



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

April 4, 2013

1. CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

The Board convened in Closed Session at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the following:

- 1.1 Negotiations with Cambrian District Teachers' Association and California School Employees' Assoc., Local 641
- 1.2 Conference with Legal Counsel - Pending Litigation (Govt Code 44956.9)
- 1.3 Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Govt Code 54957)

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 7:36 p.m. Mr. Scofield informed the audience that there was no action taken in closed session.

Regular Session

CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order

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, Director, Education Technology

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The president of the Board 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 April 4, 2013, agenda.

Adopt Agenda

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 5.1 Adopt Consent Agenda items as follows:
- 5.2 Approve the minutes of March 21, 2013, regular Board meeting
- 5.3 Personnel Items:
Certificated
Accept the resignation of Celene Fairfield, effective 6/15/13
- 5.4 Accept the donation of technology equipment, books, and monetary donations in the amount of \$400.
- 5.5 Approve the disposal of surplus equipment

Consent Agenda

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Scofield informed the audience that all schools would be closed April 8th through April 12th for Spring Break. Classes will resume on Monday, April 15th.

Announcements

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Dr. Blow attended the county Project Cornerstone breakfast. Bagby teacher Michelle Makinson was a well deserving finalist. She attended the CSEA/CDTA bowl-a-thon for scholarships to 5th grade science camp. The annual Kitchen Wars was held during the week and teams from four school districts competed. Our food service team won for best presentation. At the Price Open House this week Dr. Blow saw great examples of student work. She received an email from a parent commending Ms. O’Hehir for helping her child and stated that teachers make all the difference. She thanked the staff at Fammatre for doing a great job.

7. RECOGNITIONS

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 contributions to our district. The recipients were Lisa Landsberg, teacher at Bagby School; Pansy Hui, parent volunteer at Sartorette School, and Theresa Higdon and Megan Shim, parent volunteers at Price 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:
- Braden Collins, Bagby School
 - Katelyn Lowpensky, Fammatre School
 - Cole Walker, Farnham School
 - Kamryn Villarreal, Sartorette School
 - Vivian Nguyen, Price School
 - Shaina Greenberg, Price School

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Comments

Eileen Beckley, Pat Stabile, Kamal Sangha and Debbie Stein addressed the board regarding a replacement for retiring principal, Mrs. Negrete. Leslie Jenks, Kim Stevenson and Alicia Williamson spoke about the changes in kindergarten teachers’ daily schedules.

9. INFORMATION AND STUDY ITEMS

Information/Study

- 9.1 Mrs. Potts began by addressing the overall successes of the science program. There is a strong focus on integrating science with language arts. Mr. John Hayes, teacher and recent presenter at the California Science Teachers Conference talked about his work in science. He is having great success with “science buddies” where older students work with younger ones. The older students must complete the activities first in order to better teach them to the younger students. Ms. Lisa Landsberg explained that integrated classrooms are really science centered classrooms as much as possible. They are learning environments that also provide an integrated approach to teaching the standards. Mr. Matt Hill provided insight into how the Guided Language Acquisition Development (GLAD) and the RtI programs are also being integrated with science. Teachers use the Science Committee as a resource and for support.
- 9.2 Mrs. Potts provided an update on what we are doing to make the change to Common Core Standards. She reviewed what we are doing to shift instructional practices and the challenges of implementation. The timeline for making the transition was also reviewed. The actual curriculum will not be available until 2018 and will be more open ended. There will also be a shift in assessment expectations. Public relations and education regarding the new standards will be ongoing.

Science Update

Common Core Standards

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9.3 Dr. Blow informed the Board that we must think about the new common core standards in moving the district forward. Standardized testing for one may include an on-line portion or be totally electronic. We must ensure that we have the facilities to move technology and innovation forward. The Board was recently asked to spend some time determining their top priorities for the district, and each member gave suggestions and recommendations to be considered. We will obtain detailed information from an architect to help us determine the best course to pursue. Once that has been decided, we can determine specific needs and wants.

**Facilities, Solar,
Technology Update**

9.4 The Williams Quarterly Report through March 2013 was presented. No complaints were filed. The Board is required to approve the report at the end of each quarter.

Williams Qrtly Rpt

On a motion by Mr. Baker, seconded by Mrs. Brown and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Williams Quarterly Report for March 2013.

10. COMMUNICATIONS

Communications

Mr. Baker attended the Fammatre Science Fair earlier in the evening and was very impressed. It was quite well done, and he was impressed with the orchestration of the event done by parent volunteers. Mr. Aronson enjoyed observing science classrooms at Price with Dr. Blow as well as several classrooms at Bagby where he saw RtI in action. Mrs. Brown and Mr. Aronson also attended Fammatre's Science Fair. Mr. Scofield commented that the science fairs have quadrupled in attendance over the years.

11. CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session

The Board reconvened in Closed Session. The president stated that this was for discussion purposes only and no action would be taken.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment

There being no further business, the April 4, 2013, regular meeting of the Governing Board of Trustees was adjourned at 11:10 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Sneed, seconded by Mr. Aronson and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved and ordered entered into
the proceedings of the Cambrian
School District on April 18, 2013

Governing Board of Trustees