

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**STONY CREEK JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**HELD AT INDIAN VALLEY INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL**

**January 21, 2025**

**MINUTES**

The Stony Creek Joint Unified School District Board of Education met in session on January 21, 2025 at Indian Valley Intermediate School, Stonyford, 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 5:59 pm

A quorum was established with the following members of the board in attendance: Ritta Martin, Delana Martin, Krystal Craven, Cathie Bodeker and Diana Corkill

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ritta Martin.

**Approval of Agenda**

Krystal Craven motioned to approve the agenda with a change to the date from 1/21/24 to 1/21/25 and adding Closed Session Report (Item 4a). It was seconded by Cathie Bodeker and the motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

**Closed Session Report**

A. Gov. Code 54957 *Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint, 1 matter*

Board took direction from legal on the matter

B. Ed. Code 35146 *Inter-District Requests - 24-25-16*

Approved with a 5-0 vote

C. Gov. Code 54957 *Public employee appointment, employment, performance evaluation, discipline, dismissal or release*

Nothing to report at this time

D. Gov. Code 54956.9 *Anticipated Litigation- 1 matter*

Nothing to report at this time

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

*None*

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

*None*

### **Consent Calendar**

Diana Corkill moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on December 16, 2024 and the bills, warrants and transfers. It was seconded by Delana Martin and the motion passed by a vote of 5 – 0.

### **Reports**

#### **Student Representative**

*No report given*

#### **Board Members**

Diana Corkill spoke about the governance training with Fred VanFleck and how she felt that one of our board members got a bad rep for watching the clock, now Superintendent Pendell will be keeping track of the time. Krystal Craven spoke on the online board training.

#### **CBO**

Dusty Thompson spoke on the budget and how it looks good, 7.5 billion higher, TK is fully implemented, so there's a little add-on. There is a one-time funding block grant that can be used at the discretion of the District, we will have more information on this grant in February. There's a letter that has been circling around about Cal-Plant. Cal- Plant didn't pay property taxes for 4 years, 2019-2022, and has filed bankruptcy. The projected property taxes the District collected from Cal-Plant will need to be paid back, we will know more in February.

#### **Superintendent/Principal**

Superintendent Pendell talked about the Basketball teams and how hard they are working to keep the season going, the High School teams haven't won any games but they are excited to be playing. The Jr. High teams have had a few wins and they are a very strong team. The basketball season ends in February and the students are asking for spring sports. The Elementary teachers attended CPI (crisis prevention and intervention) training, and loved it. The teachers are already applying what they learned. Next week FFA will go to the MFE (Made for Excellence) Conference. Superintendent Pendell will be attending a training next week.

## **Old Business**

### **A. District Goals Update**

Superintendent Pendell gave an update on the district goals and how we are moving up the MTSS pyramid. Safety and communication were first on the list and with the new cameras and Parent Square we are heading in the right direction. This year, we are focusing on a positive school culture and climate with PBIS. Next year we'll be focusing on improving attendance.

## **New Business**

### **A. CSEA Representative**

CSEA (California School Employees Association) Representative Elena Bessette spoke on behalf of the bargaining unit as to: complaints, communication concerns with the district, improper lay-offs, and transferring CSEA jobs to confidential employees. Ms. Bessette's hope is by bringing this to the board, things will get better. Board member Krystal Craven responded that she felt Ms. Bessette came at the board aggressively and hostile. Ms. Bessette apologized if that's how it seemed, that was not the intention. Board President Ritta Martin stated that she is looking forward to a better working relationship with CSEA.

### **B. Solar Panel Presentation**

Jennifer Butler of SiteLogic gave a presentation about the solar panels and how they are being cost effective for our district. She also explained that because of Title 24, which just came in effect in 2024, we will need to purchase batteries for the panels. There is a grant we can apply for to help with the cost.

### **C. SCFT Negotiations Tentative Agreement Regarding Four-Day School Week**

Superintendent Emily Pendell presented the board the tentative agreement with SCFT (Stony Creek Federation of Teachers) regarding four-day school week: Article 6 Working Conditions, Article 12 Rules Governing this Agreement, and a 2025-2026 School Year Calendar. Board President Ritta Martin read a letter from the teachers in support of the four-day school week. Krystal Craven made a motion to approve the tentative agreement with SCFT. It was seconded by Cathie Bodeker and the motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

### **D. SARC Reports**

Superintendent Emily Pendell presented the School Accountability Report Cards for Elk Creek Elementary, Indian Valley Elementary, Elk Creek High School, and Bidwell Point Continuation School. Diana Corkill made a motion to approve the School Accountability Report Cards (SARC). It was seconded by Delana Martin and the motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

#### **E. Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints**

The quarterly report on William Uniform Complaints was presented for approval. There were no complaints, including OCR, filed for this quarter. Krystal Craven made a motion to approve the William Uniform Complaints report. It was seconded by Cathie Bodeker and the motion passed by a vote of 5-0

#### **F. Native American Policies and Procedures**

Dusty Thompson presented the Native American policies and procedures. Krystal Craven made a motion to approve the Native American policies and procedure for review with revisions to follow at a later date. It was seconded by Delana Martin and the motion passed by a vote of 5-0

#### **G. California Community Schools Partnership Program**

Superintendent Pendell shared information about the Community Schools Program. She is excited that MACC (Ministerial Association of Colusa County) has offered to partner with the district to provide mental health services, social emotional services, food pantry, clothing closet, and classes to our students and their families. MACC Executive Director, Jason McMullan spoke to the board and shared his excitement for the possibility of working with the school district to bring forth positive change in our community. He gave the history of MACC and shared that they are working across several counties, including with the Tehama Office of Ed with a Community Schools Program. Mr. McMullan explained the reimbursement process that will be used to make this program sustainable within five years. MACC has generously offered to provide the 33% match required for the Community Schools program, which equates to just under \$500,000. Kyle Bill, Executive Director of Kno'Quoti Native Wellness, Inc. spoke with the board and shared his experience with the Community Schools Program in other counties. He shared that these services are needed and desired by our Native American community. He provided the board with a letter of support.

#### **H. Executive Assistant & District Manager Job Descriptions**

Confidential Executive Assistant and confidential District Manager job descriptions were presented for approval. After some discussion, they had some changes to the District Managers job description, and edited the Executive Assistant job description and decided where to put the Executive Assistant on the pay scale.

***ADD:*** Executive Assistant to D on the Salary Schedule.

***ADD:*** For all district staff, to the Executive Assistants job description in the Travel Planning and Expense Management section of the positions duties: Added to- Coordinate comprehensive travel arrangements, ensuring itineraries align with the Superintendent's preferences.

***Take out:*** Coordinating transportation, Manage district transportation, including drivers, substitutes, assigning vehicles, and trips excluding DOT paperwork.

Krystal Craven made a motion to approve the job descriptions with the changes. It was seconded by Cathie Bodeker and the motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

## **I. SSDA State Conference**

All of the board members would like to attend the SSDA State Conference in Sacramento in April. President Ritta Martin stated this did not need to be an action item, since they all will be attending.

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 pm.

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

  
Ritta Martin (Mar 21, 2025 15:39 PDT)

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President Ritta Martin







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