

**McKenzie County School District No. 1 School Board
Minutes of Special Board Meeting**

January 10, 2024

6:00 PM

Members Present	Members Absent
Heather Wisness, <i>President</i>	Dawn Maki
Jake Pennington, <i>Vice President</i>	Virginia Ceynar
Alex Quale	
Dia Northrop	
Lisa Samuelson	
Steven Holen, <i>Superintendent</i>	

Call Meeting to Order

President Wisness called to order the McKenzie County Public School District No. 1 School Board special meeting at 6:15 PM in the Bakken Area Skills Center second floor meeting room.

Agenda

1. School board member workshop and professional development.

Meeting

1. School Board governance and operations
 - a. The school board members discussed current topics and areas of concern related to general school district operations and objectives. A list was generated to identify areas as unresolved or still requiring an action plan to address in some manner. School board members provided their perspective on outstanding issues and possible resolution involving administration or Board governance. Mr. Holen will maintain the list of items discussed and share with Board members to be referenced at future meetings and at the next school board retreat. Board meeting organization and logistics were discussed, in particular the consent agenda and possible expansion to address more items.
2. Strategic plan review and discussion
 - a. General items related to the strategic plan were discussed and status towards goals noted. School board involvement in the items and oversight were discussed as well as accountability for current items in the plan. All components of the strategic plan were shared with the Board members, including the newest component, Activities Strategic Plan, in draft form for discussion and input. Communications was discussed extensively identifying potential areas for improvement with school district communications to parents regarding academic items. The Board recommends a unified system to provide greater support for parents attempting to assist their students and to be engaged in their educational goals. The Technology Committee will be addressing options related to communications for Board consideration at a future board meeting.
3. General discussion of Board members and Superintendent Holen
 - a. Topics as they relate to current school district initiatives, configurations, and ongoing challenges to address in meeting student academic goals were discussed to allow for Board member input and to identify areas for improvement. Board members shared insights into current challenges, questions from the community, and overall efforts to achieve goals established in meeting the needs of all students, staff, and community. The information shared will be applied to school board meeting considerations and implementation by Superintendent Holen. Mr. Holen provided a list of 2023 objectives achieved to review and in context with items still pending and in need of future action.

Adjournment

Hearing no further business to come before the school board, President Wisness adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

Heather Wisness, *Board President*

Brant Hebert, *Business Manager*