



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 9, 2015

Location: Copperopolis Elementary MPR
217 School St.
Copperopolis, CA 95228

President Maggie Rollings called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

Roll call was taken, present:

Diane Bateman, Kendall Morlan, Timothy Randall, Jennifer Eltringham, Maggie Rollings

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)

Board President, Maggie Rollings reported no action was taken.

2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
Name of Agency Negotiator: Julia Tidball
Employee Organization: California School Employees Association,
Chapter #815 (G.C. 54957.6)

Board President, Maggie Rollings reported the action will be taken under Review and Action Items.

3. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release - Governing Board's Receipt of Complaints/Charges Against a District Employee

Board President, Maggie Rollings reported the board voted to place a Certificated staff member on paid Administrative Leave for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year. A motion was made by Timothy Randall and seconded by Diane Bateman to approve.

***Certificated placed on Paid Administrative Leave was approved - 3 / 0 / 0 / 2
(Maggie Rollings and Kendall Morlan recused themselves from the vote)***

4. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release
Board President, Maggie Rollings reported the Board voted on the Non-Reelection of a First-Year Probationary Certificated employee.
A motion was made by Timothy Randall and seconded by Diane Bateman to approve.

***Non Reelection of a First-Year Probationary Certificated Staff Member was approved - 3 / 0 / 0 / 2
(Maggie Rollings and Kendall Morlan recused themselves from the vote)***

5. Personnel Assignment Order

Board President, Maggie Rollings reported the Board accepted the resignation of the Athletic Director at Mark Twain Elementary effective June 2015.

A motion was made by Diane Bateman and seconded by Timothy Randall to approve.

Resignation of Athletic Director MT was accepted 5 / 0 / 0 / 0

Board President, Maggie Rollings reported the Board accepted a candidate for a Classified Special Education Paraeducator position in the ESY Program.

A motion was made by Diane Bateman and seconded by Timothy Randall to approve.

Classified staff member was approved 5 / 0 / 0 / 0

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Classified staff member was approved 5 / 0 / 0 / 0

Board President, Maggie Rollings reported the Board accepted a Certificated staff member to fill the 5th Grade Teaching position at Copperopolis Elementary for 2015-2016 school year.

A motion was made by Diane Bateman and seconded by Timothy Randall to approve.

Certificated staff member was approved 5 / 0 / 0 / 0

Board President, Maggie Rollings reported the Board accepted a Certificated staff member retirement effective June 5, 2015

A motion was made by Diane Bateman and seconded by Timothy Randall to approve.

Certificated retirement was approved 5 / 0 / 0 / 0

Open Session

Comments:

Public: No comments from the public

Board: Diane Bateman - Welcomed everyone back from spring break and commented that the year was flying by.

Kendall Morlan - Shared that she attended an Olveus meeting at Copperopolis Elementary with Maggie Rollings and Karen Vail.

Timothy Randall – no comment from Mr. Randall

Jennifer Eltringham – no comment from Mrs. Eltringham

Maggie Rollings - Shared that she had attended the volleyball tournament this week and commented on how hard the team is working. She also attended a State Assessment Parent Meeting with Mr. Triance at Mark Twain Elementary that was very informative. And, she attended a "Class Meeting" for Olveus at Copperopolis Elementary. Mrs.

Rollings reported that it was interesting seeing the kids break up into groups to discuss the topic.

Student Rep.

Isabella Leavitt, Student Representative from Copperopolis Elementary talked about the Circle of Friends activities which involves friending a special needs student. She thanked the Saddle Creek Garden Club for redecorating the garden at Copperopolis Elementary. Isabella extended a thank you to Bill Davis and Ken Malvini for removing the slide and installing bubble pad on the playground. The Copperopolis 5th/6th Girls' Volleyball Team took 2nd place in the tournament.

School Sites:

Mark Twain:

Kevin Triance, Principal, shared his enrollment currently is 532. Mr. Triance thanked Pam Heise for all her efforts in helping the staff prepare for the SBAC online testing. Mrs. Airola, Ms. Powell, and Mr. Triance will be visiting preschools that feed into Mark Twain Elementary. Currently there are 33 completed kindergarten enrollment packets. This looks to be a large kindergarten class for the 2015-2016 school year. The majority of the teachers at Mark Twain now have active web sites accessed through the MTUESD Google site at <http://student.mtuesd.net/>. This is another tool to facilitate school and home communication. Mark Twain hosted the 7th & 8th grade AMA Girls' Volleyball Tournament. Mr. Triance talked about his last Parent Meeting where he shared with the 15 parents in attendance about the SBAC testing. Parents have expressed concerns regarding the online assessments based on Common Core Standards. He also attended a Highway 4/49 Project meeting. The construction on the Health Clinic on Stanislaus Ave will begin in the fall of 2015. Good news is a stop light will be added at the Hwy 4/Main St. and Stanislaus Ave junction.

Copperopolis:

Karen Vail, Principal, shared her enrollment had taken a dip but the school has enrolled 4 new students in the last 24 hours which puts her current enrollment number at 264. Ms. Vail thanked Kendall Morlan and Maggie Rollings for attending an Olveus class meeting. She invited the Board to attend Copperopolis Elementary's Open House on May 7, 2015 starting at 6:00 P.M. Ms. Vail has attended 4 Kindergarten transitional IEP's for those students transferring into the Special Day Class at Copperopolis. Megan Stevens, Special Day Class teacher and Emily Chambers, Kindergarten teacher visited the Special Education preschools run by CCOE and came back very excited after seeing how the students were being engaged.

Certificated:

Wendy DeSimone, the newly elected President for ACE shared the new ACE officers, herself – President, Dan Perreault – Vice President, Kel Lee Felix – Secretary, Lori McKay – Treasurer, Negotiations Team – Jeff Airola, Darcy Zimmerman, Carol Aardal, and Mary Pino. Darcy Zimmerman and Marianne Gates will be helping with insurance. Mrs. DeSimone appreciated the progress made with Julia Tidball in negotiations and should wrap it up with the next negotiations meeting. Mrs. DeSimone shared her experience with the new 6th – 8th Grading Policy. It has helped to motivate some students and has created many opportunities for conversations between teachers, students and parents. The one student sent to CRA is doing well with small group instruction. It was an appropriate placement. Wendy shared that 54 of 60 students in the 7th/8th grades remediated a failing grade. This policy is helping 6th grade students be prepared for the next level (7th/8th grades) and beyond and helping them to understand the consequences of their actions. All staff and students are gearing up for state testing. Wendy DeSimone wanted to publicly thank retiring teacher, Kathy Casas for her years of teaching. She will be missed.

Classified:

No comments from Classified

Business: Roy Blair, Director of Business Services shared that he and Mrs. Tidball have started meeting with the stakeholder groups for the LCAP to determine where we are at with our plan and make adjustments accordingly. On Friday they will meet with the Student Council at Mark Twain Elementary. Mr. Blair presented a Cafeteria Fund Statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance – Budget and Actual for the nine months ending February 28, 2015. We have generated about \$236,000 in revenues this year. Revenues for the cafeteria were federal (76.54%), state (6.7%), and sales through February (16.76%). Mr. Blair reviewed the expenditures of which approximately \$125,000 goes towards salaries (52.94%) with the remainder going towards food and supplies. So far this year we have \$2,230 profit. The budget projections indicated we would have approximately \$40,000 deficit. Roy believes that we will have approximately \$20,000 savings by the end of the school year. Mr. Blair reported that we have served 58,572 lunches and 21,765 breakfasts.

Superintendent: Julia Tidball, Superintendent, wanted to add to the accolades expressed about Kathy Casas. She has been an integral part of our district for many years. We have nominations for Rotary Teacher of the year and Kathy Casas is nominated by her peers each year. Mrs. Casas demonstrates sincere caring for students and sees each and every one of her students as individuals. We will miss her but wish her the very best. Mrs. Tidball announced the Rotary Teacher of the Year for MTUESD, Sandi Airola. She will be honored at a luncheon this month. Mrs. Airola is a great choice to be our representative for the district. Mrs. Tidball gave an update on the BIIG Grant. This will increase the speed of the internet coming from CCOE to each school site. We submitted a grant proposal for Wintercreek Foundation in the amount of \$30,000 for fine arts, music and dance instruction. The Wintercreek Foundation has been very generous in the past helping to fund numerous programs. In fact, we are in a much better place than many school districts in terms of the online testing in part due to the support of this foundation. This district is in the middle of assessment season with the California Physical Fitness Test completed in March and next week starting SBAC online testing for 3rd – 8th grades. We will still be testing our 5th & 8th grade students using the California Standards Test for Science along with some students taking the California Modified Test and some taking the CAPA. Mrs. Tidball and Mr. Blair will be meeting with the stakeholder groups for LCAP starting with the Student Council at Mark Twain on April 10, Copperopolis Student Council on April 15, Certificated staff on April 14, Mark Twain Parent meeting on April 21, Copper Parent meeting April 22, and still need to schedule meetings with the ELAC group and our Classified staff members.

Info. /Disc. Items: Correspondence – Letter from Kathy Northington for a positive certification on our 2nd Interim Report

CSBA Delegate for Amador, Calaveras, & Tuolumne Counties – Zarrell McDaniels
Mrs. McDaniels introduced herself as a board member for Calaveras Unified School District and the California School Board Association Delegate for Amador, Calaveras & Tuolumne. She talked about the Rural County School Board Association (RCSBA) which is a coalition of rural county school boards to have a larger voice and to educate our legislators. Mrs. McDaniels invited the board to attend the next RCSBA meeting on April 16 at the Tuolumne County Office of Education in Sonora.

First 5 of Calaveras – Teri Lane, Executive Director
Mrs. Lane introduced herself as the Executive Director for First 5 of Calaveras and talked about its history. In 1998 Proposition 10 – Children and Families Act passed also known as the cigarette tax. This tax money supports early childhood development programs and services. Each county receives 80% of the monies based on the counties birth rate with 20% going to First 5 of California. There are 4 areas of focus for First 5,

Improve Child Health, Improve Child Development, Improve Family Functioning, and Improve Systems. Mrs. Lane handed out folders to the Board Members which included a brochure for First 5 of Calaveras that explained the programs in the county supported by First 5. Mrs. Lane would like to expand the service area to include Copperopolis with parenting classes.

First 5 of Calaveras – Joyce Peek, Program Director

Mrs. Peek introduced herself as the Program Director for First 5 of Calaveras. Mrs. Peek talked about the Parent Education Services offered through First 5. Over 70 classes are offered each year throughout the county. She is looking to expand services for parents to include Copperopolis.

Further discussion ensued between the board members, Mrs. Peek and Mrs. Lane about providing a location for services in Copperopolis. Board President, Maggie Rollings asked that if First 5 was providing services at no cost to the district how can the district capitalize on it.

6th- 8th Grade Grading Policy Review and Update on Rollout – Site Principals

Mr. Triance talked about the two students who were sent to CRA. During this school year one student was sent due to grades not remediated and the other was due to a behavior/grades contract violation. This grading policy has been successful for the 7th and 8th grades students and now for the 6th grade students also. It opens up the lines of communication between the teacher, the student, the parents, and the principal.

Mrs. Vail talked about the rollout of the grading policy to include 6th grade students. It has created opportunities for conversations between all parties. Mrs. Vail provided a fieldtrip to CRA for those students who were at risk of failing. Only one was sent to CRA after exhausting all other avenues to remediate the failing grade. The students were offered before school and after school help to rectify the failing grades. Mrs. Vail thanked the board for giving her the choice to send or not to send a student to CRA and that the policy provides the opportunity to look at each student as an individual. The decision was made by the team that included the teacher, the parents, the student, and the principal to send this student to Calaveras River Academy which has turned out to be the right decision. The student is now excelling with small group instruction and is currently on the honor roll. The student will be given the opportunity to return in the 7th grade with a clean slate.

Further discussion ensued about the policy and how it is supporting the students with reviewing the subjects they may have difficulty with and providing remediation now and not just later during summer school.

Quarterly Uniform Complaint Report Summaries January – March

Superintendent, Julia Tidball reported there were no complaints filed in this quarter.

Consent Agenda
Item Approval:

A motion was made by Diane Bateman and seconded by Jenny Eltringham to approve Consent Agenda items.

1. Warrants.
2. Approval of Minutes for the March 12, 2015 board meeting
3. Interdistrict Attendance Agreements
4. Kindergarten Airola Ranch Field Trip Request

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

Review and Action
Items Approval:

1. Board to Consider 2nd Reading and Approval of Board Policy, Administrative Regulations and Exhibits for Series 3000 – Business & Noninstructional Operations
A motion was made by Timothy Randall and seconded by Kendall Morlan to approve.

Series 3000 was approved 5 / 0 / 0 / 0

2. Board to Consider 2nd Reading and Approval of Board Policy, Administrative Regulations and Exhibits for Series 4000 – Personnel.

Mrs. Tidball indicated there is an update to one AR that will be presented later in this meeting but the rest of the series is unchanged from the first reading.

A motion was made by Diane Bateman and seconded by Jenny Eltringham to approve.

Series 4000 was approved 5 / 0 / 0 / 0.

3. Board to Consider 2nd Reading and Approval of Board Policy, Administrative Regulations and Exhibits for Series 5000 – Students.

Board member, Kendall Morlan asked to review a sentence in BP 5141.33 “If a student is found with active head lice he/she may remain at school until the end of the school day”. Mrs. Tidball will review and bring BP 5141.33 back to the Board during the next board meeting.

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

Series 5000 was approved (not to include BP 5141.33) 5 / 0 / 0 / 0.

4. Board to Consider Approval of the 1st Reading of Board Policy, Administrative Regulations and Exhibits for Series 6000 – Instruction.

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

1st Reading of Series 6000 was approved 5 / 0 / 0 / 0.

5. Board to Consider Approval of the 1st Reading of Board Policy, Administrative Regulations and Exhibits for Series 7000 – Facilities

A motion was made by Timothy Randall and seconded by Kendall Morlan to approve.

1st Reading of Series 7000 was approved 5 / 0 / 0 / 0.

6. Board to Consider Approval of the 1st Reading of Board Bylaws, Administrative Regulations and Exhibits for Series 9000 – Board Bylaws.

A motion was made by Diane Bateman and seconded by Jenny Eltringham to approve.

1st Reading of Series 9000 was approved 5 / 0 / 0 / 0.

7. Board to Consider Approval of Revision to Administrative Regulation AR 4112.4/4212.4/4312.4 – Health Examinations – Tuberculosis Risk Assessment / Examination and the addition of Exhibit E 4112.4 (a) and E 4112.4 (b)

Mrs. Tidball explained the reason for this update is to eliminate the unnecessary need for testing for Tuberculosis with those people with a low risk factor. Those people that are at

a high risk factor will still need to be tested for Tuberculosis. After approving this update the ACE contract language will need to be changed along with the Student and Volunteer Handbooks.

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

AR 4112.4 / 4212.4 / 4312.4 E 4112.4(a) E 4112.4 (b) was approved 5 / 0 / 0 / 0.

8. Board to Consider Approval of Job Descriptions for Stipend Positions – Athletic Director, Drama Advisor, Science Camp Coordinator, Student Council Advisor, Yearbook Advisor. A motion was made by Jenny Eltringham and seconded by Diane Bateman to approve.

Job Descriptions for Stipend Positions was approved 5 / 0 / 0 / 0.

9. Board to Consider Approval of Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for the 2015-2016 school year.

A motion was made by Kendall Morlan and seconded by Timothy Randall to approve.

Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators was approved 5 / 0 / 0 / 0.

10. Public Hearing in compliance with Public Disclosure requirements of AB-1200 (Statutes 1991), GC 3547.5 (Statutes of 2004, Chapter 25) regarding tentative agreements with California School Employees Association, Chapter #815, Classified Confidential, Operations Manager, Classified Senior Management, And Certificated Management.

A motion was made by Diane Bateman and seconded by Jenny Eltringham to move into Public Hearing.

Move into of Public Hearing was approved 5 / 0 / 0 / 0.

Comments from public or staff – Mrs. Tidball explained the reason behind this is due to an oversight by the District. The Districts less than 12 months classified employees have not been receiving compensation for an additional float day. An agreement has been made with the classified group to go back 3 years for compensation of current employees.

A motion was made by Kendall Morlan and seconded by Diane Bateman to move out of Public Hearing.

Move out of Public Hearing was approved 5 / 0 / 0 / 0.

11. Board to Consider Approval of Tentative Agreement with Mark Twain Union Elementary School Districts Classified / California School Employees Association, Chapter #815.

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

Tentative Agreement with CSEA (Jubilee Float) was approved 5 / 0 / 0 / 0.

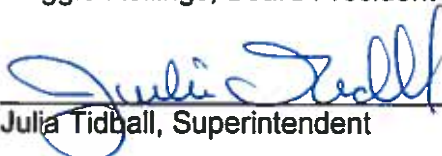
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Maggie Rollings, Board President



Date



Julia Tidball, Superintendent



Date