

MARK TWAIN UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD MINUTES

Date: December 11, 2014

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

President Diane Bateman called the meeting to order at 6:42 PM.

Roll call was taken:

Present: Diane Bateman, Gary McGeorge, Maggie Rollings, Jennifer Eltringham,  
Timothy Randall

Absent: None

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
5. Superintendent Goals for 2014-2015 Update
6. Student Expulsion Hearing Held Pursuant to *Education Code Section 48918*  
#2014-2015-001

Reconvene to Open Session

Board President, Diane Bateman reported no action was taken in Closed Session for items 1, 2, 3, & 4.

Mrs. Bateman reported that item #5, the Superintendent's Goals for 2014-2015, were reviewed.

Mrs. Bateman reported that item #6 would be discussed later in this meeting.

Election  
Results:

Board Approval of Resolution 2014-2015-008 Certified Statements of Results of the Governing Board Member Election.  
Board President, Diane Bateman read Resolution 2014-2015-008.  
A motion was made by Jenny Eltringham and seconded by Gary McGeorge to approve.

**Resolution was approved 5 / 0 / 0 / 0**

Oath of Office for Trustees of the Board Approved.

Outgoing Trustee, Gary McGeorge administered the Oath of Office to:

Timothy S. Randall  
Kendall J Morlan

December 2014 – December 2018  
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Appointment of Board President for 2014-2015 – Maggie Rollings

Appointment of Board Vice-President for 2014-2015 – Timothy Randall

Appointment of Board Clerk for 2014-2015 – Jenny Eltringham

Appointment of Board to Committees for 2014-2015

- Interview Committee
  - Kendall Morlan
  - Timothy Randall
  - Jenny Eltringham
- Negotiation Committee
  - Diane Bateman
  - Maggie Rollings
- Special Education SELPA Committee
  - Diane Bateman
  - Maggie Rollings
- Facilities Committee
  - Maggie Rollings
  - Jenny Eltringham

Set Regular Monthly Board Meetings Day and Time for 2014-2015

Maggie Rollings asked that the May 12, 2016 meeting be changed to May 5, 2016.

All were in favor of the change.

MTUESD Board meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 12, 2016 has now been changed to Thursday, May 5, 2016

Comments:

Public: No comments from the public

Board: Jennifer Eltringham – Happy Holiday to all.

Timothy Randall – Thanked Gary McGeorge for his service to MTUESD. Both he and Mr. McGeorge started on the board at the same time. Mr. Randall has learned a lot and will miss Mr. McGeorge and his wit, sense of humor and calmness.

Maggie Rollings – Thanked Mr. McGeorge for his time on the Board. She also has learned from him and will miss him. Wished everybody happy holidays.

Gary McGeorge – Wished everyone a Merry Christmas. It has been a great experience to serve on the board for 12 years.

Diane Bateman – Wished everyone a happy holiday. Looking forward to having Kendall Morlan on the board and thanked Mr. McGeorge for his years of service.

**Student Rep.** Jesse O'Byrd, Board Representative for Mark Twain Elementary Student Council, shared that the Drama Club is having a performance next Thursday during the school day. The Boys' Basketball games start next Tuesday. The Student Council has been selling Santa Grams this week and has collected over \$100 so far. The next homeroom challenge for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be held next Thursday.

Faith Robinson, Student Council President for Copperopolis Elementary, shared the number of cans collected from the canned food drive was 889. Copperopolis Elementary received a letter from the Food Bank thanking them for helping to feed 78 families and 265 individuals. There were three things on her platform when she ran for Student Council President, art, music, and dance. She would love to have a music program and learn to play the guitar. It would be good to have a program where students could learn to express themselves through music or dance. She asked the Board to consider bringing the art, music, and dance back into the classroom.

**School Sites:**

**Mark Twain:** Kevin Triance, Principal, stated his student enrollment at Mark Twain Elementary is currently at 544 students. Mr. Triance talked about the new support groups on the Mark Twain campus. One group will focus on students who need help with social skills and social awareness. Another group will be ran by John Van Dyck from Calaveras County Behavioral Health and Sherri Sedler, Counselor at Bret Harte High School and modeled after the program at Bret Harte. This is at no cost to the district. Mr. Triance invited the Board to attend the K-1 winter program next Thursday at 6:30 PM in the gym. He was so impressed with his students when handing out Honor Roll certificates last week. In 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade 74% of the students were at 3.0 GPA or better and 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> it was at 64%. He has never seen it this high. All the training his teachers have had in Common Core is working.

**Copperopolis:** Karen Vail, Principal, stated her student enrollment at Copperopolis Elementary is currently at 264. With the student numbers dropping, she was able to eliminate one of the split classes. This has freed up the Title I teacher, Ms. McCracken, to work more students in the remaining split classes and for Ms. Chambers to work with students in the afternoon after her kindergarteners have gone home. Ms. Vail thanked her staff for coming up with an adjusted schedule before being asked and using this valuable teaching time. Copperopolis will be starting a Circle of Friends Club headed up by Meagan Stevens, Special Day Class teacher. Last week, Copperopolis Elementary held their Honor Roll Brunch. Ms. Vail thanked Mrs. Baschy for organizing this event for the students who received Honor Roll and their families.

**Certificated:** Wendy DeSimone, teacher, Copperopolis, thanked Mrs. Tidball for her help with Kindergarten dismissal today in the rain. She reminded the Board that the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students at Mark Twain are not in the winter program but will perform in the spring at a "Spring Sing". Mrs. Aardal's class is studying family history and making cornhusk dolls to represent each student's family heritage. The 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers wanted to thank the Board for approving the online IXL Math Program. Mrs. DeSimone also commented on the new 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grading Policy the board approved. She has been a part of the meetings with parents and students and has already seen where this is helping the students recognize that they must be accountable and that we want them to remediate that grade and learn what they have missed. She has seen a student start the 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester with an "F" and now has brought that grade up to a "C".

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

**Business:** Roy Blair, Director of Business Services deferred his comments for the Review and Actions items later in this meeting.

**Superintendent:** Julia Tidball, Superintendent thanked Gary McGeorge for his dedication and attention to detail. Mrs. Tidball extended a welcome to Kendall Morlan and is excited to work with her. She welcomed back to the Board, Timothy Randall and is looking forward to his continued commitment to Mark Twain Union Elementary School District. She thanked Diane Bateman for her term as Board President.

The Grant for Calaveras County Sheriff's Office School Resource Officer did not go through. The county and local schools were to come up with matching funds and the County Supervisors voted not to accept the grant at their December 9, 2014 meeting. The district is pursuing a Prop 39 Grant, which involves energy efficiency and job creation.

Mrs. Tidball appreciates the support of John Van Dyck and Sherri Sedler with a six week group counseling program. They are helping us help kids at no cost to the district.

The district is updating the library software program. The current program is no longer supported and could crash at any moment. We have moved to a cloud based program with less of an impact on the district servers. This update begins next week. Both sites should be in operation by the time we return from the Winter Break.

She has met again with Bret Harte and Vallecito to create a three year calendar and hopes to bring this to the board in January.

**Info./Disc. Items:** Correspondence – none

Quarterly Uniform Complaint Report Summaries –No complaints received this quarter.

#### District Goals 2014-2015 Update

Basic Services - New Certificated Salary Schedule and a new Classified Salary Schedule. We continue with the certificated staffing in TK-3 at 24:1 with the exception of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at Mark Twain Elementary which is currently 26:1. Our Certificated and Special Education Para-educators will participate in PECS training sponsored by Calaveras County Office of Education. A safety inspection at all district facilities by JPA was held last week. We are not anticipating any major findings. Speakers have been replaced and added at both school sites to ensure that emergency announcements are audible throughout the campuses. Replacement of the bathroom building flooring at the Copperopolis site is planned for the Winter Break. Grades 3-6 are utilizing the CCSS aligned enVision Mathematics curriculum District-wide. Mark Twain Elementary is awaiting delivery of 16 iPads to be utilized in the primary grades. Student and staff technological hardware is being repaired or replaced on an as needed basis.

