



**SWEETWATER COUNTY
SCHOOL DISTRICT #1**

Consent Agenda Item 10-p

Approval of the minutes from the March 6, 2018 Special Board Meeting

SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Kauchich, Neil Kourbelas and Carol Jelaco

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lenny Hay, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Waldner and Max Mickelson

ALSO PRESENT: Kelly McGovern, Head Start staff members and community members

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Mr. Paul Kauchich, Vice-Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Public comment was opened and discussion was held regarding the Strategic Plan for the District. Discussion from the floor included the following topics:

- Head Start makes a difference for families at or below poverty level
- Breaking the poverty cycle
- Parents being involved in their child's education
- Student behaviors have improved
- Good community partners
- Students are potty trained
- Good relationships with teachers
- Parenting classes
- Health services are addressed through the grant requirements
- Will the staff see wage increases soon
- Legislative cut
- Losing good people to other businesses in the community for higher wages
- Federal money pays for Head Start
- Transportation concerns for families
- Lack of quality candidates to fill positions
- Lack of transportation causes absenteeism
- More support for students transitioning into kindergarten such as parent training classes (Climb Wyoming, CNA classes, free and reduced lunch)

The discussion topics were noted by the Board Members present, for input in the preparation of a Strategic Plan by the District.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk