



**SWEETWATER COUNTY
SCHOOL DISTRICT #1**

Consent Agenda Item 10-a

Approval of the minutes from the January 3, 2018 Special Board Meeting

SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

BLACK BUTTE HIGH SCHOOL

JANUARY 3, 2018

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Emma Waldner, Paul Kauchich, Neil Kourbelas, Carol Jelaco, Stephanie Thompson and Max Mickelson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lenny Hay

ALSO PRESENT: Kelly McGovern, Black Butte High School staff members and community members

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Mr. Paul Kauchich, Vice-Chairman of the Board called the meeting to order at 3:15 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:

- Board recognition
- Newspaper articles
- First choice school, not last-ditch effort
- Level of trust from teachers to paraprofessionals
- Visibility to change perceptions
- Clear directions and different needs from one school to another can sway the ship in different directions
- Keeping class sizes small are critical to Black Butte High School
- The client is very different from other schools and designed for students that need something different
- Technology/Virtual Education – staff thinks outside of the box
- Support the staff – cuts should start at the top
- Allow for individual needs for each high school
- Computer science to meet the mandates
- Recalibration – are cuts to education coming
- Social stigma of working at an alternative high school
- Insurance needs remaining the same
- Build relationships based upon student interest
- Listen to many voices in order to get a perspective of what education looks like in Rock Springs

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 4:23 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk