



**SWEETWATER COUNTY
SCHOOL DISTRICT #1**

Consent Agenda Item 10-f

Approval of the minutes from the January 17, 2018 Special Board Meeting

SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Lenny Hay, Emma Waldner, Carol Jelaco and Max Mickelson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Paul Kauchich, Neil Kourbelas and Stephanie Thompson

ALSO PRESENT: Kelly McGovern, Farson/Eden School staff members and community members

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Mr. Lenny Hay, Chairman of the Board called the meeting to order at 4:18 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:

- Beautiful new building
- 90 minutes of time before Christmas break
- Bonuses from last year
- Continue to strive for open communication
- Incorporating writing and research into art classes to help with the loss of the English instructor
- Test scores and graduation rate
- Relationship with students and community
- Integrated reading and writing in science
- Thank you to the Board
- Appreciative of the new math and reading curriculums and having resources to use in classes
- SAC committees were created to help find resources
- School climate
- Mr. Lenny Hay supports the Farson community
- Keep an eye on the focus and change only the things we are able to change
- Math and reading curriculum is going well
- Trustees are thankful for the staff
- The 4-day week works for Farson
- Would like to see the return of an additional English instructor – the staff would prefer to lose someone in another area because it is difficult for students without additional instructional time in reading, language, and writing (concern for test scores)
- Feel that Spring Board should start in 6th grade
- Would prefer that extra-curricular activities take a financial hit instead of losing a teacher (pay to play)
- Would like to introduce quiet time and how to learn
- Teachers at the upper levels are on their phones
- Would like to find school and districts with science SAC and see what they are doing to become better and use data to drive the Strategic Planning Committee
- Hatti's high effective size and high leverage strategies
- Farson's decreasing enrollment in lower grades and not advocating for becoming multiage classrooms

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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 5:23 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk