



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

May 10, 2012

**1. CLOSED SESSION AGENDA**

The Board convened in Closed Session at 6:32 p.m. to discuss the following:

- 1.1 Negotiations with Cambrian District Teachers' Association and California School Employees' Assoc., Local 641
- 1.2 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 7:55 p.m. Mr. Scofield informed the audience that no action was 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  
Mr. Jarod Middleton

**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, Technology Coordinator

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The president of the Board led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**4. OATH OF OFFICE**

Dr. Blow administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Board member Jarod Middleton.

**5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

On a motion by Mr. Baker, seconded by Mrs. Brown and carried unanimously the Board adopted the May 10, 2012, agenda.

**Adopt Agenda**

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- 6.1 Adopt Consent Agenda items as follows:
- 6.2 Approve the minutes of the April 26 regular and May 2, 2012, special Board meetings
- 6.3 Personnel Items:

*Certificated*

Approve the resignations of Jeanine Bura, Chandini Stanley, Sara Kopit-Olson and Tyler Graff, effective 6/7/12

*Classified*

Ratify the probationary status of Sanjit Chadha, instructional aide, effective 5/1/12  
Approve the resignations of instructional aides Kanisha Collins effective 5/4/12 and Lorraine Nakaji-Kemp effective 6/7/12

Approve the retirement resignation of FSI Dorothy Russell effective 6/7/12

**Consent Agenda**

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- 6.4 Accept Board Warrant Approval List for April 2012
- 6.5 Approve the YMCA Science Camp Contract for Bagby School
- 6.6 Approve a monetary donation in the amount of \$294.40

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Announcements**

Mr. Scofield stated that all schools will be closed for Memorial Day on Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Blow recently attended the Cambrian Relay for Life event with team members from Fammatre and Price Schools. The event was hosted by Xilinx, a community partner with Price and Fammatre Schools. She also announced that Debbie Clima was recently recognized by ACSA as our Volunteer of the Year. She received communications about the following staff members: Kirby Fell for going above and beyond in supporting the Digital Academy teachers and Lisa Landsberg and Kristin Bontrager for partnering 5<sup>th</sup> graders with kindergarteners. The older students enjoy helping the younger ones and the kindergarteners benefit from the added help.

**8. RECOGNITIONS**

**Recognitions**

8.1 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 Home & School Club Presidents Jennifer Shaw, North Guerskin, Debbie Clima, Julie Hejza, Chris Parise, Dawne Edwards, Chevonne Johst, and Halina Gallagher.

8.2 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:  
Aleksandra Yusim, Bagby School  
Shadan Hamavand, Fammatre School  
Nicole Sweeney, Farnham School  
Renee Owens, Sartorette School  
Veronica Fuentes, Price School  
Julie Pham, Price School

8.3 On behalf of their board and the 450 families in Cambrian Little League Karl Hawkins and Sheila Delaney thanked the district for partnering with them and presented the district with a \$3,000 check.

**9. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Public Comments**

Teachers Sandy McConnell, Faiza Fredericks, and Alicia Williamson addressed the Board regarding issues that are currently in negotiations such as layoffs, furlough days, increased class size, and budget reductions.

**10 INFORMATION AND STUDY ITEMS**

**Information/Study**

10.1 Mrs. Potts offered some background to the new Common Core State Standard( CCSS). A lot of work is currently taking place at the state level to develop additional components. The current California Standards Test (CST) will sunset in 2013-14. California will be able to bridge quickly to the CCSS due to the high level of the current standards. Dr. Blow commented that assessment will be a combination of paper, pencil and technology. The district must be prepared to implement the electronic assessment piece. Once the state adopts the new standards, districts are required to implement them.

10.2 Dr. Blow gave an update on components of the Strategic Plan. The two goal areas reviewed were 21st Century Skills and Flexible Learning Environments. She described the many new ways communication, collaboration, creativity, innovation, critical

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thinking and problem solving are being implemented in the district. She recommends moving forward by expanding the digital academy next year to a total of 32 classrooms; exploring more student competitions, launching professional development for GATE strategies; expanding some of our applications; continuing the iPad academy by adding another five teachers next year; collaborating with Union School District for Leadership Teams; developing project-based skills; and exploring more opportunities for distance learning.

**11. COMMUNICATIONS**

**Communications**

Dr. Blow extended an invitation to Board members to attend the UC Film Festival on May 31. It will be a gala event held at the Heritage Theater in Campbell. Seating is very limited so only one person per invitation. Mr. Aronson welcomed Mr. Middleton to the Board. He also commented that the Cambrian band and choir festival will take place on Wed., May 30 at 7 p.m. at the community center at Price. Mr. Scofield received questions from a Bagby parent regarding an item at the last Board meeting that took longer than anticipated causing another presentation to be pushed back. He apologized for any inconvenience and stated that it is our practice to place items that involve visitors or staff at the early part of the meeting. Mrs. Brown requested another closed session.

**12. CLOSED SESSION**

**Closed Session**

The Board reconvened in Closed Session to continue discussion of Item I.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the May 10, 2012, regular meeting of the Governing Board of Trustees was adjourned at 10:45 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Brown, seconded by Mr. Baker 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 May 24, 2012

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Governing Board of Trustees