



**SWEETWATER COUNTY
SCHOOL DISTRICT #1**

Consent Agenda Item 10-k

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Paul Kauchich

ALSO PRESENT: Kelly McGovern, Sage Elementary School staff members and community members

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Mr. Lenny Hay, Chairman of the Board called the meeting to order at 3:50 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:

- Special Education is going well
- Specials teachers have PLC time this year
- Kindergarten specials are going well
- It is working well having principals in the IEP meetings
- Crisis team and safety meetings
- Special Education team works well
- Quality hiring process
- Good staff and District to support people
- Calming building
- District support for the building
- Custodial staff and PLC
- Tina Searle always thanks her staff
- Extended day
- Chili cook off
- Winter Olympics
- BOCES paraprofessionals
- STEM
- STEAM
- Tower gardens similar to Desert View Elementary School
- TAP mentor and support for new teachers – tech rodeo
- Board Members are willing to listen
- District work on the curriculum areas
- New resources
- Not Title I and need help for students in small groups
- Sub day for end of quarter assessments
- Lack of educational materials – would like Foundations materials back
- Other Title I schools received cards for second grade that Sage students have not yet received
- Paperless initiative is a mistake in the primary grades
- Concerns about electronic report cards
- Professional days are not funded for people who serve on boards so some are unable to attend their meetings
- Art, music and physical education teachers would like to attend more trainings at the District's expense

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- Writing and conversing in Spanish for next year
- Ongoing turnover due to special education issues
- Corrective action plans due to hiring incompetent people
- Personnel leaving because they are frustrated - solid teams are the answer – good teams are built
- More transparency and expectations are needed in how the team is ran – communication within the team
- A bank of questions is needed when interviewing special education staff
- Special Education teachers are being asked to do too much
- IEP minutes from paraprofessionals are counting toward IEP time and must be covered by special education teachers
- New notes every month with new special education information changing from the previous month
- Writing IEP's is very time intensive - possible solution would be to hire more Special Education staff
- Teacher of record
- Would like more special education communication after file reviews
- Two prep periods for special education teachers
- Alternative schedule to allow more professional development days and the opening faculty meeting
- Would like to see more Board Members in the schools
- Consistency of technology or books in the schools

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 4:47 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk