



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

January 16, 2014

**1. CLOSED SESSION AGENDA**

The Board convened in Closed Session at 6:35 p.m. to discuss the following:

- 1.1 Negotiations with Cambrian District Teachers' Association (Govt Code 54957.6)
- 1.2 Public Employee Evaluation – Superintendent (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 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Brown informed the audience that no action was taken in closed session.

**Regular Session**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Call to Order**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dr. Deborah Blow, Superintendent  
Mrs. Lani Potts, Asst. Supt., Educational Services  
Mr. Jason Vann, Chief Financial Officer  
Mrs. Wendy Corkery, Admin. Asst. to Superintendent  
Mr. Kirby Fell, Dir., Educational 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 Mr. Scofield, seconded by Mrs. Sneed and carried unanimously the Board adopted the January 16, 2014, agenda.

**Adopt Agenda**

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- 5.1 Adopt Consent Agenda items as follows:
  - 5.2 Approve the minutes of the December 19, 2013, regular Board meeting
  - 5.3 Personnel Items:
    - Certificated*  
Ratify the temporary status of RSP teacher Nick Bressani effective 1/6/14
    - Classified*  
Approve a leave of absence for Special Ed IA Heather Powers effective 1/6/14-6/6/14
  - 5.4 Accept the Board Warrant List for December 2013
  - 5.5 Accept the donation of a trailer and monetary donations in the amount of \$4,595.50.

**Consent Agenda**

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**6. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Announcements**

- 6.1 Mrs. Brown informed the audience that all schools would be closed on Monday, January 20 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- 6.2 Dr. Blow reported that she visited Sartorette, Farnham and Bagby Schools during the week with an education development executive from Apple. The representative was very impressed with what our students are doing with technology. Dr. Blow also visited Fammatre School for a GLAD training and was approached by teachers who appreciated the training.

**7. RECOGNITIONS**

**Public Comments**

- 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. Mrs. Brown presented them with Good Apple Awards and lapel pins while Dr. Blow told the audience the support they have provided to our district and students. The recipients were parent volunteers Lara Sniffen, Jennifer Prosser, Sharon Korat and Andrea Lopez from Farnham 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:
  - Minh Nguyen, Bagby School
  - Zachary Byrd, Fammatre School
  - Joslyn Sampognara, Farnham School
  - Chantal Wang, Sartorette School
  - Alexis Bibo, Price School
  - Jack Divini, Price School
- 7.3 Teachers Sandy McConnell and Loretta O’Donnell were recognized by Edmodo representative Liz Keleher, for their use of this collaborative social media tool.  
  
Nancy and Valerie Donaldson were acknowledged for their efforts in obtaining a \$3,000 grant for Price School from Wells Fargo and KNBR Radio. The grant will support afterschool sports programs.

**8. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Ojakian asked the Board to consider adopting a policy and procedure concerning student suicide prevention and mental health promotion. Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Aymon addressed the Board in support of Mr. Aronson and regarding the rotation of Board officers.

**9. INFORMATION AND STUDY ITEMS**

**Information/Study**

- 9.1 Mrs. Brown opened the public hearing on the Cambrian District Teachers’ Association’s (CDTA) Sunshine Statement. Mrs. Williamson, president of CDTA, said the association is excited about the upcoming negotiations and looks forward to a quick agreement. No further comments were made, and Mrs. Brown closed the hearing.
- 9.2 Dr. Blow stated that the Cambrian District Teachers’ Association Sunshine Statement outlines the articles they would like to open during negotiations. She also looks forward to the start of negotiations and the opportunity to work with CDTA’s negotiating team toward a quick agreement.

**CDTA Sunshine Stmt  
PUBLIC HEARING**

**CDTA Sunshine Stmt**

On a motion by Mr. Scofield, seconded by Mrs. Sneed and carried unanimously, the Board accepted the Cambrian District Teachers’ Association’s Sunshine Statement.

