

MARK TWAIN UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD MINUTES

DATE: April 10, 2014
AND Copperopolis Elementary School – Multipurpose Room
PLACE 217 School Street
Copperopolis, CA 95228

President Diane Bateman called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. Roll call was taken:
Present: Maggie Rollings, Jennifer Eltringham, Timothy Randall
Absent: Gary McGeorge left early due to illness after closed session.

Announcement of Closed Session

1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
Name of Agency Negotiator: Julia Tidball Superintendent
Employee Organization: Angels-Copperopolis Educators (G.C. 54957.6)
2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
Name of Agency Negotiator: Julia Tidball Superintendent
Employee Organization: California School Employees Association, Chapter #815 (G.C. 54957.6)
3. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release
4. Personnel Assignment Order

Reconvene to Open Session

President Diane Bateman reported that no action was taken on items 1, 2, & 3.

Item 4: Accepted the Personnel Assignment Order as presented; in addition they accepted a letter of Retirement from the Director of Business Services effective July 2014.

A motion was made by Timothy Randall and seconded by Gary McGeorge to approve the Personnel Assignment Order. Motion approved 5/0/0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Robin Anderson, parent at Mark Twain, shared that the Badger Boosters Parent Club drive-thru dinner raised \$3200.00; half will be going to eighth grade graduation and \$750.00 will go towards seventh grade trip to Boomers. The Badger Boosters also paid for K-3 to attend to see a play at Delta College; the kids had a great time. The parent club will also be holding elections at their next

meeting. She also shared at the last assembly all of the kids at Mark Twain received a water bottle to promote non-sugar beverages.

BOARD
COMMENTS

Jennifer Eltringham commented about our Director of Business retiring; she shared she is going to be severely missed and she is sad to see her leave.

Maggie Rollings said ditto to Jennifer Eltringham comments and she added Jan brought grace to the position and she really appreciates her.

Diane Bateman told Jan they will all miss her.

COMMENTS
STUDENT

REPRESENTATIVE Ashlynn Maddeaux, student representative, shared on May 13 there will be a Jog-A-Thon which will be a fundraiser for Student Council to be able to purchase banners, or a spirit board. On May 23 from 1:50-2:45 there will be an Anti-Bullying rally with singing, poems, and skits. The 7 & 8 grade Drama Club will be hosting a talent show on May 30. The Junior High attended the Black Light Dance at Avery Middle School she shared it was amazing. She also shared the first track meet will be tomorrow.

COPPER

Principal Vail shared Wendy DeSimone is the Rotary Teacher of the Year; she appreciates working with her and she does a terrific job. Ms. Vail attended the CUE conference; she shared our schools are ahead with our technology, and thanked the Board for their support. Ms. Vail stated both school sites have done instructional rounds and the teachers are learning from each other. The school's enrollment is holding around 270 students.

MARK

Principal Triance shared it was nice to see everyone and that Mark Twain's enrollment is holding around 546. Kinder registration is a week from Tuesday, and there will be a track meet tomorrow at Mark Twain. He thanked Staci Simpson for doing a great job as Athletic Director. Mr. Triance also thanked Pam Heise for helping with preparation of State testing. He shared that sidewalks will be poured over spring break with the city project.

CERTIFICATED
REPRESENTATIVE

Wendy DeSimone thanked Rotary for recognizing her as Teacher of the Year. She shared she is going to miss Jan Stitt as Director of Business services. She stated Angels Copper Educators (ACE) is also thrilled to close negotiations. A great deal was accomplished by

both groups. The Drama club will have a performance at Bret Harte on May 8 & 9, and May 13 will be a Jog-A-Thon at Mark Twain where they need volunteers to stamp hands.

CLASSIFIED
REPRESENTATIVE

There was no Classified Representative present.

DIRECTOR OF
BUSINESS
SERVICES

Jan Stitt thanked the Board for all of their kind comments, she will miss everyone also. She shared with the Board the current Common Core Implementation Allocation Plan which was approved at the October 10, 2013 Board meeting. The total to date for 2013-14 spent is \$157,980; and unspent funds as of April 10, 2014 are \$8,819. She gave the Board an update on the current budget.

SUPERINTENDENT

Julia Tidball explained we have had several meetings regarding Common Core with stakeholder groups. She attended Legislative Action Day last Monday; fellow administrators had a chance to explain to the legislators that most of the money that was given to districts for implementation of the Common Core standards went to infrastructure. They requested from the legislators the need for additional one-time funds. There was also discussion about teacher dismissal procedures, and the shortfall to STRS retirement. Mrs. Tidball shared that Jan Stitt has a quiet strength, and was one of our best negotiators. She is a true gift to our district and wishes her the best in her retirement.

INFORMATION/
DISCUSSION
ITEMS

#9. Principal Triance reviewed some of the updates that have happened to the Safety Plan. Student Council has been reviewing flow charts with current personnel. He also thanked Christy Miro for all of her time reading the Safety Plan. Several items were added the plan; active shooter lockdown procedures, medical lockdown, neighborhood lockdown, and complete school lockdown. Mr. Triance shared they are also working on better communication with staff and parents. A template is being created on what to say during an emergency. The school is going to have more trainings and drills for staff and students. Mr. Triance shared that we are going to prepare a simplified version of the safety plan for parents and have it on the website. Also over the next few months the school is going to develop a Substitute Handbook to address procedures for lockdowns or fire drills and provide substitute staff necessary keys.

#10. Principal Vail shared what changes were added to her site's Safety Plan including updated flow charts, and active shooter lockdown procedures. In the multipurpose room a wrench was made to lock all of the doors from the inside. Staff from the Sheriff Department came and walked through the classrooms, gym and

office to prepare the school site for a lockdown. A secure area in the office has been created for staff to utilize during a lockdown. She shared it is the job of law enforcement to take care of an active shooter or threat.

APPROVAL
OF CONSENT
ITEMS

A motion was made by Jennifer Eltringham and seconded by Maggie Rollings to approve Consent Agenda items. Motion was approved 4/0/1.

1. Warrants.
2. Interdistrict Agreement.
3. Approval of Minutes for the following Meetings:
March 13, 2014.

APPROVAL OF
REVIEW AND
ACTION ITEMS

1. **Consider Approval of Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for the 2014/2015 school year.**

A motion was made by Jennifer Eltringham and seconded by Maggie Rollings to approve the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for the 2014/2015 school year. Motion was approved 4/0/1.

2. **Consider Approval of updated Application and Permit for Use of facilities; E1330 a, E1330 b, E1330 c, E1330 d.**

A motion was made by Timothy Randall and seconded by Maggie Rollings to approve the updated Application and Permit for Use of Facilities; E1330 a, E1330 b, E1330 c, E1330 d. Motion was approved 4/0/1.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:47 P.M.

Diane Bateman, Board President

Julia Tidball, Superintendent

May 8, 2014