

**Stony Creek Joint Unified School District
Board Meeting Minutes
May 27, 2025
Indian Valley Elementary
5180 Lodoga Stonyford Rd, Stonyford, CA 95979**

1. Call To Order

- a. The Stony Creek Joint Unified School District Board of Education met in regular session on May 27, 2025 at Indian Valley Elementary, Stonyford, California.
- b. President Martin called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm.

Public Comment on Closed Session Items

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

Closed Session

The Board recessed into Closed Session at 5:01 pm to discuss the following:

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| a. Gov. Code 54957.6 | Closed session regarding matters of negotiation with the SCFT, CSEA and unrepresented groups with designated representative Superintendent Emily Pendell. |
| b. Gov. Code 54957(b)(1) | Public Employment: Football Coach |
| c. Gov. Code 54957.6 | Closed session regarding matters of negotiation for Superintendent Contract. |

Open Session

The meeting reconvened to Open Session at 6:02 pm.

2. Roll Call

- a. Members of the board in attendance were: Ritta Martin, Delana Martin, Cathie Bodeker, Krystal Craven, Diana Corkill.
 - i. Others present: Superintendent Emily Pendell, CBO Dusty Thompson, Diana Felipe, Zoe Brandenburger, Erin Callahan, Lee Davis, Melissa Davis, Edwin Pendell, Daniel Reagan, Cynthia Reagan, Aston Burrows, Kaleb Reagan, Sheri Pendell, Andrzej Kubak.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

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

4. Closed Session Report

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| a. Gov. Code 54957.6: | No report at this time. |
| b. Gov. Code 54957(b)(1) | Public Employment: Jared Burrows selected for football coach for the coming year. |
| c. Gov. Code 54957.6 | No report at this time. |

5. Approval on Agenda

Agenda for the meeting was approved.

- a. Motion: Delana Martin, Seconded by: Cathie Bodeker.
- b. Voting Result: Unanimously approved.

6. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

- a. No comments at this time.

7. Comments on Agenda Items

- a. Old Business - See public comments under agenda item.
- b. New Business - See public comments under agenda item.

8. Consent Calendar

Moved to the end of the meeting - pending CBO Dusty Thompson's arrival.

- Motion to table until Dusty arrives
 - Motion: Ritta Martin, Seconded by: Krystal Craven
 - Voting Results: Unanimously approved.
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- a. Minutes - Three sets of minutes: Regular meeting April 22nd, Special meetings April 1st and April 25th.
 - April 22nd Minutes
 - Pulled for errors - multiple corrections/clarifications (names, typographical errors, motion tracking, consistent use of "Trustee [last name]", etc.)
 - Motion to approved with the corrected updates on April 22nd Minutes
 - Motion: Cathie Bodeker, Seconded by: Krystal Craven
 - Voting Results: Unanimously approved.
 - b. Bills Warrants and Transfers
 - Discussion on financial report types

- Advanced Document paid at \$1,970: mostly lease and copy overages; upcoming contract renewal; service satisfaction positive.
- Legal fees: Over Budget by \$52,000, due to increased legal needs.
- Indoor Environmental expense (\$11,000+): Grant-funded HVAC air monitoring.
- i. Motion to approve the consent calendar with April 1st and April 25th minutes only and Item b (Bills, Warrants and Transfers).
- ii. Motion: Krystal Craven, Seconded by: Cathie Bodeker
- iii. Voting Results: Unanimously approved.

9. Reports

Student Report

- a. Kaleb Regean, ASB Student Representative shared:
 - i. Senior Trip: Fort Bragg, chaperoned by Ms. Michael and Mr. Manny; positive, relaxing experience.
 - ii. Elementary Track Meet: Included all elementary students, obstacle courses, baseball, tug of war; event ended with snow cones.
 - iii. 8th Grade Trip: Venue with water slides, arcade games, go-karts; highly enjoyed.
 - iv. FFA Banquet: Featured awards, food, introduction of new officers, high attendance, and positive feedback.
 - v. ASB End of Year Trip: Same venue as 8th graders (Sunsplash); activities included water slides, go-karts, and mini-golf.
 - vi. Conclusion: Kaleb thanked the Board for the opportunity to be Student Representative this year, expressing hope to continue next year.

GPAC Report

- a. Aaston Burrows shared:
 - i. Cultural Classes: Scheduled at Grindstone Community Center — June 4, 13, 20, 23 (3–5pm) with snacks.
 - ii. Monthly GPAC Meeting: June 12 at 10am via Zoom; open invitation and support for transition to in-person next year as needed space becomes available.
 - iii. Finishing up Graduation Sashes for Kindergarten and 8th Grade Ceremonies.

Board Members

- a. President Martin - Talked about attending the GCOE Hall of Fame, Fair, and the FFA Banquet. She remarked on the politeness of all the kids.
- b. Trustee Bodeker - Shared her experience from the fair and remarked about the good behavior and helpfulness she had witnessed.

CBO

a. CBO Dusty Thompson, relayed:

- i. COLA for LCFF — Confirmed 2.3% increase; Special Ed and other programs will also receive COLA.
- ii. Awaiting trailer bill language in June for discretionary block grant details (ADA-based, possible minimum not yet determined).
- iii. ELOP Funding: Base now increased from \$50,000 to \$100,000; covers before/after school and summer/intersession.
- iv. Secure Rural Schools Funding: Confirmed for next year, representing approx. \$70,000 for the district.
- v. Community School Grant: District was not awarded; superintendent pursuing partnership alternatives for student services.
- vi. County office contract for 2024–25 (Increase: 3% to \$67,547 from 65,580 last year).

Superintendent/Principal

a. Academic & Testing

- i. CAASPP Testing for 24–25 completed efficiently; staff recognized for readiness.
- ii. Test results: Initial data starting to post; official results expected in August.

b. Community Engagement & Celebrations

- i. Open House & Sports Award Night: Well-attended; highlighted academic and athletic achievement.
- ii. Butte College Field Trip: High school students gained cultural learning experiences.
- iii. Glenn County Track Meet: Middle schoolers competed; the day was hot but successful.
- iv. Mary Millsaps Inducted into Educator Hall of Fame.

c. Staff & Facilities

- i. Staff Appreciation Week: Week of activities/small gifts coordinated by Executive Assistant Dominique.
- ii. CHP Terminal Inspection: Passed; verified compliance for transportation safety.
- iii. Fire Safety Presentations: Elk Creek Volunteer Fire and Cal Fire (rattlesnake awareness) provided engaging hands-on sessions for elementary students.

d. PBIS Site Visit

- i. Tier 1 Implementation: Strong positive findings, with opportunity for improvement around parent involvement; site to add parents to PBIS team and begin Tier 2 implementation (targeted supports) in Fall 2025.

e. Student Activities

- i. Field Trips: Turtle Bay (grades 1-2), Sacramento River Wildlife Refuge (grades 1-2), Sunsplash (grades 7–8 and high school, academic/rewards), Fort Bragg (seniors), bowling planned for grades 3-4.
- ii. All-School Track Meet: Minimum day, open to families and neighboring districts, ended with snow cones.
- iii. FFA Banquet: Highly praised for students' conduct, community support, and organizer efforts.

10. Old Business

a. Board Policy Updates - March 2025

- i. Motion to approve the Board Policy Updates a-h, j-l, n-z, cc-gg, nn-oo
- ii. Motion: Ritta Martin, Seconded by: Diana Corkill
- iii. Voting Results: Unanimously approved.

● Pulled Policies

- Policy 3312 - Contracts (vending machines):
 - Selected annual hearing option (Option 1); currently no vending machines; policy to be revisited if/when contracts arise.
- Policy 4151 - Employee Compensation:
 - Clarified that, absent a CBA, all district employees will be paid monthly; removed ambiguous "equal payments" clause.
- Policy 5131.8 - Mobile Communication Devices:
 - Reaffirmed current practice — use only during non-instructional time; reaffirmed confiscation and disciplinary procedure; Option 1 (limited use) adopted.
 - Required to update policy every five years.
- Policy 5141.5 - Mental Health:
 - Board expressed strong concerns over ED Code language allowing 12-year-olds to consent to treatment and permitting exclusion of parents per professional's judgment.
 - Discussed impact, board's ethical concerns, and desire for parental involvement.
 - Table policy for legal review; research if the board must mirror code or can reference code by policy.
- Policy 6142.94 - History/Social Science Instruction:
 - Confirmed ethnic studies component and Holocaust/antisemitism education integrated; aligns with ethnic studies state mandate for 2025–26; plan to enhance with Native American perspectives.

- Policy 6159 & 6159.2 - Special Education/IEP:
 - Modernized language ("exceptional needs" replacing "disabilities") per county SELPA changes; rationale explained for broader scope (incl. GATE and highly gifted students).
- Policy 9150 - Student Board Members:
 - Detailed discussion about differences between current ASB rep system and proposed formal student board member role (voting, compensation, course credit, eligibility).
 - Action: Table for further review; explore stipend restoration for student representatives.
- i. Motion to approve the Board Policy Updates after further discussion i, m, aa, hh, ii-ll and Table bb, mm for future discussion.
- ii. Motion: Ritta Martin, Seconded by: Diana Corkill
- iii. Voting Results: Unanimously approved.

Public Comment

Board Policy Updates - Kaleb Reagan, Daniel Reagan, Tessa Ferrell and Edwin Pendell made comments.

- b. District Legal Counsel - McDougall Law Firm
 - Result of prior board request for secondary/supplemental legal counsel.
 - Trustee Craven, at Board direction, researched and contacted districts using the firm; received unanimous positive reviews, especially on response time and cost-effectiveness.
 - Contract Details: approx. \$90/year for unlimited 15-minute calls; additional services @ \$200/hr if in-depth research or action required.
 - Trustee Bodeker has met him and feels he has a lot to offer.
- i. Motion to proceed with a 1 year trial while maintaining existing legal services in parallel
- ii. Motion: Krystal Craven, Seconded by: Cathie Bodeker
- iii. Voting Results: Unanimously approved.

Public Comment

District Legal Counsel - Edwin Pendell and Melissa Davis made comments.

11. New Business

a. FFA/Fair Update

- Year in Review: Presented by Ms. Farrell (FFA instructor)
- 80% student participation at FFA events (well above California average)
- Major leadership/contest attendance: Leadership Conferences, Ag Expo, Glenn County Fair, etc.
- Positive student outcomes: Market, showmanship, and bench making at fairs.

- Classroom Success: Growth in agri-science, horticulture, food science pathways; outstanding student progress.
- Pathway Expansion: Adding animal science to ag pathway options for 2024–25.

b. Welding Program Stipend Approval

- Goal: Formalize existing volunteer program as incentive-based enrichment embedded in school day.
- Two Semester-long stipends (\$2,000), min. 60 hours instruction/semester (~4hrs/week) for a total of \$4000 per academic year.
- Focus: Basics in fall, advanced projects (fairs, SAEs) in spring.
- Funding: Golden State Pathways Grant (approved use).
 - i. Motion to approve the stipend for the welding instructor
 - ii. Motion: Krystal Craven, Seconded by: Delana Martin
 - iii. Voting Results: Unanimously approved.

Public Comment

Welding Program Stipend Approval - Tessa Ferrell, Zoe Brandenburger and Lee Davis made comments.

c. Jones Hall Solar Project IRA Tax Credit Contract

- Service to secure up to \$289,000 in federal tax credit for recent solar project; fee (\$35,000) payable only if district actually receives funds.
 - i. Motion to move forward with the services from Jones Hall
 - ii. Motion: Diana Corkill, Seconded by: Delana Martin
 - iii. Voting Results: Unanimously approved.

d. Generator Bid — Kitchen/Walk-in Freezer/Fridge

- Need identified during power outages; walk-ins are on separate circuits from the rest of school and not covered by PG&E-provided generators.
- Bid (only one received): Chico Electric, \$58,060, kitchen infrastructure grant (KIT) funds expiring 6/30/25 to cover \$56k+.
 - i. Motion to approve Chico Electric's Bid and start work.
 - ii. Motion: Krystal Craven, Seconded by: Cathie Bodeker
 - iii. Voting Results: Unanimously approved.

Public Comment

Generator Bid - Lee Davis made a comment.

e. June Meeting Dates

- Two required for budget and LCAP process:
- June 24th (Regular): 5pm Closed, 6pm Open, Elk Creek
- June 26th (Special): 4pm Closed, 5pm Open, Elk Creek (earlier to accommodate travel)

- Confirmed board, CBO, and staff availability.
 - Agenda to include Impactor presentation and i-Ready data
 - i. Motion to approve June dates
 - ii. Motion: Diana Corkill, Seconded by: Ritta Martin
 - iii. Voting Results: Unanimously approved.
- f. Board Policy: Graduation Requirements-First Read
- State now requires 5 credits each in ethnic studies and financial literacy for high school graduations.
 - Superintendent/teachers propose removing existing 10-credit computer applications requirements (no longer relevant) to accommodate new state requirements.
 - Drivers Ed will remain as a local board requirement due to rural context.
 - Discussion to continue; first read for feedback.
- g. Reading Difficulties Screener Adoption (SB 114)
- State-mandated universal screener for grades TK-2.
 - Four state-approved options: Superintendent recommends *Multitudes* as the district already uses i-Ready (which is not on state list). *Multitudes* is no cost to the District.
 - i. Motion to approve *Multitudes* as District reading difficulties screener.
 - ii. Motion: Krystal Craven, Seconded by: Cathie Bodeker
 - iii. Voting Results: Unanimously approved
- h. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with GCOE for Business Services
- Total \$67,547 for 2025–26: automatic 3% increase from last year.
 - i. Motion to approve the MOU with GCOE
 - ii. Motion: Krystal Craven, Seconded by: Diana Corkill
 - iii. Voting Results: Unanimously approved.

12. Board consideration for future agenda items

- July Meeting Dates
- 2 policies - mental health and student board members
- Student ASB rep stipend policy
- Native American Policies
- Board policy for Student Clubs

Closed Session - Continued

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unrepresented groups with designated
representative Superintendent Emily Pendell.

e. Gov. Code 54957(b)(1)

Public Employment: Football Coach

f. Gov. Code 54957.6

Closed session regarding matters of
negotiation for Superintendent Contract.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm

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



Ritta Martin, President