**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**STONY CREEK JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**HELD AT INDIAN VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**AUGUST 14, 2013**

**MINUTES**

The Stony Creek Joint Unified School District Board of Education met in Regular Session on August 14, 2013 at Indian Valley Elementary School in Stonyford, California. Clerk Anita McCabe called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Adjourned to Closed Session at 5:35 pm

Reconvened to Open Session at 6:12 pm

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

Administrators present: Superintendent Toby Spainhower, Principal Tim Drury

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Anita McCabe

**Closed Session Report**

Item #1-Inter-District requests 13-14-1, 13-14-2, 13-14-3, 13-14-5 and 13-14-6 were approved. 13-14-4 and 13-14-7 were denied.

No action was taken concerning item #2-Personnel/Labor Negotiations

**Approval of the Agenda**

Sandra Corbin moved to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Chonne Murphy and the motion passed unanimously.

**Comments on Agenda Items**

Dusty Thompson requested the Board consider tabling the item concerning advertising for the teaching position to allow time for him to speak with Randy Jones and Superintendent Spainhower due to a funding concern. Superintendent Spainhower stated that she wants consistency and that the Board should move forward with this. She also stated that she was unaware of Mr. Thompson’s concerns. Anita McCabe stated that she is concerned about the finances.

**Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items**

Diana Corkill asked if the 5% increase to the Lead Transportation employee’s salary was to the entire salary or just the transportation portion. Dusty Thompson replied that it is only for the transportation portion which is 3/8s. She also stated that everybody is aware that after being given 20 additional days, that employee was taking a 3 week leave of absence and 2 people were being hired to cover her jobs. She informed the Board that Maxwell School District just received $65,000 from a Cal Recycle grant with no matching funds to replace their playground material. She will forward the information to the District office. She asked about the cost of the paint used to paint the buildings this summer. Dusty Thompson said the total amount was $6,528 plus the cost to CalFire. Zoe Brandenberger expressed her concerns with the discussion that occurred at the last meeting regarding the confidential information discussed by the interview panel. She advised that they need to be careful and that no information from interviews should be disclosed in public.

**Consent Calendar**

The minutes will be presented at the next meeting.

Chonne Murphy moved to approve the Bills, Warrants and Transfers. It was seconded by Sandra Corbin and the motion passed unanimously.

**Re-Districting**

Chonne Murphy requested that a committee be formed. She received information from the County Elections Department stating that the count is of voting age people only, not total population. A waiver is needed for more time to finalize this. She stated her interest in being on the committee. Dr. Spainhower and Aaston Bill also expressed interest and more people from the community will be welcome.

**Reports**

**Superintendent**

Superintendent Spainhower reported that they are busy getting ready for school. She will present a slide show of the painting project with before and after pictures. She felt it was a beautiful start to the school year for the students. She and Mr. Drury went to all of the sites during the day. The parents’ handbook that went home today with all of the students came in at $193 which was half of the proposed cost. Monday was an all staff day and it went very well. They did a team building exercise and began working on a new vision statement.

**Principal**

Principal Drury stated that he, Lynda Walter and Sarah Thompson attended the Character Counts conference that was very good. He said his focus will be on the word Unified in the District’s name and doing what’s best for the students and the whole District. At the staff day, they talked about the pillars of character using the initials TRRFCC and broke into groups that made posters of each one of the pillars that are now hanging in his office. Today he went into all of the classrooms and there were no major issues. There will be a sports meeting for the parents on August 22 at 6 pm. The volleyball and football schedules will be on the website by Friday. There is possible change in the time for the football game scheduled on September 7 at Mercy.

**Board Members**

Sandra Corbin reported that she attended the FFA officer’s retreat and was very pleased with Mr. Minto and that he did an outstanding job with the kids. She thanked Jill Swearinger and Sabrina Criner for their hard work getting the schools ready this summer.

Superintendent Spainhower thanked Jeff Somerville for his hard work during that time.

**Professional and Official Business**

1. **Proposed Land Transfer**

Superintendent Spainhower reported that she had contacted the attorney and there is a form that needs to be completed for a surplus property process and there are 3 or 4 steps that the District has to take. It was voted on by the prior Board that the District will incur no costs in this matter. Mr. Fred Pride stated that if there is any fault, it lies with the school and that there has been no fanfare with the other transfers. Superintendent Spainhower stated that she only wants everything done right and that the attorney said the forms submitted by Mr. Pride look good, there is just one piece missing. She referred to a code that Mr. Pride requested a copy of. He also requested that the whole Board be present to take action. Chonne Murphy and Sandra Corbin stated that they want to get this done. Chonne Murphy stated that in response to some of the stated concerns from staff members, the siren is at the church and is not going to be moved. There were 48 fire calls last year. 10 were during school hours and 1 of those was at the school. Mr. Pride stated that the fire department members have to drive the speed limit when responding. Parking has become a hazard at the current fire hall and that the students need to learn a drill when the siren goes off. It was requested that Mr. Pride start the process the paperwork and put together with the estimated costs for the next meeting. It was also requested that a representative from the fire department be present at the meeting. The only fees the District should incur are the legal fees with its attorney. This item will be brought back on the next agenda.

1. **Attorney Billing Rates**

A letter received from the attorney’s office stated the current rates with a small increase in the associates’ fees. Sandra Corbin moved to approve the hourly rates for Kingsley Bogard LLP. Chonne Murphy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Curriculum and Programs**

1. **MOU**

Sandra Corbin moved to accept the MOU between the District and Four Winds of Indian Education. It was seconded by Anita McCabe and the motion passed unanimously. Anita McCabe asked how many students attended from Stonyford and was told none. It was requested to send forms home with all students and put the information on the website. Aaston Bill stated that they will have fundraisers to raise money for transportation. Superintendent Spainhower asked if they would like to be added to the agenda during the Reports section.

1. **Overnight Field Trip**

Chonne Murphy moved to approve the request for the 6th grade students to attend Shady Creek Outdoor School. Anita McCabe seconded and the motion passed unanimously. 3 high school students will attend at no cost as counselors. The PTC will pay for the trip with the District providing the transportation.

1. **Opportunity Program**

The Glenn County Office of Education received funds for this program and it will be funded for one more year. There will be a teacher provided and the District will receive the ADA for the students.

**Personnel**

1. **Letter of Resignation**

Mike Rutherglen is currently filling in for this position. Sandra Corbin moved to accept the letter of resignation from Jessica Suchorski as Science/PE teacher and to approve advertising and conducting interviews for the position with the opportunity to use proposals from Dusty Thompson and Randy Jones. It was seconded by Chonne Murphy and the motion passed unanimously. The panel will include a teacher, parent and board member.

1. **Request to Schedule a Special Board Meeting**

Chonne Murphy moved to schedule a special meeting on Wednesday, August 28th at 6:00 pm at Indian Valley Elementary School to approve new hires and other items. It was seconded by Sandra Corbin and the motion passed unanimously.

**Discussion Items**

Diana Corkill asked why the letter she had written to the Board was not read during this meeting. Superintendent Spainhower replied that she had read the letter but didn’t realize she wanted it read at the meeting. She presented a copy of her rebuttal to Mrs. Corkill. Sandra Corbin requested that issues be prioritized including the Golden State Risk Management safety goals. Superintendent Spainhower stated that these are included in their goals and will be presented at the next meeting.

**Items for Next Agenda**

Approve New Hires

Proposed Land Transfer

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm

The next regular meeting will be held on September 11, 2013 at Elk Creek High School.

***Respectfully submitted by Erin Callahan***

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***President***