SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

**STONY CREEK JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**HELD AT ELK CREEK HIGH SCHOOL**

**AUGUST 7, 2013**

**MINUTES**

The Stony Creek Joint Unified School District Board of Education met in Special Session on August 7, 2013 at Elk Creek High School in Elk Creek, California. President Adrienne Haylor called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

A quorum was established with the following members of the board in attendance: Adrienne Haylor, Ken Swearinger, Sandra Corbin and Chonne Murphy

Anita McCabe arrived at 6:15 pm.

Administrators present: Superintendent Toby Spainhower

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sandra Corbin

**Public Comment on Agenda Items**

Superintendent Spainhower advised that there were items that had been requested to be added to the agenda but they cannot be added to a special meeting’s agenda. They will go on the agenda for the regular meeting scheduled for August 14, 2013.

**Professional and Official Business**

1. **Goal Setting**

She presented her goals that were developed from the State Standards. The District’s vision statement will be updated with input from the community, staff and parents. The vision statement will drive the goals and plan. Professional development will presented during the early release days and the classified staff will be included. Benchmark assessment will be conducted in grades K-8 for ELA during the first half and Math during the second half. They will be ensuring that they are making good use of the time and using an accountability sheet. Ken Swearinger stated that he wants to be sure the Superintendent and Principal are working together and that what Principal Drury has already done will not be taken away. Superintendent Spainhower stated that they are working together and moving forward. They will be working on providing a safe environment, that the rules and guidelines are consistent, providing unity and using a character development program. Cal Fire and Jeff Somerville worked this summer to create a safe, clean and maintained environment. The custodians were commended for the progress they made and their hard work. The Counselor will work with Administration towards increased parent participation and involvement. This will include working with Four Winds. Mr. Blade will be working with attendance and have the same procedures at all school sites. The website will be updated and newsletters sent home. There is going to be a county wide in-service on September 23rd for all staff. The budget will be managed responsibly and even though there are things that have to be done, times are still tough and they will be working closely with Randy Jones and Dusty Thompson. She is looking into opportunities for grants. She has found one for $75,000 with no matching funds for repairs for energy conservation. She is also working on grants for renovations to become ADA compliant. The goals will be presented again at mid-year and at the end of the year. Superintendent Spainhower stated that Mr. Drury had a family obligation and they will continue to work on his goals.

**Personnel**

1. **Counselor Position**

Superintendent Spainhower stated that interviews were held with 2 really good candidates. This is the selected candidate’s third year and his salary will start at $47,000. Chonne Murphy moved to approve hiring Michael Martin as Counselor. Sandra Corbin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Planning and Facilities**

1. **Indian Valley Elementary**

Sandra Corbin asked why this was on a special meeting’s agenda. Superintendent Spainhower stated that is was a priority and that during her tour with Golden State Risk Management, they stated it needed to be taken care of due to the way that is irrigated and that the material can float away. Sandra Corbin stated that she had talked to Jennifer from Golden State and that wood chips and ground up rubber can both float. Superintendent Spainhower stated that the plastic border will keep it in. There was discussion regarding keeping gravel on the bottom for drainage and putting other material on top of that. It was asked why no local contractors were contacted to provide bids for this project. The names and numbers of 3 local contractors were given to Superintendent Spainhower. Adrienne Halylor stated that she would like to see other options for the playground material.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm

The next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, August 14, 2013 at Indian Valley Elementary School. Closed session will be at 5:00 pm and open session will be at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Erin Callahan

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