



CAMBRIAN SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
October 15, 2019

1. CLOSED SESSION

Open Session

1.1 Call to Order:

The president called the Governing Board of Trustees Closed Session to order in the Cambrian Professional Development Center at 5:39 p.m.

The Board convened in Closed Session to discuss the following:

- 1.2 Public Employee Performance Evaluation, Superintendent (Govt Code 54957)
- 1.3 Collective Bargaining Session (Govt Code 3549.1 (d)): California School Employees Association Local 641

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Carol Presunka, President
Mr. Randy Scofield, Clerk
Mrs. Janet Borrison, Member

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Carrie Andrews, Superintendent
Ms. Carlena Grandey, Admin. Asst. to Superintendent
Mr. Mujtaba Rauf, Director of Information Technology
Mr. Linh Nguyen, Asst. Supt., Educational Services
Ms. Kristi Schwiebert, Asst. Supt., Personnel Services
Ms. Penny Timboe, Chief Financial Officer

2. REGULAR SESSION CALL TO ORDER

The president called the regular meeting of the Governing Board of Trustees to order in the Cambrian Professional Development Center at 6:25 p.m.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance

The president of the Board led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Adoption of Agenda

On a motion by Mr. Scofield, seconded by Mrs. Presunka, the Board adopted the October 15, 2019, Special Board Meeting agenda. Motion **CARRIED** 3-0

ACTION

Borrison-Yes
Presunka-Yes
Scofield-Yes

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Comments

Beth Erickson, Home and School Club President at Farnham, voiced her disappointment regarding the advertisement and communication regarding the special board meeting. She encouraged to Board to partner with the community and communicate the better. Ms. Erickson also urged the Board to use their community resources. She stated that many people are willing to help and who will volunteer their time to come up with some budget solutions.

Melissa Ojczyk, Cambrian Parent, shared her concern of the lack of communication in regarding the special meeting today. She encouraged the Board to look at the budget through the lens of a business and put a freeze on all non-necessary spending including the hiring of staff.

Liz Warren, Steindorf Parent, expressed that there is a lot of distrust and was very disappointed in the lack of advertising the special board meeting. She asked the Board to get the community involved, be transparent and increase communication.

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6. INFORMATION AND STUDY ITEMS

Information/Study

6.1 Budget Study Session:

The Governing Board and staff had the opportunity to discuss various options and areas to Adjust to move our educational program forward and remain fiscally solvent with a positive certified budget. Ms. Penny Timboe, Chief Financial Officer and Dr. Carrie Andrews, Superintendent, shared budget details, answered questions regarding staffing, various programs, multi-year projections and suggested areas to consider. Dr. Andrews shared staff will begin launching a Budget Advisory Committee led by Chief Financial Officer, Ms. Penny Timboe. The purpose of the committee is to understand the District's budget process and make recommendations to the Superintendent to develop financial strategies that supports Cambrian's mission and vision.

Public comments Cont.:

Jill Walters, Bagby Parent, encouraged the Board to communicate with the community more clearly. She suggested the possibly of posting on Next Door, Facebook, or even email blasts. She asked the Board to establish a more consistent and clear wording that accurately reflects the true story of the problem in regards to the budget deficient.

Jose Caro, Community Member, asked the Board to focus on the things they can control and not on the things, they cannot. Mr. Caro suggested the District rethink consultant services and staff conferences. He feels that these items can be controlled and eliminated to help offset the deficient. Mr. Caro encouraged the Board that the community is willing to help.

Dan Winsor, Cambrian Teacher, asked the Board to create a list, prioritize and rank the most important items and programs in the district. He encouraged the Board to dictate exactly what items or programs they want eliminated based on their priorities versus asking the sites to cut their budgets by 5%. Mr. Winsor shared with the Board that, hiring a new teacher at a lower salary than keeping an experienced teacher might save money at first but actually costs the District more in the end. He also asked the District to focus most of their time on revenue enhancement.

Liz Warren, Home & School Club President, commended the District on putting together a Budget Advisory Committee. She asked to Board to include a Home & School Club Board member on the committee as the Home & School Clubs fill in the gaps during budgets constraints. Ms. Warren also questioned what steps are being taken to combat the dropping enrollment and to communicate the steps out to the community. She suggested the Board to get the word out to the community on how to lobby the State Government.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment

There being no further business, the October 15, 2019, special meeting of the Governing Board of Trustees was adjourned at 9:18 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Borrison, and seconded, by Mrs. Presunka. Motion **CARRIED** 3-0

Borrison-Yes
Presunka-Yes
Scofield-Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie Andrews, Ph.D.
Secretary to the Governing Board

Approved and ordered entered into the proceedings of the Cambrian School District on November 21, 2019.

Governing Board of Trustees