

Camino Union School District

Minutes

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, October 14, 2025



Regular Meeting

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

Tuesday, October 14, 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 on the closed session.

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 6:08 pm. Member Lyster led the Pledge of Allegiance.

6. Meeting Management

6.1 Staff Members in Attendance:

Discussion:

Tina Constancio, John Pesce, Annika Nelson, Kyla Gentry, Alice Bresnan, Dusty Botting, Jon Haffner

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

Results: Motion Passed

6.5 Disclosure of any action, taken in Closed Session:

Discussion:

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

7. Updates

7.1 Student Report

Discussion:

Mr. John Pesce introduced Food Frenzy, a new culinary arts elective designed to inspire students' creativity and passion for cooking. He explained that the class explored flavor profiles, analyzed recipes, and emphasized the joy of serving others. Mr. Pesce shared that students brought in family recipes and created meals with purpose and care. He expressed how rewarding it was to witness their excitement and growing love for cooking, noting that several students have become budding foodies.

Mr. Haffner introduced Sawdust, his new woodworking elective, showcasing a few students' designs alongside the nearly completed models. A student joined Mr. Haffner to share her design and inspiration with the board. Mr. Haffner expressed how rewarding it has been to witness the students bring their visions to life through each stage of the process. (The board requested that the models be shared again when they are complete.)

Dusty Botting introduced Art Attack, an art elective, acknowledging that the curriculum has been a rewarding challenge due to students not starting the art instruction in earlier grades. She reported that students are currently engaged in creating tropical fish paintings and will soon begin exploring the designs of Victorian houses.

Superintendent Barnes shared several ceramics pieces created by Marla Martin's students and provided an update on Dione Stinett's Life Skills course. He shared that topics explored in this class include resume writing, interview preparation, laundry skills, and even revisiting cursive skills. Recently, students addressed, stamped, and mailed a letter to themselves.

7.2 Board Members Updates:

Discussion:

Board Member Lyster joked that her update was that she was not in Fresno. She apologized for her previous absence and mentioned attending a few cross-country meets for her daughter.

Board Member Ferris shared that he has chosen to volunteer rather than run for this year's Apple Hill Half Marathon. He also expressed pride in our Camino students who stayed after a recent cross-country race to cheer on the final runner.

Board Member Hewitt shared that he has also attended the cross-country meets and noted that his son was advancing to the finals.

Board Member Maclean shared his enjoyment of the 7th-grade girls' volleyball championships and thanked Superintendent Barnes for inviting him to yesterday's Collaboration presentation.

Board Member Kernan shared that he has been busy keeping up with all the new laws.

7.3 Assistance League Updates:

Discussion:

Superintendent Barnes shared that Red Ribbon Week will take place during the last week of October and will include themed spirit days.

7.4 EDCSBA Representative Updates:

Discussion:

Board Member Hewitt shared that there will be a meeting next Monday, and he will provide an update at next month's board meeting.

7.5 Superintendent-Principal Updates:

Discussion:

Superintendent Matthew Barnes expressed his excitement about the coming Camino Jog-a-thon, noted that fall sports had concluded successfully, with volleyball and football winning league championships, and reported that cross country would finish its season the following day. He also highlighted upcoming events, including winter sports and the Apple Hill Half Marathon.

7.6 Administrative Updates:

Discussion:

There was no update from Assistant Principal Sabbagh.

CFO Tina Constancio shared that she is preparing for the First Interim Report and has been finalizing UPP counts for free and reduced-price students, noting Camino's percentage looks good

8. Communications

8.1 Bargaining Unit Reports:

Discussion:

CFO President Jon Haffner shared that an initial meeting with Karmen is planned for later this month.

The CSEA Chapter President shared that the process of closing up the 2024–25 has been very positive, with negotiations. The team has focused on cleanup, bringing the contract up to date, and noted that a final topic of review is language in bereavement leave.

8.2 Parent Teacher Organization:

Discussion:

Mr. Barnes provided a PTO update, noting upcoming events: the Harvest Festival on October 25th and the Apple Hill Run on November 16th.

