

**Mark Twain Union Elementary School District**  
**BOARD MEETING AGENDA-MINUTES**  
**September 10, 2020**

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Location: Open Session 5:30 P.M. / Closed Session 5:35 P.M. / Open Session 6:30 P.M.  
District Board Room at 981 Tuolumne Ave., Angels Camp, 95222

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**1. Closed Session**

1.1 Establishment of Quorum

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. and a quorum was established with four (4) Board Members.  
Motioned Carried: 4-Ayes (Bateman, Morlan, Eltringham, and Rollings)/0-Noes /1-Absent /0-Abstained

**2. Public Comment**

*This time is reserved for any person to address the Board on Closed Session Items.*

**3. Closed Session Items**

*The Board will recess to Closed Session to discuss and/or take action with respect to every item of business to be discussed in Closed Session pursuant to:*

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

**4. Open Session**

- 4.1 Pledge of Allegiance
- 4.2 Roll Call: Diane Bateman, Kendall Morlan, Jennifer Eltringham, Maggie Rollings are present. Timothy Randall is absent from the Board meeting.
- 4.3 Report of Action Taken in Closed Session
- 4.4 Personnel Assignment Order

**5. Public Comment**

*At this time, any person may address the Board on any consent action item or any item not listed on the agenda.*

**6. Information & Discussion Items**

6.1 Board Members

Diane Bateman- Ms. Bateman commented that this year has started and thanked all staff members on how hard they have been working and doing an amazing job.

Kendall Morlan- Mrs. Morlan agreed with Mrs. Bateman and had no other comments.

Jennifer Eltringham- Mrs. Eltringham shared how amazed she is on how the school year has gotten started. She commented on how hard it has been not only on the students and parents, but also on the teachers and other staff members. Mrs. Eltringham hopes the students can return to school soon in a safe way.

Maggie Rollings- Mrs. Rollings agreed with Mrs. Eltringham

6.2 Principals

Gary Pogue (Mark Twain Elementary)- Mr. Pogue share that it was hard to put into words how the school year has gotten started. He also commented on how the office staff has been working hard to get students entered as they have been enrolling and asking questions. Mr. Pogue continues to post his morning announcements on the District website for families to see. Mr. Pogue thanked his staff and the great efforts they are putting into their students and classrooms. Mr. Pogue mentioned that this has been difficult on the teachers and the parents, but he has seen encouragement on both parties working together to make the best of these circumstances.

Joshua O'Geen (Copperopolis Elementary)- Mr. O'Geen thanked Paula Wyant and the organization that she has brought into the District and working along side with her. He is looking forward in working with her on the LCAP this coming weekend. Mr. O'Geen thanked Mr. Pogue for assisting him during his illness and the support he felt during that time. He also thanked the District Staff and Bill Davis for all the hard work they have been doing getting the school sites ready to start school during these uncertain times. Mr. O'Geen shared that Copperopolis Elementary is strong and the classified staff is becoming more collaborative as he works together with them. The PBIS team met with a concentration on behavior management through Distant Learning with incentives. There were some great ideas that have come out of this meeting.

6.3 Certificated / Classified

Jeff Airola- Mr. Airola thanked Paula Wyant as she joined the District this year. He shared that although he feels that he is an experienced teacher, he feels as though he is a new teacher this year learning new things every day. In a conversation he had with Paula Wyant, he shared that every teacher is a new teacher this year. Mr. Airola is thankful for the new young teachers as they are teaching him something new with technology or teaching technique. In the long run, Mr. Airola feels all the teachers will become better teachers when this school year is complete. The students are learning many new skills with technology as well that will help them in their future.

6.4 Operations Manager

Bill Davis- Mr. Davis thanked the management team that has been gathered this year. This has been a great help with communication and ideas as we meet together. Mr. Davis shared that he is replacing a HVAC unit at Mark Twain estimated at \$9,000.00 from the deferred maintenance budget.

6.5 Director of Business Services

Roy Blair-Mr. Blair asked to defer until his report later in the Meeting

6.6 Superintendent

6.6.1 General Updates

Paula Wyant shared that she has been in negotiations with CSEA and ACE and working on the COVID MOU with both units. She mentioned that 2019-20 is almost complete and looking forward to moving forward onto 2020-21 negotiations soon. Ms. Wyant shared that she has had the pleasure of reading aloud to classes and enjoying the reactions from the students. There are two books she will be reading, "My Father's Dragon" to the younger students and "The wild Robot" to an older group of students. She has enjoyed making a cozy corner in her office welcoming students as they log into the Zoom meeting encouraging students to gather their "stuffie" as the story is read aloud. Enrollment is down by 85 students overall which is approximately \$850,000.00. Attendance will be critical as we return to school as we do not know how we will be audited next year. Starting next week, the food service will begin the Seamless Summer Food Program. The food service team has been amazing as they have been working hard to help this program work smoothly. Meals will need to be pre-ordered in order to be prepared in advance.

6.6.2 LCAP Working Committee Member

This committee will begin meeting on Friday, September 11. It is a collective group made up of parents (Jesse Lopez, Christy Miro, and Meegan Lucore), Staff representatives (Coreen Ellsworth, Nathan Norris, Molly Teale, and Bobbie Wells), along with Josh O'Geen, Gary Pogue, Roy Blair and Paula Wyant. This committee will be working on full distance learning and on-site learning and the new format. The work from this group will be published on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> for public input on Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. If there are comments or revisions, there will be another public input for final approval.

