

# MARK TWAIN UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## BOARD MINUTES

DATE: June 16, 2014 Special Board Meeting  
AND Mark Twain Elementary School District meeting room  
PLACE 981 Tuolumne Ave  
Angels Camp, CA 95222

Maggie Rollings called the meeting to order at  
6:5 p.m. Roll call was taken:  
Present: Timothy Randall, Jennifer Eltringham, Maggie Rollings  
Absent: Diane Bateman, Gary McGeorge

### Announcement of Closed Session

1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR  
Name of Agency Negotiator: Julia Tidball  
Employee Organization: Angels-Copperopolis Educators (G.C. 54957.6)
2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR  
Name of Agency Negotiator: Julia Tidball  
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

Board member Maggie Rollings reported no action was taken  
in Closed Session on items 1, 2, and 4  
Item 3: the Board accepted the resignation of a Food Service Worker I  
employee. Motion was made by Timothy Randall and seconded by Jennifer  
Eltringham. Motion was approved 3/0/2.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Carol Aardal and Mary Pino, teachers from Copperopolis Elementary School, shared concerns with the Board about class configurations for the 2014-2015 school year. They stated there are two classes over 30 in 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grades, and that there is a combination class in each primary grade. Teachers are concerned that with the demands of the new Common Core Standards they will not have enough time to help each student and it is difficult with multiple grades being put together. The teachers unit would like to request an additional teacher at Copper School which would eliminate some of the combination classes; it would also save the District in the costs of stipends and classroom support. The teachers are proud of what they have accomplished, and would really like the Board to consider hiring an additional new teacher. They understand that this is a difficult decision for the Board and Superintendent.

Samantha Austin, parent from Copper, wanted to discuss a “no nit” policy for lice with the Board. She is very concerned with lice/nit policy at the school. When she has volunteered in the computer lab the kids share head phones. She was told they are cleaned between each use, and when she has been in there they are not. She stated we should use ear buds, or speakers, or something else that doesn’t require sharing. She asked the Board to review their policy and make adjustments to ensure the kids are not being exposed to nits and lice.

## REVIEW AND ACTION ITEMS

### 1. Public Hearing for LCAP

1. Move into Public Hearing.  
Motion was made by Jennifer Eltringham and seconded by Timothy Randall to move into public hearing. Motion was approved 3/0/2.
2. Receive Comments from the Public and Staff.  
Mrs. Tidball explained why we are bringing the LCAP (Local Control Accountability Plan) to the Board and Public. With the new Local Control Funding Formula this will be an annual hearing along with the budget proposal. Mrs. Tidball shared a power point presentation reviewing the LCAP with the Board. She explained the goals for the next school year and the funding sources.  
There was continued discussion between parents and staff regarding funding and class sizes at Copperopolis. Principal Vail shared the current numbers of class sizes. She has already changed the enrollment figures three times since the end of school and most likely will again before school starts. Ms. Vail shared since the beginning of school they had 42 new students; 6 of the 42 came and left; 26% of the 42 were foster placements; and they had 49 kids exit at the end of the school year.  
A question was asked how funds will be used for after school programs. Mrs. Tidball stated the after school program will provide assistance with homework. Maggie Rollings shared there are different ways parents can get involved.
3. Review and Discuss Any Comments.  
NONE
4. Move Out of Public Hearing.  
Motion was made by Timothy Randall and seconded by Jennifer Eltringham. Motion was approved 3/0/2.

### 2. Public Hearing for 2014/2015 Budget

1. Move into Public Hearing.  
Motion was made by Jennifer Eltringham and seconded by Timothy Randall to move into the budget hearing. Motion was approved 3/0/2.
2. Receive Comments from the Public and Staff.

Jan Stitt reviewed with the Board where the current budget stands. Budget for 14-15 COLA is the same but our district had a slight drop in ADA. There was a significant increase to STRS and PERS contribution rates by the District. Mrs. Stitt shared with the way the budget is laid out in the multiyear projections we still make our reserve in 16-17. Mrs. Tidball thanked Jan for all her hard work.

3. Review and Discuss Any Comments.

NONE

4. Move Out of Public Hearing.

Motion was made by Jennifer Eltringham and seconded by Timothy Randall to move out of public hearing. Motion was approved 3/0/2.

**3. Consider Approval of Resolution 2013-2014 #21 In the Matter of the Release of Employee # 100877 A Probationary Classified Employee, Pursuant to Education Code Section 45113 and Administrative Regulation 4218.**

Superintendent Tidball explained this is never an easy decision to make. but it is in the best interest of the District to approve the release.

A motion was made by Timothy Randall and seconded by Jennifer Eltringham to approve Resolution 2013-2014 #21 In the Matter of the Release of Employee # 100877 A Probationary Classified Employee, Pursuant to Education Code Section 45113 and Administrative Regulation 4218. Motion was approved 3/0/2.

**ADJOURNMENT: 7:35 P.M.**

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**Diane Bateman, Board President**

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**Julia Tidball, Superintendent**

**August 14, 2014**