**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**STONY CREEK JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**HELD AT ELK CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**JUNE 18, 2012**

**MINUTES**

The Stony Creek Joint Unified School District Board of Education met in Special Session on June 18, 2012 at Elk Creek Elementary School in Elk Creek, California. Clerk John Huttman called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

A quorum was established with the following members of the board in attendance:

John Huttman, Susan Polk, Adrienne Haylor, and Mary Millsaps

Diana Corkill was absent

Administrators present: Tracey Quarne

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Huttman

**New Business**

**1. Study Session**

Superintendent Quarne thanked everyone for attending and introduced himself. He outlined the three proposals for the District. The first would be to contract administrative services with the Glenn County Office of Education and hire a full time learning leader to oversee the students and their learning. The second is PIQU which stands for Parent Involvement Quality Education and the third is Individual Learning Plans.

He then introduced Paul Barr who is the Facilities Director for GCOE. Mr. Barr reported that he found obvious weather damage to the district office and recommended re-locating personnel, removing and replacing the siding and insulation, repairing the skirting and then it can be used for storage. The 3rd & 4th grade classroom needs immediate attention and the students need to be relocated next year. He said the district needs to identify the liability issues and plan for the facility needs. He said that since some of the buildings are old, they may qualify for modernization funds. Susan Polk questioned if they are an immediate risk. Mr. Barr answered that the mold is an issue. If there has to be a choice, the classroom needs to be repaired first. The office could be used as a data center. Talia Richardson asked if the buildings were old or not maintained. Mr. Barr stated that age was a factor. Junior Hoggatt stated that announcer’s stand on the football field was not safe for anybody to go up into. The access is bad and there is no handicapped access. Greg Morales stated that he had heard complaints at graduation that there is no handicapped access to the football field. Susan Polk questioned what room 3 at ECE is used for. It is currently used for SPARK, storage and an extra classroom area. She stated the 3rd & 4th grades need to be moved back into that room. Lorna Cox stated that the school site council wanted to have a computer lab in room 3. Paul Barr suggested Valley View for any painting or other maintenance work.

Superintendent Quarne stated that the kids, the school and the parents all need to be committed to success. He introduced Karen McSpadden as a PIQE expert. Ms. McSpadden gave a power point presentation and presented information to the Board. She reported that she had sent out parent surveys and they had indicated that more communication is needed. Susan Polk asked how she will get parents

to come. Talia Richardson stated that the parent meetings held after school are held at a time that is too early for some parents to attend. Adrienne Haylor stated that availability is the key and there will be flexibility is the locations, dates and times.

Superintendent Quarne introduced Shirley Diaz and reported that she is one of 49 educators serving on a statewide committee. Ms. Diaz presented a power point featuring online learning. She explained that it is easier and cheaper to start new programs on a smaller scale like our District. With ILP, there would be an individual learning map for each student. With a learning management system, students and parents would be aware of competencies and proficiencies. Jennifer Albertson asked if the teachers are on board with this program. Superintendent Quarne said that he met with teachers on Friday. He then presented an email he received from the president of the Stony Creek Federation of Teachers stating that the teachers at ECHS would like to move forward with the online learning format. Susan Polk asked how the teachers know to help the students. She also asked if the tests are aligned with the standards and was told that they are. Vicki Cutler stated that the science teacher still wanted the lab for hands on lessons. Susan Polk asked if the test model was successful and was told yes. John Huttman stated that this opens up a new era and makes more available to our students. Superintendent Quarne introduced Roberto Herniman, the Director of Technology. GCOE currently provides internet access and technical support to the districts. Mr. Herniman stated that more infra-structure is needed to support the online learning. A T1 line is shared by all 3 school sites. He recommends a five year plan for all computers to maintain updated technology.

Susan Meeker asked when the decisions would be made and was told that these items are on the agenda for the regular meeting scheduled for June 20th. Susan Polk asked that the costs for each plan be brought to the meeting. Adrienne Haylor stated that the District needs a reasonable plan and may not be able to do everything at once. Chonne Murphy questioned what type of educational background the new Superintendent will be required to have. Superintendent Quarne advised that the Board will determine that but they must have an administrative credential. The Principal/Learning Leader will be centered on student learning, achievement and success. They will have evaluative authority concerning the staff and disciplinary authority over the students. Greg Morales asked if this was going to be a temporary solution. Superintendent Quarne stated that GCOE is making the recommendation to encourage the Board to continue with GCOE providing administrative services this year and hire a part-time Superintendent in the future. John Huttman stated that the Board seated now will make the decision for the next school year. Chonne Murphy asked if the Board is willing to change. Shad Albertson asked why a teacher would say that the District is dysfunctional. Superintendent Quarne stated that there is a communication issue and directed the Board and staff that things should be discussed with the Superintendent. Susan Polk stated that communication has been a problem for a while and that she is applauding the meeting tonight. She also stated that it takes everybody to find a solution. John Huttman said that speaking for himself, as a

board member, he is ready to make the hard decisions needed. Greg Morales asked how committed the board is to change. John Huttman stated they are looking for long term solutions. Susan Polk reminded the audience that this is an election year and there will be 3 board member positions up for re-election. Superintendent Quarne thanked all of the presenters for doing a good job. Greg Morales stated that it sounds like the Board is focusing more on the kids which is good. Norma Arnold questioned where the money is coming from for all of the needed repairs. Sandy Benamati stated that the funds would possibly come from critical hardship or deferred maintenance funds. Shad Albertson expressed his concern that it is not a good learning environment and that discipline needs to be enacted. Adrienne Haylor stated that the teachers need support for a safe learning environment. Superintendent Quarne recognized Susan Meeker from the Willows Journal newspaper and thanked her for being there.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm

The next regular meeting will be held on June 20, 2012 at Indian Valley Elementary School.

***Respectfully submitted by Erin Callahan***

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