

**Stony Creek Joint Unified School District
Special Board Meeting Minutes
May 1, 2025
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1. Call To Order

- a. The Stony Creek Joint Unified School District Board of Education met in session on May 1, 2025 at Elk Creek High School, Elk Creek, California.
- b. President Ritta Martin called the meeting to order at 8:01 am.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

- a. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ritta Martin.

3. Roll Call

- a. Members of the board in attendance were: Ritta Martin, Delana Martin, Cathie Bodeker, Diana Corkill. Members not in attendance were Krystal Craven
 - i. Others present: Superintendent Emily Pendell, Executive Assistant Dominique Buring and Andrzej Kubak.

4. Approval of Agenda

- a. Agenda for the meeting was approved as presented.
 - i. Motion: Diana Corkill, Seconded by: Delana Martin.
 - ii. Voting Result: 4-0

5. Public Comments on agenda Items

- a. Board Letter - See public comments under agenda item.

6. Old Business

- a. **Board Letter:** A special board meeting was called to address concerns regarding a previously issued public statement related to the district's 4-day week initiative. The concern was raised by Trustee Corkill, who noted that the statement—read aloud during the last regular board meeting and posted online—had been presented as a formal opinion of

the board, despite not having been approved through board discussion or action.

President Martin acknowledged that while the intent was to reflect the collective disappointment about not being able to implement the 4-day week initiative for the 2025–2026 school year, any public expression on behalf of the board should go through proper approval. The issue at hand centered on maintaining transparency, accuracy, and respect for proper governance procedures.

During the discussion, it was emphasized that significant time and effort had been invested in exploring the 4-day week model. The community, including staff, families, and tribal partners, had shown strong engagement and support. The board acknowledged the importance of recognizing those efforts and the collective disappointment in not moving forward with the initiative at this time.

Public Comment

Board Letter - Andrzej Kubak expressed concerns about the proposed 4-day school week.

- i. Motion to formally approve the statement as originally presented.
- ii. Motion: Ritta Martin, Seconded by: Cathie Bodeker
- iii. Voting Results: President Martin called to poll the board. Passed 3-1 with 1 absent.
 1. In Favor: Cathie Bodeker, Delana Martin, Ritta Martin
 2. Not In Favor: Diana Corkill
 3. Abstain: None
 4. Absent: Krystal Craven

7. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 am

Respectfully submitted by Superintendent Emily Pendell, Secretary to the Governing Board.



Ritta Martin, President