Friday will be the Spelling Bee and I will be with the 1st and 2nd graders. They do a wonderful job. I am also looking forward to Spring House and helping at the book fair.

7.2 EDCSBA Representative Report:

Discussion:

Member Van Gilder reported on the EDCSBA meeting. They talked about next year's presentations. The first one of next school year will be on attendance. They are planning some summer coffee dates and sharing other board calendars.

7.3 Interim Superintendent/Principal Report:

Discussion:

Laurisa Stuart, Interim Superintendent/Principal reported that we had amazing events in April. PTO planned two wonderful, the Mother/ Son Game Night and Father/ Daughter Dance. Thank you to Alisha Rains, Jamie Reyes, and the PTO for putting together two fun events. We had our Camino's Got Talent, Talent Show. Those students practiced so hard and I was so impressed with their confidence. Thank you to Patti Robertson and Jenny Morris who helped me plan such a fabulous event. May 12th- Spelling Bee and Special Olympics. May 15th-Parent Night from 5:00-6:00 pm in the cafeteria to discuss Social Media, Fentanyl and Vaping. We will be providing a pizza dinner for anyone who attends. There will be Spanish translation provided by County Public Health. May 17th-Spring House from 4:30-7:00 pm. Classrooms Open for Presentations from 4:30-5:15 pm. BBQ on the Blacktop from 5:00-7:00 pm. Performances in the Amphitheater from 5:30-7:00 pm. We will have Mister Brown giving a presentation on his Choose Well Program and we will also have Boys and Girls Club there to promote our summer program.

Boys and Girls Club has started delivering items for the rec room that they are creating for our summer program. We are so excited to have them here from 8:00 am-6:00 pm June 5th-August 8th. We have also been busy planning our Summer School Program. Invitations have gone home to families. Our Summer School Program will be from June 5th-June 23rd. Students can attend Summer School and also participate in the Boys and Girls Club.

On May 3rd I was able to present a LCAP Update to our DELAC committee and they had an opportunity to talk about suggestions they had for improving the support we provide to our English Language Learners.

7.4 Administrative Reports:

Discussion:

Kevin Polnasek, Interim Assistant Principal started his report by thanking the School Board and Mrs. Stuart for your leadership and commitment to our school community. We have had some wonderful events, Talent Show, Mom/Son game night and Daddy/ Daughter Dance were big successes. Track practice is taking place and we have had 3 meets and 27 athletes participating. Trials and finals are next week. Trials will be at El Dorado and Finals at Union Mine Thursday 4/19. 8th Grade attend the River Cats game and it was a success. The 8th graders are looking forward to the Graduation Dance, Sunsplash, and Graduation. 6th grade is currently at PEEC. Last Friday was 4th grade- Living History. We had many parent volunteers. 5th grade- Mr. Perras' 5th-grade class has been visiting Eskaton retirement home monthly throughout the school year. The 5th graders had their last visit and it was emotional because of the connections they made. Everyone is getting excited for all the fun events at Spring House on May 17th. Mr. Polnasek add that Camino had 3 winners in the Sage Map Contest. Go Trojans!

Tina Constancio, CFO stated she was working in the June update and the budget.

8. Communications

8.1 Bargaining Unit Reports:

Discussion:

Camino Faculty Association: Emily Walker, CFA Co-President, Thanked Bill Snodgrass for visiting her classroom, Maggie Bush for attending the LCAP meeting and Judy Morris for helping at Farm Day. Emily wanted to share her concerns that CFA has for the learning center. It has been closed a lot lately. Students are missing out on their required times. CFA has requested a timeline for the investigation concerning Dione Stinnett. A handout was shared with the board and Emily shared two settlement option that CFA would accept. Then Dione Stinnett continued the CFA report. Dione stated that the information shared by the school district regarding the fair share calculation was not correct. Dusty Botting, CFA Co-President finished the report by questioning the LCFF amount budgeted and the amount of money that was moved from the 2nd Interim update.

CSEA: No report given.

8.2 School Site Council:

Discussion:

There was no School Site Council Report due to the meeting on April 26, 2023 had to be canceled. The meeting has been rescheduled for May 24, 2023.

8.3 Parent Teacher Organization (PTO):

Discussion:

Jamie Reyes, PTO President reported the Mother/Son and Father/Daughter events were a huge success. Pictures from the event will be available next week. On Thursday, May 11, 2023, there will be a fundraiser at the Sierra Tap House. Sierra Tap House will give Camino School 10% of sales from 4-9 pm. Spring House Baskets are coming together. Book Fair will be held in the Library May 15-19. PTO wanted to share how much we appreciate the Teachers.

8.4 District English Language Advisory Committee (DELAC):

Discussion:

Dusty Botting reported that Mrs. Stuart came to the DELAC meeting and provided an update on the LCAP. They also discussed summer school and the Boy & Girls Club this summer. The next meeting will be held next school year in September.

8.5 Communications to the Board of Trustees:

Discussion:

President Morris reported that Camino Union School District received a positive certification from EDCOE.

Files:

[Second Interim Budget Ltr from EDCOE.pdf](#)

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

Dusty Botting stated that Middle School students have spring fever. She wanted to thank the administration for their support. Thank you for providing additional support to the Learning Center.