**ACTION**

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| 9.3 | <p>Lori Raineri and Stacie Frerichs with Government Financial Strategies, Inc. (GSI) spoke to the stewardship of the 2002 Measure G Obligation Bonds, facilities needs, voter opinions and legal constraints, and bond financial plan options. The two legal constraints on bond issuances are bonding capacity and taxing capacity. Board direction is needed to determine which of two approaches to a bond measure makes more sense: the slower expenditure model which is a 3 - 5 year facilities expenditure of \$38 million or the faster expenditure model for a 2 to 3 year facilities expenditure of \$35.5 million with the possibility of an additional \$2 - \$3 million in interest earnings and projected tax base growth.</p>  | <p><b>Financial Planning-<br/>2014 Bond Measure</b></p>                     |
| 9.4 | <p>Dr. Blow reviewed the need for additional classrooms at Fammatre School. We anticipate the need for another TK classroom for the district program housed at Fammatre. We may also need an additional classroom at Fammatre to deal with the continued increase in enrollment and may also need an additional Special Day Class (SDC) within the district beginning next year. Mr. Kramer reviewed the cost of portable classrooms, but he suggested the Board consider installing permanent classrooms such as modular units. The design contract presented to the board is for architectural services in the amount of \$125,000 to develop the design for three classrooms. They would be similar in construction to the science classrooms at Price.</p> <p>On a motion by Mr. Scofield, seconded by Mrs. Sneed and carried unanimously the Board approved a contract with Sugimura Finney Architects in the amount of \$125,000 for construction design of three standard size modular classrooms.</p> | <p><b>Fammatre Classrms</b></p> <p><b>ACTION</b></p>                        |
| 9.5 | <p>Mr. Kramer stated that the comprehensive contract before the Board is for design services for a Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) School on the Steindorf campus. A schematic design would provide visual renderings for use in sharing the K-8 STEAM school vision with the Cambrian community. We will convene a committee to define what the STEAM school should look like. From that, concept drawings will be made, but the actual building designs will come after a bond is passed.</p> <p>On a motion by Mr. Scofield, seconded by Mr. Aronson and carried unanimously, the Board approved a contract with Sugimura Finney Architects for the Steindorf project with a not to exceed amount of \$150,000.</p>  | <p><b>Architect Contract<br/>Steindorf Project</b></p> <p><b>ACTION</b></p> |
| 9.6 | <p>Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, Lani. Potts, presented a math update which began with a breakdown of the district's California Standards Test math data. Current and proposed programs and practices for both elementary and middle school students were explained. The multi-year performance for 2010 to 2013 for continuing and newly enrolled students was examined. The focus of our math programs as well as proposed revisions were explained.</p>  | <p><b>Math Update</b></p>   |
| 9.7 | <p>Dr. Blow reported that the State Teachers' Retirement System (STRS) has determined that the Director of Human Resources position is no longer a creditable position. STRS recently designated it as a classified position. In order for our district to recruit and retain the level of experience and expertise needed in this department we need a certificated person in this position. Therefore, Dr. Blow recommends changing both the title and position. This is not the addition of a position, it is a title change to the current position of Director of Personnel Services to Assistant Superintendent of Personnel Services.</p> <p>On a motion by Mr. Scofield, seconded by Mr. Aronson and carried unanimously, the Board approved the revised job description for the position of Director of Personnel Services. This approval will change the job title from Director of Personnel Services to Assistant Superintendent of Personnel Services.</p>                                       | <p><b>Chg HR Job Title<br/>Dir to Asst Supt</b></p> <p><b>ACTION</b></p>    |
| 9.8 | <p>Mrs. Brown tabled the Strategic Plan Update due to the need to resume in Closed Session. This item will be brought back at a later date.</p>   | <p><b>Strategic Plan</b></p>  |

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**10. COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Scofield gave information for Anchorman technology pieces for door modifications with the free iPad app for emergency response to staff. Mr. Aronson stated that the Price Winter Concert was great. Mrs. Sneed and Mrs. Brown were also in attendance. Mrs. Brown commented that with the bond measure coming up, we are looking at a potential special Board session to get the necessary work done to get the resolution ready. On Feb. 6 the Board will review the draft resolution. February 27 is the proposed date for a special board meeting to take action on the resolution as well as the bond measure language for the upcoming election. A Board retreat will be held on Monday, Jan. 27. Mr. Baker stated that he recently attended Sam Liccardo's event where he suggested extending the school day or year and having the city act as an umbrella organization that would try to facilitate districts having access to things that may enhance education.

**Communications**

**11. CLOSED SESSION**

The Board reconvened in Closed Session to continue discussion of item 1.2. This was for discussion purposes only and no action was taken.

**Closed Session**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the January 16, 2014, regular meeting of the Governing Board of Trustees was adjourned at 11:45 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Scofield, seconded by Mr. Baker and carried unanimously.

**Adjournment**

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 6, 2014

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Governing Board of Trustees