



**CAMBRIAN SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

January 17, 2013

**1. CLOSED SESSION AGENDA**

The Board convened in Closed Session at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the following:

- 1.1 Negotiations with Cambrian District Teachers' Association and California School Employees' Assoc., Local 641

**Closed Session**

**2. REGULAR SESSION**

The president called the regular meeting of the Governing Board of Trustees to order in the boardroom at the district office at 7:39 p.m. Mr. Scofield informed the audience that no action was taken in closed session.

**Regular Session**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Randy Scofield, President  
Mrs. Stacey Brown, Vice President  
Mr. Doron Aronson, Clerk  
Mr. Alan Baker, Member  
Mrs. Jeneva Sneed, Member

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dr. Deborah Blow, Superintendent  
Lani Potts, Asst Supt, Educational Services  
Don Fox, Interim Chief Business Officer  
Wendy Corkery, Admin. Asst. to Superintendent  
Kirby Fell, Dir, Education Technology

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Price student Shams Mohammed led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

On a motion by Mrs. Brown, seconded by Mr. Aronson and carried unanimously the Board adopted the January 17, 2013, agenda.

**Adopt Agenda**

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

On a motion by Mr. Baker, seconded by Mrs. Sneed and carried unanimously the Board shall:

- 5.1 Adopt Consent Agenda items as follows:  
5.2 Approve the minutes of the December 20, 2012, regular Board meeting  
5.3 Personnel Items:

*Certificated*

Grant leaves of absence to Celene Fairfield, effective 1/7/13- 4/5/13; Allegra Riley, effective 12/18/12-1/31/13; and Paula Grimes, effective 1/7/13-4/5/13

*Classified*

Approve the probationary status of Deborah Gil, FSII and Jennifer Webster, FSI, effective 1/7/13

*Other*

Ratify the limited term status of Lori Hoffman effective 9/24/12 and Sally Keyes, effective 8/27/12

Ratify the hiring of Jayne Williams, noon duty, effective 12/10/12

**Consent Agenda**

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- 5.4 Accept the Board Warrant List for December 2013
- 5.5 Approve the donation of new and used musical instruments at Bagby and Fammatre schools.

**6. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Announcements**

Mr. Scofield informed the audience that all schools would be closed on Monday, January 21 to observe Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Dr. Blow attended the Price Music Concert the previous night. She is so impressed with the band and choir and is happy that we are able to continue the music program. Price took the Grand Prize in the Mouse Squad competition. This is a national contest and the grand prize was a tie between two Price students, Ryan McBride and Zack Hom. There was also an article in the Mercury News about Price teacher Debbie Stein's class that voted to donate their Secret Santa gifts to students at Sandy Hook School.

**7. RECOGNITIONS**

- 7.1 Individuals who have gone "the extra mile" for the students of our District were recognized by the Board for their hard work and dedication. Mr. Scofield presented them with Good Apple Awards and lapel pins while Dr. Blow told the audience of their good deeds. The recipients were Carrie Whitaker, Susan Middleton and Lester Yamashita., parent volunteers at Bagby School
- 7.2 Students of the Month were recognized for being exemplary students. Dr. Blow read commendations from each student's teacher and Board members presented certificates to their buddy school students. The Students of the Month were:
  - Anna Ha, Bagby School
  - William Irish, Fammatre School
  - Emma Hernandez, Farnham School
  - Dulce Molina, Sartorette School
  - Delainy Reinard, Price School
  - Shams Mohammed, Price School

**8. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Public Comments**

Melissa Reinard and Allison Helmke addressed the Board regarding the traffic at the intersection of Leigh and Potrero Ave.

**9. INFORMATION AND STUDY ITEMS**

**Information/Study**

- 9.1 Ms. Joyce Peters with Vavrink, Trine, Day & Co. stated that the purpose of the audit is to express a statement of analysis. The statement was developed using standard audit procedures. The audit produced three opinions with no findings. She thanked the business department for being very prompt and organized.

**2011-12 Audit**

On a motion by Mr. Aronson, seconded by Mrs. Brown and carried unanimously, having reviewed the report of the annual audit of the Cambrian School District for fiscal year 2011-12, prepared by the Vavrink, Trine, Day & Co. accounting firm, accept the report and direct staff to file the report with the Santa Clara County Superintendent of Schools in accordance with Education Code 41020.

**ACTION**

- 9.2 Mr. Tom DeLapp rolled out our new Facebook page "Cambrian Connection" for the Board. He states that the Facebook page should be used as our good news wire service, and he tried not to overburden staff with sustained work on the page. FAQs will be fashioned and posted in the next couple of weeks. The list of Key Communicators currently has about 18 names but we need many more, and Board members were asked to give leads for additional members. The State of the District Breakfast for the Communicators is planned for early March. He hopes we have approximately 100 people in attendance. We have many events

**Comm. Plan Update**

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at the end of year, and we should consider pushing the Community Conversation to the fall rather than May. He will come back with clear direction, timelines, and outcomes for the Board. He will also look into obtaining outside help to assist with the some of the detail work.

9.3 Mrs. Potts provided an-update on Response to Intervention (RtI) and ExCEL. She reviewed the RtI Core principles of effectively teaching all students; research based instruction and interventions; intervene early; assessment/instruction alignment; data-based decision making; and staff development through collaboration/training. She then reviewed the ExCEL model which is collaborative instructional delivery, flexible student clustering, intense direct and differentiated instruction; effective collaboration of staff , and common assessments. This is a process not a program. Trend data were reviewed and an overview by school was provided.

**RtI/ExCEL Update**

9.4 Dr. Blow explained the color coding in the Strategic Plan Action Plan. She conducted intensive conversations with the cabinet and principals regarding the Plan. It increased staff's knowledge of where to take note and where we're going. Dr. Blow and Mrs. Potts identified successful targeted areas; explained areas that are somewhat behind expectations as well as areas that are not on track.

**Strategic Plan Update**

9.5 Mr. Fox stated that the Governor's Budget Proposal projected a 1.65% COLA for this year and next. However, the Governor is proposing a new funding formula. All we really know is we won't get less money next year and may get approximately \$82 per ADA more. His objective analysis is that we are essentially flat funded next year, but we really don't know anything more. Money from Proposition 30 is currently being used to reduce deferrals.

**Governor's Budget Update**

**10. COMMUNICATIONS**

**Communications**

Mrs. Brown received an email from a consulting company she met at the CSBA conference last year that writes grant proposals, and the Caltrans Safe Route to School Grant caught her attention. She stated that the city has to apply for the grant which would help fund safety measures for students walking or biking to and from school.

**11. CLOSED SESSION**

**Closed Session**

There was no further closed session.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the January 17, 2013, regular meeting of the Governing Board of Trustees was adjourned at 11:10 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Brown, seconded by Mr. Aronson and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Deborah L. Blow, Ed.D.  
Secretary to the Governing Board

Approved and ordered entered into  
the proceedings of the Cambrian  
School District on February 7, 2013

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Governing Board of Trustees