

NLSEC Board Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2019 9:00 am – 10:30 am
NLSEC Conference Room

Present:

Superintendent, Mike McNulty	Barnum
Board Member, Jessica Unkelhaeuser	Barnum
Superintendent, Gwen Carman	Carlton
Board Member, LaRae Lehto	Carlton
Superintendent, Michael Cary	Cloquet
Board Member, Jim Crowley	Cloquet
Superintendent, Nathan Libbon	Cromwell-Wright
Superintendent, Aaron Fischer	Esko
Superintendent, Kerry Juntunen	Hermantown
Superintendent, Bill Crandall	Lake Superior
Superintendent, Paul Grams	McGregor
Superintendent, Bob Indihar	Moose Lake
Superintendent, Kim Belcastro	Wrenshall
Special Education Director, Dena Hagen	Northern Lights Special Education Coop.
Asst. SpEd Director of NLA, Barb Mackey	Northern Lights Academy Cooperative
Administrative Assistant, Mary Borden	Northern Lights Special Education Coop.

Absent:

Superintendent, John Engelking	Proctor
Superintendent, Bill Peel	Willow River
Business Manager, Jill Morberg	Northern Lights Special Education Coop.
Board Member, Maggie Sunnarborg	Esko

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:09 am.

Welcome and Introductions

Approve Agenda:

Superintendent McNulty motioned the approval of the agenda, seconded by Superintendent Libbon and it was approved by a unanimous yea vote of all members present.

Approve October 4, 2019 meeting minutes:

Superintendent Juntunen motioned the approval of the October 4, 2019 meeting minutes, seconded by Superintendent McNulty, and it was approved by a unanimous yea vote of all members present.

Fiscal:

- Medical Assistance Revenue

Billing is on hold as the Department of Human Services is calculating and entering rates. Discussion about how secondary insurance denials also delay submission of claims. A few districts show zero current revenue due to payback of DHS for overpayment in the past.

- Contracted Services Review

Running list of district special education service contracts held in the NLSEC office

Director Report:

- Celebrations - Principals are appreciated when they reach out to Director Hagen with district special education questions or certain topics. Principals are very connected with the NLSEC coordinators as well.
- Special Education Basics Review for Board
 - MTSS (Multi-Tiered System Support)
 - Child find obligations
 - Comprehensive Evaluations
 - Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) and Progress Reporting
 - Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) and the Continuum of Services
 - Criterion Based vs. Related Services
 - Transition Planning
 - Early Intervention and Early Childhood Special Ed.
 - Discipline of Students with Disabilities
 - Due Process Paperwork
 - Special Education Teacher Caseloads

Future NLSEC Board Meeting Dates:

- Friday, February 7, 2020, 9:00 am, NLSEC Conference Room, Esko
- Friday, May 8, 2020, 9:00 am, NLSEC Conference Room, Esko

Adjourn:

*Superintendent McNulty motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Superintendent Libbon, and it was approved by a unanimous yea vote of all members present.
The meeting adjourned at 10:20 am.*