

**Stony Creek Joint Unified School District
Board Meeting Minutes
October 28, 2025
3430 County Road 309, Elk Creek, CA 95939**

1. Call To Order

- a. The Stony Creek Joint Unified School District Board of Education met in regular session on October 28, 2025, at Elk Creek High School, Elk Creek, California.
- b. President Martin called the meeting to order at 5:36 pm.

Public Comment on Closed Session Items

- a. There were no public comments on closed session items.

Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:36 pm to discuss the following:

- a. Gov. Code 54957.6 Closed session regarding matters of negotiation with the CSEA and unrepresented groups with designated representative Superintendent Emily Pendell.
- b. Gov. Code 54957(b)(1) Public Employment: Van Driver

The Board adjourned Closed Session at 5:52 pm.

Open Session

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 6:02 pm.

2. Roll Call

- a. Members of the board in attendance were: Ritta Martin, Diana Corkill, and Delana Martin.
 - 1) Others present: Superintendent Emily Pendell, CBO Dusty Thompson, Executive Assistant Ryan Friesen, Sera Maben, Maya Teso, Anna Levesque, Zoe Brandenberger, Serenity Mahone, Diana Felipe, Aaston Burrows, Charlene Burrows, Susan Polk, Claire Groteguth, Nancy Spurlock.
 - 2) Absent: Krystal Craven, Cathie Bodeker

3. Pledge of Allegiance

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

4. Closed Session Report

- a. Gov. Code 54957.6
- b. Gov. Code 54957(b)(1)

Nothing to report
Harold Thompson hired as new Van Driver

5. Approval on Agenda

The agenda for the October 28, 2025, meeting was approved

- Motion to approve: Diana Corkill, Seconded by: Delana Martin.
- Voting Result: 3-0, 2 absent.

6. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

- a. No public comments

7. Comments on Agenda Items

- a. No public comment

8. Consent Calendar

- a. Minutes - Minutes: the regular meeting held on September

1. Trustee Corkill suggested correction to the September 23 minutes

- b. Bills, Warrants, and Transfers

1. Trustee Corkill inquired about the transaction report

- c. New Hires/Resignations

1. Hires - Harold Thompson (Van Driver)

- Motion to approve: Diana Corkill, Seconded by: Delana Martin
- Voting Results: 3-0, 2 absent

9. Reports

Student Report

- a. Serenity Mahone, ASB Student Representative, shared updates:
- b. Athletics: First-ever varsity volleyball team played and won their debut game on October 11 in San Rafael;
- c. Active Spirit Week with themed days(superhero, anything but a backpack, celebrity day, Breast Cancer Awareness day, red ribbon raffle)
- d. FFA: First fundraiser, October 17 (Indian taco dinners), 94 tickets sold, plus additional donations. The FFA will make salads with the lettuce grown on site, available to students and staff
- e. Red Ribbon Week: Anti-vaping initiative with raffle incentives

GPAC Report

- a. Diana Felipe with Kno'Quoti for Native American Heritage Month (Nov 6 community event)
- b. Planning for College & Career Day (December 11)

Board Members

- a. Trustee Corkill clarified the continued use of the football field for emergency helicopter landings
- b. President Martin recognized the volleyball players and the need for more Booster Club volunteers
- c. Booster Club inventory secured for future events

CBO, Dusty Thompson

- a. State Budget: Third consecutive month of State revenue surplus, but uncertainty remains due to L.A. County tax deadline extension(Oct 15~16% of State income)
- b. Deferral Announced: June 2026 state payment will be deferred to July. Not a significant issue for Stony Creek due to stable fund balance, but could impact larger districts.

- c. Federal Government Shutdown Impact:
- d. Reduced federal employees handling Impact Aid will delay over \$200,000 in district funding (not lost, just delayed)

Superintendent/Principal, Emily Pendell

- a. Enrollment: 32 students at Elk Creek Elementary, 22 students (+1 pending, soon 23) at Elk Creek High School; current total 54 students
- b. Noted Marketing/flyer efforts to Willows/Orland, generating increased interest
- c. Attendance:
 - 1. Elementary: 93.5%
 - 2. High School 95.7%
 - 3. District Average: 94.4%
- d. New Attendance protocols: direct support/engagement with families rather than just punitive measures.
- e. Academic and Student Life:
 - 1. Multiple field trips: Princeton College Day, Turtle Bay, Green Hand Conference, Native American College Motivation Day, pumpkin patch (Orland)
 - 2. Volleyball season ended successfully; preparations for basketball season have begun.
 - 3. ASB organized events: rallies, Halloween carnival, staff vs. student volleyball game, and ongoing spirit week.
 - 4. Instructional Updates: TK-8 staff received professional development on the new iReady California Mathematics Curriculum. The superintendent attended MTSS (Multi-Tiered Systems of Support) administrative training.
- f. Questions raised by President Martin regarding the scheduling of Winter/Christmas program date. Superintendent Pendell responded that it was TBD.

10. Old Business

a. District Website Upgrade:

1. Current State: Existing site is difficult to update; it runs \$925 per year
2. Proposal: Move Aeries/ParentSquare “Smart Sites” for greater integration with communications; quoted at \$6,250 initial (includes migration/training, service through November 1), then \$3,000 ongoing
3. Tech Support included
4. Board requested demo access, list of Districts already using the system.

- No Action Taken

11. New Business

a. November and December Board Meeting Dates:

1. November Regular Board Meeting: Moved to Monday, November 10, in Stonyford (Veteran’s Day, November 11, falls on a Tuesday)
2. December Regular Board Meeting: Moved to Tuesday, December 9, in Elk Creek
 - Motion to approve: Ritta Martin, Second: Diana Corkill
 - Motion approved. 3-0, 2 Absent

b. Resignation of Board Trustee (Area 5)

1. Krystal Craven resigned effective October 21, 2025; resignation letter read into the record
2. Board expressed gratitude for her service
3. Board voted to accept the resignation and declare the vacancy
4. Fill vacancy by provisional appointment (not special election, due to cost and expediency)
5. Process and timeline:

6. Post notice in three public places and on the website (with boundary maps and candidate info forms) by October 31 or as soon as possible
7. Candidate info sheets due to the Board by December 5
8. Interviews and appointment at the December 9 board meeting
9. Board discussed challenges with defining boundaries of Area 5; will attempt to source updated, road-based maps to facilitate candidate eligibility
 - Motion to accept resignation and post notice of vacancy, Diana Corkill, Seconded by Delana Martin
 - Passed 3-0, 2 absent

c. Public Hearing: Williams Act - Sufficient Instruction Materials

1. Annual requirement to certify that sufficient materials/textbooks/equipment are available
2. Public Comment opened at 6:50 pm
3. No comments from the public
4. Public Comment Closed at 6:50 pm

d. Resolution 25-26-2 Affirming Williams Act Sufficiency

- Motion to approve: Diana Corkill, Second Delana Martin
- Approved 3-0, 2 absent

e. Quarterly Report: Williams Uniform Complaints

1. No complaints filed this quarter
 - Motion to accept report: Diana Corkill, Seconded by Delana Martin
 - Motion Passed 3-0, 2 Absent

f. Perkins Grant-Federal Waiver Request

1. District awarded~\$3,000 in Perkins vocational funding, but the total is under the federal consortium threshold (\$15,000)
 - Motion to approve: Ritta Martin, Seconded by Diana Corkill
 - Motion passed 3-0, 2 absent

g. Native American Policy and Procedure

1. Policy revisions (spring & recent months) in collaboration with GPAC, Kno'Quoti, and tribal representatives
2. Trustee Corkill asked if the proposed changes include updating language (using "Native American" instead of "Indian" except where federal/ED code language required) and strengthening cultural/programmatic intent
 - Motion to approve: Diana Corkill, Seconded by Delana Martin
 - Motion passed 3-0, 2 absent

h. College and Career Access Pathways (Butte College Partnership)

1. Annual re-approval of Dual Enrollment agreement: Career Choices (CLP 101) for ninth graders, taught by Mr. Tucker for both high school and Butte College Credit
2. Limitation: Only courses taught by teachers with relevant Master's Degrees can be added
 - Motion to approve: Ritta Martin, Seconded by Diana Corkill
 - Motion passed 3-0, 2 absent

i. Glenn to Greatness & Save the Children Grant Update

1. Sera Maben presented information on Glenn to Greatness: The Non-profit transition is underway (1023 form filed), currently under GCOE fiscal advisement
2. Update on Save the Children Grant: Currently, only Orland Qualifies (Elk Creek and others do not)

3. Maya Teso presented information on Med-ed Club. Chico State conference: Nov 7, targeting underrepresented/underserved student recruitment in healthcare; transportation can be provided

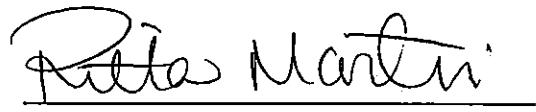
12. Future Meeting Agenda Items

- a. PERB Update
- b. Website Demo

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm

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



Ritta Martin, President