Implementation of State Standards – MTUESD teachers from both sites in grade levels TK-2, 3-5 and 6-8 have participated in Common Core Literacy Training provided by Stanislaus County Office of Education. The two day series facilitated collaboration with grade alike teachers from Vallecito Union School District, Calaveras Unified School District and Calaveras County Office of Education. Our teachers have participated in two District Staff Development Days and one site specific Staff Development Day. In addition, the teaching staff has been collaborating during the PCD afternoon, focusing upon the implementation of the CCSS for Reading/Language Arts and Mathematics. We are making minor adjustments to current assessments and report cards. They will be reviewing the state online CCSS aligned interim assessments which will be available in January as a possible replacement for current District assessments.

Parent Involvement – Both sites held Title I Informational meetings for parents in conjunction with Back to School Night. In addition, Mark Twain Elementary has held two ELAC (English Language Advisory Committee) meetings and both sites have held parent information meetings. The agendas focused upon the following issues raised by the

parents in the 2013-2014 School Survey: Common Core State Standards, mathematics curriculum and homework.

Pupil Achievement – Mark Twain Elementary is in the process of reclassifying four students as fluent in English (RFEP). Teachers are evaluating the 1<sup>st</sup> trimester progress of their students utilizing curriculum and district assessments. Currently 6 students are receiving weekly SES services through A+ Educational Center. Homework assistance is provided two days per week for one hour by teachers Bobbie Wells and Sandie Airola at Mark Twain and Anna McCracken at Copperopolis. Tessa Pyle serves as the EL Support Teacher in addition to the Title I Support Teacher at Mark Twain. Anna McCracken serves as the Title I Support Teacher at Copperopolis and the small numbers of English Learner students are provided services the Title I or Learning Center support.

Pupil Engagement - The current truancy rate of the District which reflects the percentage of students who have three or more unexcused absences or tardies greater than 30 minutes is 4.5%

School Climate – The site principals are monitoring the implementation of the Bully Prevention Programs. Teachers and Para-educator participated in Circle of Friends training. Implementation is planned for both sites after winter break. Jana Matsumoto, School Psychologist is also providing counseling services to both students receiving SPED services and those who are not, but are in need of support. In addition Mark Twain benefits from the support of Behavioral Health Staff Member John Van Dyck. The current District suspension rate is 7.5% with one recommendation for expulsion. The majority of the suspensions can be attributed to serious offenses committed by a small number of students

Available 9.8 Acre Parcel in Copperopolis – Mrs. Tidball met with Aaron Stafford of Caldwell Banker of Lake Tulloch. He wanted the Board to consider the expansion of the current school to a piece of property across the street from Copperopolis Elementary that would house the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students along with a new gym and track and provide additional parking. Mr. Stafford was misinformed that the District's has put the Black Creek property up for sale. He was invited to address the Board at this meeting but was not in attendance.

#### Consent Agenda Item Approval:

A motion was made by Gary McGeorge and seconded by Timothy Randall to approve Consent Agenda items.

***All items on Consent Agenda were approved 5 / 0 / 0 / 0.***

1. Warrants.
2. Approval of Minutes for the November 13, 2014 board meeting
3. Interdistrict Attendance Agreements
4. Equipment Surplus/Sell/Discard – Copperopolis

#### Review and Action Items Approval:

1. Public Hearing in compliance with Public Disclosure for the purpose of presenting resolution and report of Developer Fees collected and manner in which they were spent for the 2013-14 school year and the required five year report of findings as required by Education Code Sections 66001(d) and 66006(b)."

1. A motion was made by Jenny Eltringham and seconded by Timothy Randall to move into Public Hearing.  
**5 / 0 / 0 / 0**

2. Roy Blair, Director of Business Services directed the board to attachment "A", the amount collected for the 2013-2014 year (\$120,871) was about twice as much as we have been receiving in the last couple of years. He cannot determine the cause of the increase.
3. No review or discussions on the comments made.
4. A motion was made by Gary McGeorge and seconded by Maggie Rollings to move into Public Hearing.  
**5 / 0 / 0 / 0**

2. Board to Consider Approval of Resolution 2014-2015-007 Regarding Accounting of Developer Fees for Fiscal Year-14 in: Fund 25 – Capital Facilities Fund/Developer Fees (Government Code sections 66001(d) & 66006(b))  
A motion was made by Gary McGeorge and seconded by Jenny Eltringham to approve.

**Resolution 2014-2015-007 was approved 5 / 0 / 0 / 0**

3. Board to Consider Approval of Resolution 2014-2015-009 in appreciation of Gary McGeorge.  
President, Diane Bateman read aloud Resolution 2014-2015-009.  
A motion was made by Timothy Randall and seconded by Gary McGeorge to approve.

**Resolution 2014-2015-009 was approved 5 / 0 / 0 / 0**

4. Board's Adoption of Findings and Conclusions following closed session Expulsion Hearing # 2014-2015-001 pursuant to Education Code Section 48918  
President, Diane Bateman read aloud the Board's Adoption of Findings in Expulsion Hearing # 2014-2015-001.  
A motion was made by Gary McGeorge and seconded by Maggie Rollings to approve.

**Adoption of Findings and Conclusion of Expulsion Hearing 2014-2015-001 was approved 5 / 0 / 0 / 0**

5. Board to Consider Approval of Resolution 2014-2015-010 in the Creation of a 5.5 hour Special Education Para-educator  
This is to meet the instructional needs of a Special Education student at Copperopolis Elementary while mainstreaming in regular education classes.  
A motion was made by Timothy Randall and seconded by Gary McGeorge to approve.

**Resolution 2014-2015-010 was approved 5 / 0 / 0 / 0**

6. Board to Consider Approval of Resolution 2014-2015-011 in the Elimination of a 2.5 hour Para-educator  
This is an old classification and is only a cleanup of an eliminated job classification that is not currently filled.  
A motion was made by Gary McGeorge and seconded by Timothy Randall to approve.

**Resolution 2014-2015-011 was approved 5 / 0 / 0 / 0**

7. Board to Consider Approval of Audit Report 2013-2014  
Roy Blair, Director of Business Services outlined the Audit Report.  
A motion was made by Timothy Randall and seconded by Gary McGeorge to approve.

**Audit Report 2013-2014 was approved 5 / 0 / 0 / 0**

8. Board to Consider Approval of Resolution 2014-2015-012 Regarding the Education Protection Account

Roy Blair, Director of Business Services explained the Education Protection Account to the Board. The revenues from Proposition 30 will be deposited into the Education Protection Account (EPA) and the report posted on the website.  
A motion was made by Gary McGeorge and seconded by Timothy Randall to approve.

**Resolution 2014-2015-012 was approved 5 / 0 / 0 / 0**

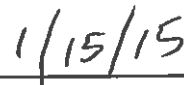
9. Board to Consider Approval of the 2014-2015 First Interim Report  
Roy Blair, Director of Business Services outlined the First Interim Report. This is a first look at how we are doing financially. We continue to be deficit spending and Mr. Blair is working on ways to reduce this.  
A motion was made by Timothy Randall and seconded by Gary McGeorge to approve.

**First Interim Report for 2014-2015 was approved 5 / 0 / 0 / 0**

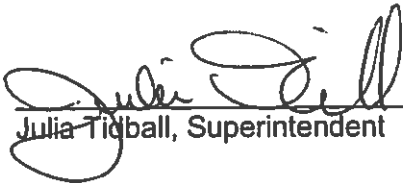
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Maggie Rollings, Board President



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Julia Tibball, Superintendent



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