

# MARK TWAIN UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## BOARD MINUTES

Date: November 13, 2014

Location: Mark Twain Union Elementary School District  
Copperopolis Elementary Multi-Purpose Room  
217 School Street  
Copperopolis, CA 95228

Vice President Gary McGeorge called the meeting to order at 6:29 PM.

Roll call was taken:

Present: Gary McGeorge, Jennifer Eltringham, Timothy Randall,

Absent: Diane Bateman, Maggie Rollings

### 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 Vice President Gary McGeorge reported no action was taken in Closed Session for items 1, 2, and 3.

The Vice President reported there was a motion made by Timothy Randall and seconded by Jenny Eltringham to accept the personnel assignment order as presented.

Special Ed. Para Educator resignation at Copperopolis Elementary  
Boys' Basketball coach (8<sup>th</sup> Grade) at Mark Twain  
Boys' Basketball coach (6<sup>th</sup> Grade) at Mark Twain  
Boys' Basketball coach (5<sup>th</sup> Grade) at Mark Twain  
Boys' Basketball coach (6<sup>th</sup> Grade) at Copperopolis

***Motion was approved 3 / 0 / 2 / 0***

Comments:

Public: Robin Anderson, parent and Badger Booster member. The Badger Boosters are still meeting on Wednesday mornings with a good turnout. Mr. Triance came and had several request for the Boosters. Over \$1,400.00 in request were approved which included 15 iPad Air II cases, fanny packs for the para educators, recorders for 4<sup>th</sup> grade, and new staff lanyards for their ID badges. Ms. Anderson talked about the 6<sup>th</sup> grade fundraiser, "Disco Bingo", held on November 7, 2014. It was a huge with standing room only and the kids had a blast. She noticed there were families there that don't usually go to these

events that attended and volunteered. She thanked Rebecca Williams for all her hard work. This would be a great annual event to help raise money for science camp. They raised over \$2,700.00.

Ms. Anderson asked if a child cannot pay for science camp and the district picks up that cost for that child, where does that money come from.

Mrs. Tidball stated it comes out of the general fund; it is not a specifically budgeted item.

**Board:** Jennifer Eltringham – Sorry she had to miss the “Disco Bingo” but she is recovering from surgery.

Timothy Randall – No Comment

Gary McGeorge – Congratulated Kendall Morlan as our new board member and Timothy Randall for his reelection to the board and Troy Williams for running. Mr. McGeorge stated that this was his 144<sup>th</sup> board meeting and second to last one. He has enjoyed his time on the board.

**Student Rep.** Jesse O’Byrd, Board Representative for Mark Twain Elementary Student Council, stated that they are currently working on the AMA Girls’ Tournament with the rally on Monday, which also recognized the cross-country team. They are collecting non-perishable food items for the local food bank. The council is also working on having music during lunch once a month or once a week. Jesse thanked board member, Jenny Eltringham for her donation for the dance.

**School Sites:**

**Copperopolis:** Karen Vail, Principal, thanked the board for their support of substitutes for her teachers to do district assessments.

**Mark Twain:** Kevin Triance, Principal, stated the enrollment at Mark Twain Elementary is currently at 548 students. The AMA Tournament is in full swing with Mark Twain hosting. The cross-country team finished their season last Friday with the league finals at Frogtown. Mark Twain had first place finishers in all three grade levels. Mr. Triance thanked his Site Council for their hard work in putting the Site Plan together. Mark Twain Elementary just received a donation from Black Oak Casino for \$2,000.00 for Science Camp. Mr. Triance extended a thank you to them.

**Certificated:** Sara Tutthill, Teacher, President of ACE (CTA), stated she did not have anything to share about Copperopolis. Mark Twain is in the middle of the AMA Tournament. Mrs. Tutthill is very impressed with her Student Council, who took over the dance without her after she was injured and unable to attend. This Student Council has lots of ideas, music at lunch, and a family movie night in the spring. Mrs. Tutthill has worked with Mr. Cosgrave and Mr. Owens, both retired teachers, on researching for the championship pennants going back to 1973 with the money raised last year from the Jog-a-Thon. The pennants will be hung in the David N. Cosgrave Gymnasium.

Mrs. Tutthill asked the board to consider not having a board meeting during the week we host the AMA Tournaments and extended an invite the board to attend the tournament.

**Classified:** There was no Classified Representative present.

**Business:** Roy Blair, Director of Business Services gave the board an update on the business department. He has nothing for the board this month but is working on items to present to the board for the December meeting. He is working on the 1st Interim Report. He just finished with the audit response and is now waiting on the draft report from the auditing firm. He has been updated about the new ERate changes. He also has done some research on Energy Funds and some projects that may qualify.

**Superintendent:** Julia Tidball, Superintendent acknowledged and thanked the three candidates who demonstrated their commitment to our district. Mrs. Tidball welcomed Kendall Morlan on her election to the MTUESD Board. She explained that Mrs. Morlan will be sworn in at the December meeting and welcomed back Timothy Randall to the board. Mrs. Tidball stated that the recent Staff Development Day was a very busy and successful day. They had outside presenters come in to talk about e-cigarettes, learned about Special Education inclusion, and set time aside for grade level collaboration. Mrs. Tidball met with Vallecito and Bret Harte to coordinate a 3 year calendar. It is her plan to present this to the board at the January meeting. Mrs. Tidball has enjoyed attending the AMA Tournament and being able to watch the girls play. Also, each school site has conducted a "Lock Down Drill". Each time we hold a drill we learn from the experience and improve.

**Info./Disc. Items:** Correspondence – there was no correspondences.

Memorandum of Understanding Between MTUESD and Calaveras County Sheriff's Office. Mrs. Tidball shared that the Calaveras County Sheriff's Office has applied for a grant to support a School Resource Officer. If approved this would support the Copperopolis site. The site would have to provide an office and phone for the officer. The benefit of having positive law enforcement presents is huge. Mrs. Tidball will provide more details when the district hears back from the Sheriff's Office.

Available 9.8 Acre Parcel – Copperopolis – Board Member Gary McGeorge asked that this item be place on the December agenda when all board members will be present.

**Consent Agenda  
Item Approval:**

A motion was made by Jenny Eltringham and seconded by Timothy Randall to approve Consent Agenda items.

***Motion was approved 3 / 0 / 2 / 0.***

1. Warrants.
2. Approval of Minutes for the October 9, 2014 board meeting.
3. Interdistrict Attendance Agreements
4. Equipment Surplus/Sell/Discard – Mark Twain Elementary
5. Six Flags Discovery Kingdom - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip – June 1, 2015
6. Mokelumne River Fish Hatchery – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Field Trip – March 201

**Review and Action  
Items Approval:**

1. Board to Consider Changing the Head Lice Policy BP 5141.33  
Mrs. Tidball explained that since last June she has been researching about lice and the district's policy. The change, if approved would be to not allow "nits". If the change is may this would be classifying "nits" as a contagious illness. After her research she found that the sites were not following the policy completely.

Mrs. Tidball believes that if the policy was implemented entirely we would not be having the issues we are now. It is her recommendation to keep the current policy and fully implement it

**After discussion by the board, no motion was mad and the current Board Policy remain in effect.**

2. Board to Consider Approval of Resolution No. 2014-2015 – 006 In the Matter of Increasing Time to the Position #2605 Car/Van Driver from 4.5 hours per day to 5.5 hours per day.

**Motion was approved 3 / 0 / 2 / 0**

2. Board to Consider Approval of Copperopolis Elementary School Single Plan for Student Achievement 2014-2015.  
Ms. Vail presented her Single Plan for Student Achievement 2014-2015.

**Motion was approved 3 / 0 / 2 / 0**

3. Board to Consider Approval of Mark Twain Elementary School Single Plan for Student Achievement 2014-2015  
Mr. Triance presented his Single Plan for Student Achievement 2014-2015

**Motion was approved 3 / 0 / 2 / 0**

ADJOURNMENT: 7:28 PM



Diane Bateman, Board President



Date



Julia Tidball, Superintendent



Date