

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**STONY CREEK JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**HELD AT ELK CREEK HIGH SCHOOL**

**August 27, 2024**

**MINUTES**

The Stony Creek Joint Unified School District Board of Education met in Regular Session on August 27, 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 6:03 pm.

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ritta Martin.

**Closed Session Report**

- A. Ed. Code 35146            Inter-District Requests - 24-25-4, 24-25-5 A B C, 24-25-6. 24-25-7, 24-25-8, 24-25-9 A B, 24-25-10  
Approved with a vote of 3-0, with 1 abstaining and 1 vacant
  
- B. Gov Code 54957            Closed session regarding matters of personnel/employment  
  
New Hires: Lynn Lewis (Elementary Teacher),  
Elaine Troughton (Classroom Aide & Bus Driver),  
Kayleen Swearinger (Volleyball Coach),  
Dallan Tucker (ASB Advisor)  
  
Resignation: Bailey Moore (Classroom Aide)
  
- C. Gov. Code 54957.6        Closed session regarding matters of negotiation with the SCFT and CSEA with designated representative Superintendent Emily Pendell  
  
Nothing to report.
  
- D. Gov. Code 54957            Public Employee Performance Evaluation- Superintendent/Principal  
  
Nothing to report.

**Approval of Agenda**

Krystal Craven made the motion to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Delana Martin and the motion passed by a vote of 4-0 with 1 vacant.

### **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

Public comments were made by Athletic Director Daniel Reagan, Diana Corkill, Cynthia Reagan, Abby Swearingen, and Kym Mitchell.

### **Public Comment on Agenda Items**

Community members were given the opportunity to comment on agenda items during that item.

### **Consent Calendar**

Public comment was made by Zoe Brandenberger.

Board Clerk Meagan Groteguth asked for changes to the July 25th minutes, what is in here is not what was said. Mrs. Groteguth stated that she asked if we needed to approve the changes to the minutes, since they were different from the ones in our Board packets. Trustee Krystal Craven suggests that the minutes be changed to read that the draft minutes in the board packets had errors and new corrected draft minutes were made available to the public. Trustee Krystal Craven made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar, with the changes to the July 25th minutes as requested by Clerk Meagan Groteguth. It was seconded by Delana Martin, and the motion passed by a vote of 4-0 with 1 vacant.

### **Reports**

#### **Board Members**

President Ritta Martin reported that she attended the Cultural Awareness training hosted by Kno'Qoti Wellness Inc. They are going to work with GPAC and the school to host training for the staff and community. She completed the district assigned training through Vector Solutions and attended the two school inservice days and thought they were really good. She appreciates all that the teachers do to get the kids' basic needs met before they can educate them.

Trustee Krystal Craven said that there was a public comment about the location of the board meetings. She stated she has been talking to community members and the responses are mixed so she would like to bring that discussion back to the table at a future meeting. Mrs. Craven also reported that she was able to do a walk through of the schools and talk to the teachers and staff; the general consensus is that things are going well with PBIS and HERD. She stated all around, the staff feels really supported.

### **CBO**

Dusty Thompson stated that he was able to attend Back-To-School night and it was well done and well attended. He reported he is working on closing the books for 2023-2024. He also stated that he is hoping to have the Unaudited Actuals by the September meeting.

A public comment was made by Diana Corkill.

### **Superintendent/Principal**

Superintendent Pendell presented an overview of what the district has accomplished in the last year and where we are going. She showed a graphic that aligns with Multi-tiered System of Supports to address the needs of the whole child. Last year was focused on safety and communication. This year, the district will continue their work on safety and communication and build on that by creating a positive school culture and climate for students and adults. In the future, we will build by looking at attendance and reduce our chronic absenteeism rate and finally focus on success for our students, in college, career, and life.

Superintendent Pendell shared that, through connections made at conferences, there is a construction company offering to provide the district with pro bono work (saving the district approximately \$200,000) so we can access facilities grant funding. Superintendent Pendell talked about the CTE (Career and Technical Education) classes and how our students get to learn about different fields and leave the class with a certification. We have two in-person pathways and 34 career pathways. Community volunteers come in to provide hands-on experiences. Superintendent Pendell says they are also working on teaching life skills, such as working with others, appropriate communication, home ec, budgeting, citizenship, critical thinking, to help students become successful adults. Superintendent Pendell said the district has been very busy but she sees it as fruitful and she is looking forward to continuing that work for the kids because they deserve it.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

**A. Meeting Recording**

Board President Ritta Martin stated that she and Superintendent Pendell have been discussing recording board meetings for the sake of transparency. If the Board considers recording meetings it will be in accordance with Board Bylaw 9324. In the event that the Board directs recording meetings, the recordings will be utilized to prepare the minutes and destroyed after thirty days as stated in Board Bylaw 9324.

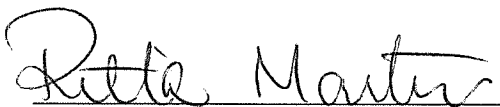
Tracy Salisbury, Diana Corkill, and Ryan Bentz made a public comment.

Trustee Krystal Craven stated that recording would make it easier to make sure the minutes are correct.

Krystal Craven made a motion to approve recording board meetings according to board bylaws. It was seconded by Meagan Groteguth, and the motion passed by a vote of 4-0 with 1 vacant.

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 pm.

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



President