



**SWEETWATER COUNTY
SCHOOL DISTRICT #1**

Consent Agenda Item 10-d

Approval of the minutes from the January 15, 2018 Special Board Meeting

SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lenny Hay and Max Mickelson

ALSO PRESENT: Kelly McGovern, Rock Springs 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 3:32 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:

- Top administrators are female
- 90 years of bureaucracy
- Job readiness skills needed
- Responsive Administration
- Giving back after graduation
- Pride in your school, District, community
- More community involvement
- Offering classes relevant to meet students' needs for their future
- Academy to broaden the ideals of the vocational programs (building trades, welding, woodshop, etc.)
- Staff at Rock Springs High School are very hard working and highly educated
- More communication
- Measurement of success on ACT and graduation rate (culmination of 13 years of education) should be considered District measurements and addressed as a District
- Look for ways to agree on ideas for the future in PLC's
- Look for ways to simplify things
- There is pride and appreciation of the staff and they are supported from the school and administration
- Staff encouraged to email or call the Trustees or the Superintendent
- Safety steps are in place
- Treatment of employees is dismal
- The strategic planning committee is "stacked"
- Questions to the administration go unanswered
- District website is not useful
- Jobs and employees are not safe
- Systemic driven
- No community support
- Facilities inadequate to meet the needs to achieve the science standard's (no sink, outlets that short out, etc.)
- Increasing class sizes - staff and building unable to accommodate student needs – how will the District support the staff
- Budget concerns
- Would like to see parent volunteers
- Attendance and truancy concerns

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- Lunch concerns – 20-minute lunch break is not sufficient, students with allergies, eating in classrooms
- Work together as a District to get special education on a positive note
- Ways to help teachers write grants and make the process easier
- Transparency and more communication
- Social Studies time at the junior high level is lessening
- Encourage students to ask questions
- Classified hours reduced to 29 hours – are we the only District in the state that has done this
- Would like additional regular education paraprofessionals and special education paraprofessionals, and extend their hours to full-time with benefits
- Move the Head Start preschool into our school system

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 4:28 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk