

**Stony Creek Joint Unified School District  
Board Meeting Minutes  
July 30, 2025  
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 July 30, 2025 at Indian Valley Elementary, Stonyford, California.
- b. President Martin called the meeting to order at 2:01 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 2:01 pm to discuss the following:

- a. Gov. Code 54957.2                      Closed session regarding matters of negotiation for Superintendent Contract
- b. Gov. Code 54957                      Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

The Board adjourned Closed Session at 2:52 pm.

**Open Session**

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 3:01 pm.

**2. Roll Call**

- a. Members of the board in attendance were: Ritta Martin, Cathie Bodeker, Krystal Craven, Diana Corkill. Members of the board not in attendance were: Delana Martin.
  - i. Others present: Superintendent Emily Pendell, CBO Dusty Thompson, Executive Assistant Dominique Buring, Jill Gleason, Kayleen Swearinger, Georgia Criner, Meagan Groteguth, Edwin Pendell, Sheri Pendell.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**4. Closed Session Report**

- a. Gov. Code 54957.6:                      No report at this time.

b. Gov. Code 54957

Public Employment: Two staff resignations reported: Donna Wilson (Ag teacher), Georgia Criner (lead custodian/grounds/maintenance).

## **5. Approval on Agenda**

Agenda for the meeting was approved as modified, with the deletion of Item A under New Business. Joyce Bond will not attend and may pursue other options.

a. Motion: Krystal Craven, Seconded by: Cathie Bodeker.

b. Voting Result: 4-0, 1 absent.

## **6. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items**

a. Zoe Brandenburger via proxy by Board Member Corkill.

- Issue raised whether proxy or written statements are accepted for absent community members. The board discussed precedent and potential misrepresentation.
- Consensus to allow written statements to be read.
- Public Comment Read regarding ag advisory committee and board meeting times.

## **7. Comments on Agenda Items**

a. Consent Calendar - See public comments under agenda item.

i. Georgia Criner on Resignation

b. Old Business - No comments at this time.

c. New Business - No comments at this time.

## **8. Consent Calendar**

a. Minutes - two sets of minutes: Regular meeting June 24th, special meeting June 26th.

i. Ritta Martin motions to pull the minutes and address them separately.

ii. 2nd: Cathie Bodeker

iii. Voting Results: 4-0, 1 absent

- June 24, 2025 Minutes

- Pulled for errors

- June 26, 2025 Minutes

- Pull for changes and return on August regular meeting for approval

- i. Motion to approve the June 24th minutes with corrections and return to the next regular meeting with the June 26th minutes.
- ii. Motion: Krystal Craven, Seconded by: Diana Corkill
- iii. Voting Results: 4-0, 1 absent.

b. Bills Warrants and Transfers

- Questions raised on several specific expenditures.
- Lawyer Fees: \$119,000 (does not include May/June); request for a categorized spreadsheet of attorney expenses.
- Gym Floor Maintenance: \$4,950; periodic maintenance as per warranty/grant requirements (originally grant-funded, now from ELOP).
- Creative Comp: \$964.88 for newsletters; delayed journal entry.
- MJB Welding: Tank rentals.
- Four Winds: Indian Education-related charges; clarified funding string/resource codes.
- Reality Works: Tool for Animal Science pathways.
- PG&E Payments: Ongoing discussion of solar effectiveness; not intended to fully cover electrical costs; true-up payments explained.
- Capital Advisors/Consulting: Some old charges appearing for FY closure.
- Mileage & Instructors: Mileage for Indian Ed activities; funds restricted (\$12,000/year; dropped to ~\$10,936 for the coming year).

c. New Hires

- Resignations - Donna Wilson (Ag Teacher/FFA Advisor) & Georgia Criner (Lead Custodian/Grounds/Maintenance).

**Public Comment:** *Georgia Criner read a statement to the Board regarding her resignation.*

- i. Motion to approve the consent calendar Item b (Bills, Warrants and Transfers) and item c (Resignations) as presented.
- ii. Motion: Diana Corkill, Seconded by: Cathie Bodeker
- iii. Voting Results: 4-0, 1 absent.

## 9. Reports

### Student Report

- a. There was no Student Report at this time.

### GPAC Report

- a. There was no GPAC Report at this time.

## **Board Members**

- a. There were no Board Member Reports at this time.

## **CBO, Dusty Thompson**

- a. Region 2 Leadership Symposium Recap:
  - Federal funding threats (Title II, III, IV) discussed; Title IA (\$60–90K for district) not currently threatened.
  - Federal Medicaid rule changes will alter identification for free/reduced lunch; direct certification rates may fall, increasing need to collect applications.
  - Local fiscal impact of potential federal cuts estimated at ~\$15K.
  - Secure Rural Schools (Forest Reserve) funding likely to fall to 10%; \$70K expected to drop to ~\$7K.
  - Budgetary Caution: Encouraged against “spending down” funds until federal clarity emerges.
  - Online Registration/Income Forms: District working to implement online systems to ease paperwork and ensure parents complete required forms for funding qualification.

## **Superintendent/Principal, Emily Pendell**

- a. Focus: Visioning, team culture-building, structured visioning process to begin this fall.
- b. Staff In-Service Preview:
  - August 11: Teacher in-service centered on data-driven instruction (state testing, diagnostics).
  - August 12: All-staff cultural awareness training; board invited to both days (cultural awareness training starts at 8:30 AM).
- c. CYBHI (CA Youth Behavioral Health Initiative):
  - Exploring partnerships to expand behavioral health services and reimbursement. Potential for Medicaid-eligible services in MTSS framework; ongoing work with GCOE.
- d. Facilities Improvement:
  - Facilities upgrades; outdoor education spaces being created/enhanced. New staff and parent/student handbooks being developed.
  - Campus beautification efforts, including FFA officer leadership retreat and event planning.
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- e. Back to School Night:
  - Planned for Friday, August 15, 5 pm (date to be confirmed since officers may have a conflict).

- The board urged to attend and interact with families.
- f. Athletics:
  - No football team due to insufficient eligible students.
- g. Summer School Outcome:
  - Positive feedback; good attendance and credit recovery progress.
- h. Grants Update:
  - CYBHI and SASI as current focus; Facilities Master Plan must be completed to qualify for Prop 2 funding.
- i. SASI Master Plan Restrictions:
  - No external contractors allowed per current rules; plan must be district-developed.

## **10. Old Business**

### **a. Impacter Pathway**

- Proposal tabled; current focus should be district visioning/mission groundwork. Program (behavioral health support) may be revisited once vision planning is done.
- Option to seek CYBHI partnership for some aspects (e.g. behavioral health screenings) was raised.
  - i. Motion to table for the future
  - ii. Motion: Diana Corkill, Seconded by: Krystal Craven
  - iii. Voting Results: 4-0, 1 absent.

### **b. Board Policy Updates - Mental Health**

- Concerns over language allowing students 12+ to consent to mental health treatment without parental involvement in certain situations.
- Explored compliance with Ed Code, state law, and board's preference for parental rights; fears about potential future abuse of policy highlighted.
- Paragraph regarding minor consent for mental health treatment struck from local policy (although state law still requires compliance).
  - i. Motion to to adopt policy with changes
  - ii. Motion: Krystal Craven, Seconded by: Ritta Martin
  - iii. Voting Results: 4-0, 1 absent.

### **c. ASB Student Representative Policy**

- Draft Policy Discussed:
  - 80% regular meeting attendance required for stipend; GPA raised to 3.0 minimum; elected position within ASB/student leadership.
  - Provisions for extenuating circumstances and clarification regarding summer meetings.
  - Service 8/1 - 6/30

- i. Motion to adopt policy with discussed terms
- ii. Motion: Diana Corkill, Seconded by: Cathie Bodeker
- iii. Voting Results: 4-0, 1 absent.

## **11. New Business**

### **a. Presentation of Local History**

- No presentation per Trustee Corkill

### **b. Prop 28 Annual Report**

- 2024-25 Expenditures:
  - \$1,204.84 for portable sound equipment; \$204.70 for microphones and stands (38 students, elementary site).
- About \$9,000 must be spent by 6/30/26
- Plans to upgrade lighting and stage equipment in future
  - i. Motion to approve Prop 28 Annual Report.
  - ii. Motion: Krystal Craven, Seconded by: Diana Corkill
  - iii. Voting Results: 4-0, 1 absent.

### **c. Contract for Teleserv Legal/Consultant Services**

- McDougal, Boemer, Foley, Lyon, Mitchell, Erickson Law Firm
- Flat fee, unlimited calls; \$200/hr travel; advantageous compared to previous billing.
- Clarification on mandates and cost recoveries.
- Contract Ratified
  - Motion to approve contract as presented.
  - Motion: Krystal Craven, Seconded by: Cathie Bodeker
  - Voting Results: 4-0, 1 absent.

### **d. Board Policy Updates - CSBA Policy Updates June 2025**

- CSBA policy updates circulated for member review.
- No discussion; deferred to next meeting for comments and action.

### **e. Tentative Agreement with Stony Creek Federation of Teachers for the 2025-2026 year.**

- MOUs:
  - SB88 Compliance: Extra requirements for staff van drivers (logs, training, DMV pull).
  - Certificated staff driving vans: 50% hourly rate compensation (sport/field trips excluded).
  - Salary/benefit: 1.5% schedule increase, 1% off-schedule payment, \$250 cap increase for health/welfare.

- i. Motion to approve MOU's for implementation
- ii. Motion: Krystal Craven, Seconded by: Diana Corkill
- iii. Voting Results: 4-0, 1 absent.

f. Addendum to Superintendent/Principal Contract

- 3% step increase and 1-year extension approved in accordance with existing agreement.
  - i. Motion to approve the addendum
  - ii. Motion: Ritta Martin, Seconded by: Cathie Bodeker
  - iii. Voting Results: 4-0, 1 absent.

g. Ag Incentives Grant Application

- 2025-26 Application:
  - Total: \$25,810 (increase from last year; improvement from student compliance and meetings).
  - Usage funds: Supports Ag program, curriculum, FFA, supplies.
- i. Motion to approve the Ag Incentive Grant Application
- ii. Motion: Diana Corkill, Seconded by: Krystal Craven
- iii. Voting Results: 4-0, 1 absent.

h. Confidential Salary Schedules

- Updated salary schedules reflecting new health/welfare cap
  - i. Motion to accept both schedules.
  - ii. Motion: Diana Corkill, Seconded by: Cathie Bodeker
  - iii. Voting Results: 4-0, 1 absent.

**12. Future Meeting Agenda Items**

- Update on Indian Valley Elementary
- Change date and time to Red and bold it
- Native American Policies

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 4:28 pm

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

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Ritta Martin, President