



**SWEETWATER COUNTY
SCHOOL DISTRICT #1**

Consent Agenda Item 10-1

Approval of the minutes from the February 7, 2018 Special Board Meeting

SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Lenny Hay, Paul Kauchich, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Waldner and Carol Jelaco

MEMBERS ABSENT: Max Mickelson and Neil Kourbelas

ALSO PRESENT: Kelly McGovern, Walnut Elementary School staff members, and members of the community

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Mr. Lenny Hay, Chairman of the Board called the meeting to order at 3:46 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:

- Technology throughout the building
- Parent support
- Positive climate and culture
- Support and freedom to teach classes
- PLC's work well
- Students have a smile and are safe when they walk through the door
- Walnut takes responsibility for their students
- Walnut is a safe environment for teachers and they are welcomed by their principal
- Special education teachers do a great job
- PTO is valuable
- Math night at Albertson's
- Technology department is understaffed
- Infrastructure needs updated for bandwidth
- Concerns with class size and meeting the needs of students
- Teaching both health and physical education in the gym is difficult
- Shared classrooms for music and art is difficult
- Older materials and anthologies from Harcourt could be used to help supplement
- Foundations materials could be used
- ReadyGEN is weak in phonics
- Miss Read Naturally for fluency and comprehension
- Special education paraprofessionals receive training in co-teaching
- Teacher accountability for students is difficult due to poor attendance of some students
- Parenting classes within the community would be helpful
- Parents understanding of what is required to be taught within common core
- A strategic plan is needed for K-2, 3-6, 7-8 and 9-12
- Legislators need to understand there are faces behind the numbers
- Needs of students are more difficult than ever before

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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 4:53 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk