



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

May 1, 2014

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 (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 7:33 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
Dr. Carrie Andrews, Asst. Supt., Personnel Services
Mrs. Wendy Corkery, Admin. Asst. to Superintendent
Mr. Kirby Fell, Dir., Educational Technology
Mrs. Lani Potts, Asst. Supt., Educational Services
Mr. Jason Vann, Chief Financial Officer

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 May 1, 2014, agenda.

Adopt Agenda

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 5.1 Adopted Consent Agenda items as follows:
- 5.2 Approved the minutes of the April 17 regular and April 21 special Board meetings
- 5.2 Personnel Items:
 - Certificated*
Approved a shared contract for teachers Stacy Stone for .5 FTE and Mardi Wooster for .5 FTE, effective 2014-15
- 5.3 Accepted the Wells Fargo Statement for October 2014
- 5.4 Approved the new Board Policy and Procedure 5141.52, Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Promotion

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6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements

- 6.1 There were no announcements this evening.
- 6.2 Dr. Blow thanked the Board and cabinet members for their participation in the Day of the Employee appreciation event. They served root beer floats to staff members at each school and the district office. For the first time, Cambrian Relay for Life was held in our district at Price Middle School. It was a wonderful event that raised in excess of \$300,000 for the American Cancer Society. She attended the Cambrian/Moreland GATE certification cohort with teacher participants Debbie Stein, Kelly Durdella, Amy O’Heir and Andrea Pickering. Additionally Lani Potts, Linh Nguyen, Chau Chang and Jennifer Fore were on our team for the A Look at Learning (ALL) Showcase that was held at the County Office of Education. Lani Potts was honored for her work to support English Learners.

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 of the support they have provided to our district and students. The recipients were Home and School Club Presidents North, Grueskin, Carol Presunka, Michelle Lister, Rochebelle Miller, Jill Roman, Pamela Salazar-Schell and Heidi Lane.
- 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:
Isaia Regala, Bagby School
Isabella Norris, Fammatre School
Pedro Santana Aguilar, Farnham School
Sam Ingraffia, Sartorette School
Mitchell Braun, Price School
Robert Brodskiy, Price School

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Breitwieser addressed the Board concerning the security project.

9. INFORMATION AND STUDY ITEMS

Information/Study

- 9.1 Mr. Kramer, of Kramer Project Development Co., stated that a Request for Proposals (RFP) for solar providers was sent to eight solar providers and four electrical contractors. It was quite detailed and required that the providers include a cost and performance metric for all sites that provides 75-85% of the district’s needs. Three bids were received and evaluated and interviews with each of these providers were conducted. All proposals came in well below the \$3.9 million estimate and all were solid. After careful consideration, it was recommended that the Board approve Cupertino Electric for a proposed cost of \$3,080,275. We estimate roughly \$250,000 savings in energy costs per year. Mr. Kramer proposed Board approval of the contract and the schematic design at the June 5 Board meeting. At the current time he requested approval of a purchase order, not to exceed \$20,000, for design work, which will allow the company to identify the products they need prior to the start date.

Proposed Solar Prj

On a motion by Mr. Scofield, seconded by Mr. Baker and carried unanimously, the Board selected Cupertino Electric as our solar partner and directed staff to issue a purchase order not to exceed \$20,000 along with a letter of intent contingent on the passage of Measure I.

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9.2 Mrs. Potts provided highlights of the GATE program, which included the 7th annual GATE Science Night; 4th Math Olympiad; 3rd annual elementary Math Olympiad Tournament; and 2nd annual middle school Math Olympiad Tournament. She also cited the expansion of the Junior Great Books curriculum; Problem Based Learning (PBL) pilot; and Common Core/RtI extension for advanced students, as program successes. The principal and teacher professional development, GATE Cohort Academy with Moreland, continuity of advanced ELA classes at Price and our strong GATE Council were also identified as strengths for our district. The GATE training and ongoing support from Dr. Tamra Stambaugh from Vanderbilt University and district trainers has been outstanding.

GATE Update

9.3 Mr. Fell's forecast for 2014-15 includes continuing the MAC teacher rollout which necessitates the purchase of 20 MacBook Pros. He hopes to expand the iPad Academy, and nine teachers have already expressed an interest. He also hopes to expand the Educational Media Innovation (EMI) Academy with a focus on student films next year which requires the purchase of 15 digital media sets. Mr. Fell also developed a new website for the EMI Academy. In keeping with the Strategic Plan's 21st Century Learning component, he proposed the purchase of two more classroom sets of iPads, and large LED screens in lieu of interactive whiteboards and projectors for the new transitional kindergarten classes. He proposed a total budget of \$325,000 for next year. Action will be taken on his proposal at the next board meeting. Mrs. Sneed stated that she must recuse herself from this discussion due to a possible conflict of interest.

Educ Technology

9.4 Dr. Blow and Mrs. Potts updated the Strategic Plan with input from cabinet and the Instructional Leadership Council. The five categories, Student Achievement, 21st Century Skills, Flexible Learning Environments, Whole Child and Resources, were reviewed. Green indicates that the targets are on track, yellow means that while some progress was made there is room for improvement, and red indicates that not much progress was made. Details on why some areas were yellow were given and there were no red areas. Proposed targets for 2014-15 were also reviewed by category. Changes to each of those targets were discussed.

Strategic Plan

9.5 Mrs. Brown remarked that at the special board meeting on Mon., April 21 the California School Board Association's (CSBA) governance standards were reviewed. She felt they had a very good discussion, and the board members agreed that they would follow the CSBA standards. The vital components to effective school governance are the attributes of an effective individual trustee; the attributes of an effective governing board; and the specific jobs the board performs in its governance roll. All members signed the standards and the board is asked to take action tonight to adopt them.

Bd Governance Standards

On a motion by Mr. Aronson, seconded by Mrs. Sneed and approved unanimously, the Board adopted the California School Board Association's Governance Standards.

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10. COMMUNICATIONS

Communications

Mr. Baker remarked that Farnham's Pirate Parade was very successful, and he commended Mr. Nguyen. Due to the threat of rain, Mr. Nguyen was forced to adapt the route, and he did it in a way that made it even more enjoyable for the students.

11. CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session

There was no further closed session.

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12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the May 1, 2014, regular meeting of the Governing Board of Trustees was adjourned at 10:55 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 May 15, 2014

Governing Board of Trustees

Adjournment