

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
STONY CREEK JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
HELD AT ELK CREEK HIGH SCHOOL
JUNE 17, 2024

MINUTES

The Stony Creek Joint Unified School District Board of Education met in Special Session on June 17, 2024 at Elk Creek High School, Elk Creek, California.

President Ritta Martin called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Adjourned to Closed Session at 5:01 pm.

Reconvened to Open Session at 6:01 pm.

A quorum was established with the following members of the board in attendance: Ritta Martin, Meagan Groteguth, Delana Martin and Krystal Craven.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ritta Martin.

Closed Session Report

A. Gov. Code 54957 - Personnel - Public Employment - Nothing to Report

Approval of Agenda

Krystal Craven made the motion to approve the agenda with adding agenda item I- Updating July Meeting date. It was seconded by Meagan Groteguth and the motion passed by a vote of 4-0 with 1 vacant.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Community member Zoe Brandenberger asked about a repairs update on Indian Valley School.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Public Comment by Zoe Brandenberger asked about clarification on the public comment cards. Krystal Craven clarified the board's desire that the public use the comment cards for comments on agenda items for the organization of public comments during the meeting, and indicated that cards may be given to her when complete.

Consent Calendar

Krystal Craven made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on May 28, 2024 and the bills and warrants. It was seconded by Meagan Groteguth and the motion passed by a vote of 4-0 with 1 vacant.

Reports

Board Members

Ritta Martin reported that board policies are finally on the website and ready to go; they started in July and have had small updates each quarter. Mrs. Martin also stated that Superintendent Pendell will be talk

about the 4-Day school week next but that she would like the board to write a letter of support. Delana Martin asked Superintendent Pendell what the feedback from the community has been. Superintendent Pendell responded that the community has been in favor and very excited about the prospect of a 4-day week and several families wrote letters of support. There were no objections to the board providing a letter.

CBO

Nothing to report.

Superintendent/Principal

Superintendent Pendell was happy to share that our three Elk Creek High Seniors received over \$15,000 in scholarships this year. Superintendent Pendell thanked Mr. Tom Bryant, high school counselor, for working so hard to help make sure our students were recognized. She reported that summer mode was in full swing to clean classrooms, floors and to finish projects. Room 1 at the high school is ready for the library to move in.

Old Business

A. 4-Day School Week

Superintendent Pendell expressed her excitement that we have a formal bill for the Four Day School Week and that it has passed the Senate. She reported that there have been positive reactions from families, Grindstone Parent Advisory Committee (GPAC), and teachers. The bill will now move to the senate committee education committee, appropriations committee and then to the Governor. The passing of this bill will change California Education Code allowing our district to have less than 180 days; however our district must still meet the same required instructional minutes.

New Business

A. Public Hearing - LCAP

Open Hearing: 6:15 pm

Superintendent Pendell presented the LCAP. The district goals were presented and centered around increasing test scores, improving student attendance and school culture, and providing a broad program of study, including Career Technical Education opportunities. Actions included items such as PBIS, MTSS, and the pilot of a new diagnostic testing program, iReady.

Closed Hearing: 6:47 pm

B. Public Hearing - 2024-2025 Budget

Open Hearing: 6:48 pm

Dusty Thompson, CBO, presented information about the budget.

Close Hearing: 7:08 pm

C. CARS

Dusty Thompson, CBO, explained the CARS application and that it is something that needs to be approved yearly for federal funding. Krystal Craven made a motion to approve the CARS application. It was seconded by Delana Martin and the motion passed by a vote of 4-0 with 1 vacant.

D. FFA Assistant Advisor Stipend

A job description for an FFA Assistant Advisor was presented for approval. The draft job description was cleared through CFT and the Ag. Teacher. This position would be working with the Jr. High and High School, with a goal of making FFA available to students at an earlier age. Students in Jr. High have expressed a desire to have access to FFA. Community comments expressed curiosity if the position was needed given the small number of students in our district, as well as concerns that this position would be too much for the new teacher who would be in this position. Superintendent Pendell outlined the duties that the current FFA Advisor (Ag Teacher) has and that it would not be possible to open up the program to the Jr. High students without an FFA Assistant Advisor position. Krystal Craven asked Superintendent Pendell for her assessment of the new teacher's ability to take on this role. Superintendent Pendell expressed complete confidence in the new teacher's ability and the new teacher's enthusiasm to take on this role. There was discussion between the board about the desire of the students to grow the FFA program and this position allowing that to happen. Krystal Craven made a motion to approve the FFA Assistant Advisor job description. It was seconded by RItta Martin, and the motion passed by a vote of 4-0 with 1 vacant.

E. FFA Assistant Advisor Stipend

The proposed stipend is 10% based on the Assistant's salary. For the new teacher, this amount would be \$5,443.00. The stipend would cover time working outside of contract hours. There was discussion between the board and CBO about where the funds to cover the stipend would come from. Ritta Martin made a motion to approve the Assistant Advisor Stipend. It was seconded by Krystal Craven and the motion passed with a vote of 4-0 with 1 vacant.

F. Ag Incentive Grant

The annual Agriculture Incentive Grant was presented for approval. Superintendent Pendell stated that it is a goal of the program to increase our overall score to increase our funding through this program. Meagan Groteguth made a motion to approve the Ag Incentive Grant. It was seconded by Delana Martin, and the motion passed by a vote of 4-0 with 1 vacant.

G. SCFT Tentative Agreement

The agreement between the district and the Stony Creek Federation of Teachers was presented for approval. The agreement is for the 2024-2025 school year with an 8.22% salary increase and an increase in health and welfare premiums to \$15108.00. Krystal Craven made a motion to approve the SCFT Tentative Agreement. It was seconded by Delana Martin and the motion passed by a vote of 4-0 with 1 vacant.

H. SCFT Salary Schedule

The Stony Creek Federation of Teachers 2024-2025 Certificated Salary Schedule was presented for approval. Ritta Martin stated that this is a reflection of what was just approved. Meagan Groteguth made a motion to approve the SCFT Salary Schedule. It was seconded by Krystal Craven and the motion passed by a vote of 4-0 with 1 vacant.

I. Update July Meeting Date

Due to Superintendent Pendell being out of town on district business during the regular July meeting, the regular meeting for July will be moved from July 23, 2024 to July 25, 2024, with the closed session at 5:00 pm and open session at 6:00 pm. Krystal Craven made a motion to approve the change of the regular July board meeting. It was seconded by Meagan Groteguth and the motion passed by a vote of 4-0 with 1 vacant.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Emily Pendell.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rilla Math". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

President