8.3 DELAC:

Discussion:

Dusty Botting shared that Board member Andrew MacLean attended the most recent DELAC meeting, along with Alfonso from the Wellness Center, who shared personal insights and life experiences with the group. She also noted that La Posada is scheduled for December 18th. Additionally, she expressed concern for DELAC, as several current students are expected to age out next year, highlighting a need to plan for their upcoming transitions.

8.4 Communication to the Board of Trustees:

Discussion:

Superintendent Barnes introduced the 2025-26 LCAP Approval Letter for Camino.

8.5 Comments and Petitions from Guests:

Discussion:

Alice Bresnan spoke in recognition of Dyslexia Awareness Month, emphasizing early identification, structured literacy, and community awareness to support all learners. She thanked staff for implementing UFLI, Project Read, and Multitudes, and encouraged continued efforts to celebrate and support students with dyslexia.

9. Personnel

9.1 Action: Approval of Salary Schedule with Confidential/Classified Management

Motion:

It was moved to approve the Salary Schedule with Confidential/Classified Management.

Motion By: Justin Hewitt

Second By: Nathan Ferris

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

Results: Motion Passed

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

Motion:

It was moved to approve AB 1200 for Confidential/Classified Management.

Motion By: Nathan Ferris

Second By: Deborah Lyster

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

Results: Motion Passed

9.3 Action: Approval of Assistant Principal Salary Schedule

Motion:

It was moved to approve the Assistant Principal Salary Schedule.

Motion By: Nathan Ferris

Second By: Deborah Lyster

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

Results: Motion Passed

9.4 Action: Approval of AB 1200 for Assistant Principal

Motion:

It was moved to approve AB 1200 for the Assistant Principal.

Motion By: Andrew MacLean

Second By: Justin Hewitt

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

Results: Motion Passed

10. Business and Information

10.1 Information: CBEDS Enrollment

Discussion:

Superintendent Barnes presented the CBEDS enrollment numbers as of October 1, 2025, noting the most important figure: a total enrollment of 414 students, showing a slight increase from last year.

10.2 Action: Consider Approval of Resolution 25/26-05 , 2024-2025 Annual Developer Fees Report and Findings set Forth for the Five-Year Accounting

Motion:

It was moved to approve the 25/26-05 Resolution, and the 2024-2025 Annual Developer Fees Report and Findings set forth for the Five-Year Accounting.

Motion By: Justin Hewitt

Second By: Nathan Ferris

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

Results: Motion Passed

10.3 Field Update

Discussion:

Superintendent Barnes gave an update on the field project, sharing that the timeline has unfortunately been pushed back to December. He expressed appreciation for Jensen's honesty and their efforts with the District to resolve the issue. He also shared that, instead of killing, scraping, leveling, and seeding the field again, the updated plan now includes laying sod.

11. Board Policy Review

11.1 First Reading

Motion:

A motion was made and seconded to include BP 5141.21 under item 11.2 for board approval.

Motion By: Pat Kernan

Second By: Nathan Ferris

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

Results: Motion Passed

11.2 Second Reading: Action Item

Motion:

A motion was made to approve the aforementioned Board Policies, Administrative Regulations, and Board Bylaws, and to adopt them as presented, with the exception of Exhibit (1) 1312.3 and Exhibit (2) 1312.3, which were pulled as they do not pertain to a TK-8 school, as well as BP 5141.21, which was pulled from item 11.1 and included in 11.2 for approval.

Motion By: Andrew MacLean

Second By: Deborah Lyster

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

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 Consider Approval of El Dorado High School District Agreement for Home to School Transportation Services 2025-26

12.6 Action: Approval of All Consent Agenda

Motion:

It was moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion By: Justin Hewitt

Second By: Nathan Ferris

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

Results: Motion Passed

12.7 Consider Acceptance of Rural Education Achievement Program (REAP) grant award for CUSD and Camino Polytechnic

13. Next Board Meetings

13.1 Regular Board Meeting: November 11, 2025

13.2 Regular Board Meeting: December 9, 2025

14. Adjourn Meeting

14.1 Adjournment:

Discussion:

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.