



**SWEETWATER COUNTY  
SCHOOL DISTRICT #1**

## Consent Agenda Item 10-m

Approval of the minutes from the February 13, 2018 Special Board Meeting

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Lenny Hay, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Waldner, Max Mickelson, Neil Kourbelas and Carol Jelaco

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Paul Kauchich

**ALSO PRESENT:** Kelly McGovern, Pilot Butte Elementary School staff members and community members

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER** – Mr. Lenny Hay, Chairman of the Board called the meeting to order at 3:30 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:

- Culture and morale have come a long way
- Susan Dickman makes people feel important and invites them to provide input
- The community is open and friendly
- Student achievement scores have increased to meeting expectations
- Fifth grade ReadyGEN materials are lacking in physical books
- Specials teachers need more technology and feel their books are becoming outdated
- Technology limits the speed in access testing for EL
- Paraprofessionals only working 29 hours is difficult to work around
- Would like more paraprofessionals
- Incentives only for special education and early retirements
- Frozen steps
- Teacher burnout
- Teachers leaving and positions not being filled
- Grand funded counselor going away at the end of the year is concerning in light of the mental health issues, including suicide preventions efforts
- Needs of students are increasing and there are issues every day
- Counselors are needed despite no K-6 funding
- If there are no deaf/hard of hearing students will that job be eliminated

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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 4:34 p.m.

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Chairman

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Clerk