

**Mark Twain Union Elementary School District**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
October 11, 2018

Location: District Board Room at 981 Tuolumne Ave, Angels Camp, CA 95222  
Members Present: Jenny Eltringham, Maggie Rollings, Diane Bateman and Kendall Morlan  
Staff Present: Julia Tidball, Roy Blair, Jeff Airola and Kathy Six  
Others Present:

**1. Opening of Closed Session Meeting by Board President**

- 1.1 Establishment of Quorum  
A quorum was established with all five (5) Board Members present.

**2. Public Comment: None**

**3. Closed Session Items**

The Board recessed to Closed Session.

- 3.1 Conference with Labor Negotiator  
Name of Agency Negotiator: Julia Tidball  
Employee Organization: Angels Camp Educators ACE/NEA (G.C. 54957.6)
- 3.2 Conference with Labor Negotiator  
Name of Agency Negotiator: Julia Tidball  
Employee Organization: California School Employee Association Chapter 815 (G.C. 54957.6)
- 3.3 Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal
- 3.4 Personnel Assignment Order

**4. Return to Open Session Meeting by Board President 6:44 PM**

- 4.1 Pledge of Allegiance  
4.2 Roll Call:  
4.3 Report of Action Taken in Closed Session

Board President Kendall Morlan reported the following:

Item 3.1 - Conference with Labor Negotiator ACE/CTA/NEA	No action taken
Item 3.2 - Conference with Labor Negotiator CSEA Chapter #815	No action taken
Item 3.3 - Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal	No action taken
Item 3.4 – Personnel Assignment Order	Action taken listed below

Classified	Accepted	Additional 0.5 hour per day as Yard Supervisor at Mark Twain effective 10/1/18.
Classified	Accepted	6.5-hour Special Education Paraeducator due to resignation vacancy.
Classified	Accepted	Resigned Bus Driver position 10/17/18 and accepted 5.5-hour Food Service Worker at Copperopolis Elementary.
Classified	Accepted	Resigned Bus Driver position 10/12/18 and accepted 8.0-hour Food Service Worker at Mark Twain Elementary effective 10/15/18.
Certificated	Accepted	Athletic Director at Copperopolis Elementary for 2018-19.
Classified	Accepted	Bus Driver pending completion of licensing process.

*Motioned by: T. Randall*

*Seconded by: M. Rollings*

*Motioned Carried: 5-Ayes (Randall, Eltringham, Rollings, Bateman, and Morlan) 0-Noes /0 –Absent /0-Abstained*

Board President, Kendall Morlan announced 2 review and action items 8.10 and 8.11 to the agenda.

**5. Public Comment: None**

**6. Information & Discussion Items**

- 6.1 Comments from the Board  
Jenny Eltringham is enjoying attending the girls' basketball games and looks forward to Copperopolis PTC Steak and Shrimp Fest.

Maggie Rollings has been busy building Parent Education classes in Copperopolis with the Nurtured Heart program and Copper Parent Café.

Kendall Morlan is looking forward to the Steak and Shrimp Fest this Saturday.

6.2 Comments from the Student Representatives

Hunter Heath, Student Representative for Mark Twain informed the Board who the Student Council Officers are for 2018-19, President Melana Wakefield, Vice-President Briar Gibson, Secretary Kady Roller, Treasurer Dylan Knick, Publicity Chair Landie Winans, Activities Commissioner Afton Phillips, Historian Carson Blodgett and Olivia Gayle. The Back-to-School Dance for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade was a great success with 138 students in attendance. The Student Leadership with the help of their advisor, Mrs. Tutthill will be building a float for Bret Harte Homecoming parade. The upcoming Jog-a-thon will benefit the Ski Program and help with transportation. The week of October 29<sup>th</sup> starts the AMA Girls' Basketball Tournament with the Cross-country Team finals on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The rally to celebrate both teams will be held on Tuesday, October 30.

6.3 Comments from the Principals

Josh O'Geen, Principal at Copperopolis Elementary shared the school's Newsletter with the Board, highlighting several articles focused on attendance, bedtime, math and PBIS. Mr. O'Geen thanked Payless IGA for the assembly on Hunger and the donation of backpacks filled with food for each student. He thanked the Lions Club for the new benches which should be installed soon. Mr. O'Geen looks forward to seeing "Green" with the seeding of the field. The PBIS Tier II Training continues with another one next week. He highlighted the workings of the Check in/Check out he is doing with a student that seems to be successful. Copperopolis has decided to renew the subscription for Read Naturally. Mr. O'Geen thanked Mrs. Gosney and Mrs. Young for the assistance with Student Council. He looks forward to a great event this Saturday at the Steak and Shrimp Fest.

Wendy DeSimone, Principal at Mark Twain Elementary gave compliments to Paraeducator/Health Aide, Amber Sherrow with her positive attitude and help with new Paras. She highlighted 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, Richard Burkall who has lots of great ideas and has spearheaded planning for Science Camp. Teachers have been busy with Parent/Teacher conferences this week. The Homework Club is up and running with a wait list for the 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> grades. Mrs. DeSimone looks forward to having Mrs. Tidball join the PBIS Team next week at the Tier II Training. The first rainy day recess last week started with a conversation regarding the expectations of the students during this time which seemed to help. Mrs. DeSimone thanked the county office and Laura Machado for the Paraeducator Training this week. The Angels Gold Color Run was a great success. This was a family event and Mrs. DeSimone thanked Amy Nord and Badger Boosters for such a wonderful event.

6.4 Comments from the Certificated Representative

Sara Tutthill, PE Teacher at Mark Twain thanked the Badger Boosters for all their hard work in organizing the Angels Gold Run this year. Conference week has been great this year with a new format for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade which focused on students who need the attention. Mrs. Tutthill is aware of the struggle the Operations Manager has with staffing but expressed concerns regarding cleanliness on the Mark Twain campus. She is also concerned about the number of students who have an "F" at mid-trimester and noted the lack of a formal summer school program contributes to this. She suggested a summer school program with remediation in Math, Science and Language Arts similar to the high school.

Sonya Garrison, 8<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts Teacher at Mark Twain spoke about the need to fill the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Counselor position. With our K-6 Counselor trying to serve all students in the district she is only able to serve the ones with counseling written in their IEP. When a student hits the Tier II and II level in the PBIS program it refers them to counseling. According to Ms. Garrison the staff wants to PBIS program to be successful but are concerned with the lack of counseling services. They would like the 2 days per week for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students filled or possibly a fulltime counselor just for Mark Twain. This could be a combo counselor/administrator position.

6.5 Comments from the Classified Representative: None

6.6 Comments from the Operations Manager

Bill Davis wanted to publicly thank his staff, Ken Malvini, Scott McNurlin and Megan Gutierrez for their help getting students to and from school safely. With one driver retired, one resigned and took a position with Bret Harte and two leaving for other District positions he is down to one driver. Tonya Zielke is also helping transport students during this transition. Mr. Davis has gone from 5 bus routes last year to 4 routes (using buses and vans) to start the year and will cut it to 3 routes starting October 22. The adjustments to routes will affect students with stops eliminated and longer bus rides. The lack of drivers also affects field trips with no trips beyond the school day until further notice. The jobs are posted, and Mr. Davis hopes to have interviews soon with the new drivers driving routes in December. The field at Copper has been leveled and seeded and we should see "green" soon.

- 6.7 Comments from Director of Business Services:  
Roy Blair deferred his comments.
- 6.8 Comments from the Superintendent  
Mrs. Tidball thanked all the teachers for their time this week in conferencing with parents. It is a critical time to be able to meet with families. The Angels Gold Color Run was a nice family event and she enjoyed lending a hand. Mrs. Tidball will be attending the PBIS Tier II Training on October 17<sup>th</sup> with the teams from both sites. She thanked Laura Machado for the training she is providing our Paraeducators. Mrs. Tidball already has her tickets for the Steak and Shrimp Fest and looks forward to the evening.
- 6.9 Correspondence: None
- 6.10 Student Share – Mark Twain Elementary  
Tyler Halstead (8<sup>th</sup>) and Chad Hall Jr. (7<sup>th</sup>) both students at Mark Twain Elementary spoke about the Robotics program taught by Mr. Swanner during the advisory period. The boys really enjoy building the robots and the basic programming skills they have learned. They are trying to encourage more girls participate. The group will be participating in the Sumo Battles in November. They would like to highlight the need for supplies to keep the program going and invited the Board to come to the class.
- 6.11 Tuolumne JPA – Defense Spray Policy  
Mrs. Tidball informed the Board that after talking with Norma Wallace from the JPA the JPA is recommending the Board adopt this policy. An employee would need to request permission from the Superintendent to carry a defense spray while on campus.