Maria Luna stated she has 2 students at Camino. She would like an update on Dione Stinnett's leave. Many parents didn't know about her being gone.

Dione Stinnett shared her frustration with being out of her classroom and the length of the investigation. She questioned the timeline of recruiting a new superintendent.

Cora Dillard asked the board to give the teachers the raises they deserve. She stated that the teachers at Camino are amazing and deserve competitive wages. She also shared her concerns about the learning center being closed.

Sarah Skidmore stated the students should matter the most here at Camino. She deserves a fair wage.

Sara Rikalo shared that she is a former student of Camino, a parent, and a staff member. She reread the letter she sent the board in February. She wants Camino to stay competitive with wages.

9. Business and Information**9.1 Information: Investment Portfolio Report- Quarter ending March 31, 2023****Discussion:**

Tina Constancio, CFO stated that this is a quarterly report that is shared.

9.2 Information: Local Control and Accountability Plan Update (LCAP)**Discussion:**

Laurisa Stuart, Interim Superintendent reported that the Site Council had gone through all the goals in the LCAP. The final report is coming.

9.3 Information: Superintendent/Principal Search**Discussion:**

President Morris shared an update with the board on the search for a new Superintendent. The survey is open until May 11, 2023. The timeline information is on the website. 1st round panel interviews will be held June 13, 2023 at the County Office of Education. Each participant will be asked to sign an agreement of confidentiality.

9.4 Action: Consider Approval of the Request for Allowance of Attendance Because of Emergency Conditions Form J-13A - Camino Elementary

Motion:

It was moved to approve the J13 waiver for Camino Elementary.

Motion By: Pat Kernan

Second By: Robert Van Gilder

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

Results: Motion Passed

9.5 Action: Consider Approval of the Request for Allowance of Attendance Because of Emergency Conditions Form J-13A - Camino Polytechnic

Motion:

It was moved to approve the J13 waiver for Camino Poly.

Motion By: Robert Van Gilder

Second By: Bill Snodgrass

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

Results: Motion Passed

9.6 Action: Consider Approval of the Per-Diem Employment Contract for the Interim Superintendent/Principal

Motion:

It was moved to add 25 additional work days to Interim Superintendent/Principal Stuart's contract.

Motion By: Maggie Bush

Second By: Pat Kernan

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

Results: Motion Passed

Files:

[contract extention L Stuart 5.9.2023 \(1\).pdf](#)

9.7 Action: Consider Approval of a Temporary, Part-Time Administrator Service Contract between Camino Union School District and Natalie Miller

Motion:

It was moved to approve the service contract with Natalie Miller.

Motion By: Bill Snodgrass

Second By: Robert Van Gilder

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

Results: Motion Passed

Files:

[N Miller contract.pdf](#)

10. Curriculum and Instruction

10.1 Information: Camino Polytechnic Update

Discussion:

Laurisa Stuart, Interim Superintendent provided an update on the Camino Poly Charter School.

10.2 Information: Art and Music Grant Update

Discussion:

Laurisa Stuart, Interim Superintendent provided an update on the Arts and Music Grant.

11. Personnel

11.1 Action: Action: Approval of Tentative Agreement and Salary Schedule with Confidential/Classified Management

Motion:

It was moved to approve the Tentative Agreement and Salary Schedule for the Confidential/Classified Management/AP.

Motion By: Robert Van Gilder

Second By: Bill Snodgrass

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

Abstain: Pat Kernan

Results: Motion Passed

11.2 Action: Approval of AB 1200 for Confidential/Classified Management

Motion:

It was moved to approve the AB1200 for Confidential/Classified Management/AP.

Motion By: Maggie Bush

Second By: Bill Snodgrass

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

Results: Motion Passed

12. Consent Agenda

All matters listed on the Consent Agenda are considered by the Board to be routine and will be enacted by the Board in one motion. There will be no discussion on these items prior to the time the Board votes on the motion unless members of the Board, staff, or public request specific items to be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Agenda. If items are pulled for discussion, a separate vote will occur on the item(s). The Superintendent and staff recommend approval of all Consent Agenda Items.

12.1 Personnel

12.2 Approval of Minutes

12.3 Approval of Warrant Orders

12.4 The Choose Well Program MOU

12.5 Summitview contract

12.6 Second Interim Budget Letter from EDCOE

12.7 MOU between CUSD and GOUSD

12.8 Action: Approval of all Consent Agenda Items

Motion:

It was moved to approved the consent agenda.

Motion By: Robert Van Gilder

Second By: Pat Kernan

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

Results: Motion Passed

13. Next Board Meetings

13.1 Special Board Meeting: May 23, 2023 (if necessary)

13.2 Regular Board Meeting: June 20, 2023 (Public Hearings - Budget)

13.3 Regular Board Meeting: June 22, 2023 (Approve Budget)

13.4 Regular Board Meeting: August 8, 2023

13.5 Special Board Meeting: August 22, 2023 (if necessary)

14. Adjournment of the Regular Meeting

14.1 Adjournment:

Discussion:

The board returned to closed session at 8:28 pm and adjourned at 9:00 pm. No action was taken in closed session.