



**SWEETWATER COUNTY  
SCHOOL DISTRICT #1**

## Consent Agenda Item 10-c

Approval of the minutes from the January 10, 2018 Special Board Meeting at Westridge Elementary School

**SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**WESTRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Emma Waldner, Paul Kauchich and Neil Kourbelas

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Lenny Hay, Max Mickelson, Carol Jelaco and Stephanie Thompson

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

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER** – Mr. Paul Kauchich, Vice-Chairman of the Board called the meeting to order at 3:47 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:

- Increasing class sizes
- Only one set of the classroom anchor text for four teachers is difficult
- Would like to have more books in all grades
- Would like to have more technology items (first grade has only enough iPads for one class)
- Teachers are printing off materials
- Testing platform in Pearson
- Books for the students who have never held a book before
- Lack of curriculum materials is affecting student scores
- Would have preferred that the District piloted the new series
- ReadyGEN is not strong in phonics
- Funding cuts
- Would like to see required trainings offered during the school year and not summer academies
- Board Meetings via technology with more public access and an open format
- Communication is good
- Advocacy days (younger students with older students) is successful
- Learning curve to meet the challenge of the new demographics has been positive
- The students are happy
- The PTO and teachers support each other
- Teachers are attending the PTO functions
- Positivity project is being taught throughout the school
- K-6 Counselors and the Special Service team are valued

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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 4:52 p.m.

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Chairman

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Clerk