7. **Consent Agenda Items**

*All matters listed under Consent Agenda Items are routine and all will be enacted by one motion and voice vote.*

- 7.1 Approval of Purchase Orders  
7.2 Approval of Warrants  
7.3 Approval of Minutes for September 20, 2018  
Board President requested a change in the minutes on her comments.  
7.4 Approval of Interdistrict Attendance Agreements  
7.5 Approval of Discard/Sell/Surplus – Mark Twain Elementary  
7.6 Approval of 8<sup>th</sup> grade Girls/Boys Basketball Teams attend Tournaments in Rocklin, CA and South Lake Tahoe

*Motioned by: J. Eltringham                      Seconded by: D. Bateman*

*Motioned Carried: 5-Ayes (Randall, Eltringham, Rollings, Bateman, and Morlan) 0-Noes /0 –Absent /0-Abstained*

8. **Review and Action Items**

- 8.1 Board to Consider Adoption of Resolution 2018-19-007 In the Matter of Authorizing Participation in The Rural School Bus Pilot Project

Bill Davis, Operations Manager informed the Board about the District qualifying for a Grant for \$165,000 to replace Bus 4. With the add-ons needed, the out of pocket cost for the District would be approximately \$7,000 to \$10,000.

*Motioned by: M. Rollings                      Seconded by: D. Bateman*

*Motioned Carried: 5-Ayes (Randall, Eltringham, Rollings, Bateman, and Morlan) 0-Noes /0 –Absent /0-Abstained*

- 8.2 Board to Consider Adoption of Physical Education Letter Grades for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grades  
Kurt Schneider, 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Copperopolis Elementary has been working with Mrs. Tidball and the intermediate grade teachers on a letter grade for Physical Education. If adopted by the Board letter grades would be implemented for starting the first trimester of this year.

*Motioned by: J. Eltringham                      Seconded by: M. Rollings*

*Motioned Carried: 5-Ayes (Randall, Eltringham, Rollings, Bateman, and Morlan) 0-Noes /0 –Absent /0-Abstained*

- 8.3 Board to Consider Approval of Notification Letter – Use of Correctional Inmates



*Motioned by: M. Rollings*

*Seconded by: J. Eltringham*

*Motioned Carried: 5-Ayes (Randall, Eltringham, Rollings, Bateman, and Morlan) 0-Noes /0 –Absent /0-Abstained*

- 8.11 Board to Consider Appointment of Trina Cachero to serve as District Representative on the Community Advisory Council (CAC)

*Motioned by: M. Rollings*

*Seconded by: D. Bateman*

*Motioned Carried: 5-Ayes (Randall, Eltringham, Rollings, Bateman, and Morlan) 0-Noes /0 –Absent /0-Abstained*

9. **Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting**

9.1 November 8, 2018 at Copperopolis Elementary, 217 School St., Copperopolis, CA

10. **Adjournment**

Board President, Kendall Morlan motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 PM.

*Motioned by: M. Rollings*

*Seconded by: D. Bateman*

*Motioned Carried: 5-Ayes (Randall, Eltringham, Rollings, Bateman, and Morlan) 0-Noes /0 –Absent /0-Abstained*

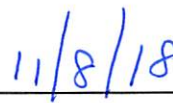
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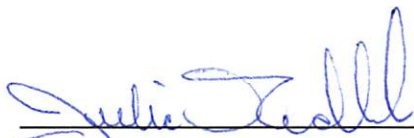
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Kendall Morlan, Board President



Date



Julia Tidball, Superintendent



Date