6.6.3 Elementary Waiver Process

In a staff survey regarding pursuit of the Elementary Waiver, the last week of August, 41 staff participated: 16 classified and 25 certificated. In the question regarding if the District should pursue a waiver, 56% said, yes and 44% said no. The exact same percentages were indicated for the question as to whether the employee was fully committed to their position if students were to return to school with full on-site learning. Schools and school districts may reopen for in-person instruction at any time if they are located in a local health jurisdiction (LHJ) that has not been on the county Widespread/Purple Tier within the prior 14 days. As of September 4, 2020, there have been 332 waivers submitted, 323 were approved. Of the approved, 36 were public schools or public-school districts. Nine were denied and 296 were either specialized Charter School, Private, or Faith Based schools. The recommendation of Superintendent Paula Wyant is to stay the course until November 16, 2020 for Full Distance Learning. The frequent changes have created stress and a feeling of chaos that has had tremendous impacts for families, staff and students. Commit to the development of policies and a program structure of a robust and rigorous long-term Independent Study Program that can be done virtually or strictly paper-pencil depending on the individual student enrolled.

6.7 Correspondence

## **7. Consent Agenda Items**

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

- 7.1 Approval of Purchase Orders (pg. 1-3)
- 7.2 Approval of Warrant (pg. 4-13)
- 7.3 Approval of Minutes for Board Meeting August 13, 2020 (pg. 14-17)
- 7.4 Approval of Minutes for Study Board Session August 27, 2020 (pg. 18-19)
- 7.5 Approval of Interdistrict Attendance Agreements (pg. 20)
- 7.6 Approval of Donation from Ramak Siadatan of 30 Virtual Reality/Augmented Reality Viewer Kits, valued at \$192.60 (pg. 21-25)
- 7.7 Approval of Agreement 2021 with State of California-Health and Human Services Agency Department of Health Care Services (SMAA) (pg. 26)

Motion to adopt the Consent agenda as mentioned made by D. Bateman and seconded by K. Morlan  
Motioned Carried: 4-Ayes (Bateman, Morlan, Eltringham, and Rollings)/0-Noes /1-Absent /0-Abstained

## **8. Review and Action Items**

- 8.1 Approval of ASB Bank Account Signers (Umpqua Bank)-Copperopolis Elementary (pg. 27)  
Remove Mandie Bettencourt

Motion to approve ASB Bank Account Signers made by J. Eltringham and seconded by D. Bateman  
Motioned Carried: 4-Ayes (Bateman, Morlan, Randall, and Rollings)/0-Noes /1-Absent /0-Abstained

- 8.2 Approval of ASB Bank Account Signers (Mechanics Bank)-Mark Twain Elementary (pg. 28)  
Remove Julia Tidball

Motion to approve ASB Bank Account Signers made by J. Eltringham and seconded by K. Morlan  
Motioned Carried: 4-Ayes (Bateman, Morlan, Eltringham, and Rollings)/0-Noes /1-Absent /0-Abstained

- 8.3 Approval of VANCO Payment Solutions Account Signers  
Remove Kathryn Six and Julia Tidball and add Paula Wyant (pg. 29)

Motion to approve VANCO Payment Solution Signers made by K. Morlan and seconded by D. Bateman  
Motioned Carried: 4-Ayes (Bateman, Morlan, Randall, and Rollings)/0-Noes /1-Absent /0-Abstained

- 8.4 Adoption of Bilingual Para Job Description (pg. 30-32)

Motion to adopt Bilingual Para Job Description made by J. Eltringham and seconded by K. Morlan  
Motioned Carried: 4-Ayes (Bateman, Morlan, Eltringham, and Rollings)/0-Noes /1-Absent /0-Abstained

- 8.5 Approval of the Unaudited Actual report for 2019-20

Report will be available at the time of the Board Meeting

This report communicates the fiscal activity and condition of the District at the close of each fiscal year ending June 30. The unaudited actuals ending fund balance for 2019-20 is \$1,888,323. A 4% reserve for economic uncertainties of \$339,404 and unappropriated amount of \$1,278,763 equal 19.13% at June 30, 2020.

Motion to approve the Unaudited Actual report for 2019-20 made by D. Bateman and seconded by K. Morlan  
Motioned Carried: 4-Ayes (Bateman, Morlan, Eltringham, and Rollings)/0-Noes /1-Absent /0-Abstained

## **9. Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting**

- 9.1 Public Hearing on Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan (LCAP): September 17, 2020 at ~~5:50~~.5:30-6:30 p.m.
- 9.2 Special Board Meeting for Approval of Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan (LCAP) and Budget: September 24, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.
- 9.3 October 8, 2020 in the District Board Room at 981 Tuolumne Ave, Angels Camp, CA

## **10. Adjournment**

Board President, Maggie Rolling called for the meeting to be adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Motion to adjourn made by D. Bateman and seconded by J. Eltringham

Motioned Carried: 4-Ayes (Bateman, Morlan, Eltringham, and Rollings)/0-Noes /1-Absent /0-Abstained

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Board of Education Regular Board Meeting on  
September 10, 2020

*Maggie Rollings*

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Maggie Rollings, Board President

*10/9/2020*

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Date

*Paula Wyant*

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Paula Wyant, Superintendent

*10/9/2020*

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