

NLSEC Board Meeting Minutes
October 4, 2019 9:00 am – 10:30 am
NLSEC Conference Room

Present:

Superintendent, Mike McNulty	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, John Engelking	Proctor
Superintendent, Bill Peel	Willow River
Special Education Director, Dena Hagen	Northern Lights Special Education Coop.
Asst. SpEd Director of NLA, Barb Mackey	Northern Lights Academy Cooperative
Business Manager, Jill Morberg	Northern Lights Special Education Coop.

Absent: Superintendent, Kim Belcastro Wrenshall
Board Member, Jessica Unkelhaeuser Barnum
Board Member, Maggie Sunnarborg Esko

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:02am.

Welcome and Introductions:

Approve Agenda:

One addition to the agenda with discussion of NLSEC Staff Contracts. Superintendent Juntunen motioned the approval of the agenda, seconded by Superintendent Fischer and it was approved by a unanimous yea vote of all members present.

Approve April 26, 2019 meeting minutes: (Attachment A)

Superintendent Juntunen motioned the approval of the April 26, 2019 meeting minutes, seconded by Superintendent Indihar, and it was approved by a unanimous yea vote of all members present.

Personnel:

- New ASD Consultant
 - Max Buehler, 1.0 FTE, Proctor Contract
 - Serves Esko, Carlton, Wrenshall, Lake Superior, Proctor, Cromwell-Wright, and McGregor.

Superintendent Engelking motioned the approval of hiring NLSEC ASD Consultant, Max Buehler, seconded by Superintendent Carman, and it was approved by a unanimous yeas vote of all members present.

- Discussion on NLSEC Staff Contract
Superintendent McNulty discussed two NLSEC Physical Therapists on a Barnum contract, how they're shared among the NLSEC, and working to settle that contract. Barnum teachers are also not settled and so the district will work to settle that first with the PT contracts to follow.

Fiscal:

- Approve 2019-20 Working Budget (Attachment B)
Working budget was compared to the planning budget with a difference of \$1,446.85
Superintendent Fischer motioned to approve the 2019-20 Working Budget, seconded by Superintendent Juntunen, and it was approved by a unanimous yeas vote of all members present.
- Medical Assistance Revenue (Attachment C)
Reminder to submit logs monthly, as there are still those that don't turn things in until the end of the year. This could cause missed billing opportunities.
- Contracted Services Review (Attachment D)
Running list of district special education service contracts-backup for Special Education Aid. Medical facilities in the area are very willing to contract with our districts for services

Directors Report: (Attachment E)

- Celebrations - Marigold Effect - Great gardeners know companion planting. Marigolds in our schools are people who are positive and strong vs. walnut trees who are negative individuals.
- Federal Determination: MN "Meets Requirements" Every state has to report on various indicators. MN is in its 5th year as one of three states "meeting" the requirements for both Part B and C. Coordinators are working to review Progress Reporting to gain baseline data.
- Sp Ed Finance Updates – Increase of 2% on the general formula. Budget of \$90 million to prevent cross subsidy. State Sp. Ed. Cap phased out in 19-20. Open enrollment services cost for the serving district is increasing.
- Northern Lights Interagency: Parent Advisory Committee meets five times per year and all parents of students with disabilities are invited to attend. This sub-committee is where parents are invited to discuss different topics from a parent standpoint-required to have 50% of members as parents. Districts are encouraged to advertise this group via posters, link on their website, etc... The Nov. interagency council meeting will be combined with Duluth's at the PACC.
- Dyslexia Screening and LETRS Professional Development - Dyslexia is a specific learning disability in reading. Districts are required to screen for dyslexia and have a plan to help students get to grade level in reading. A LETRS Professional Development (recommended by MDE) cohort is being offered to district teachers all year long by Ms. Hagen as the facilitator. Ms. Hagen will send a one minute info video to all Superintendents.

Future NLSEC Board Meeting Dates:

- Friday, December 13, 2019, 9:00 am, NLSEC Conference Room, Esko
- Friday, February 7, 2020, 9:00 am, NLSEC Conference Room, Esko
- Friday, May 8, 2020, 9:00 am, NLSEC Conference Room, Esko

Adjourn:

*Superintendent Engelking motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Superintendent Indihar, and it was approved by a unanimous yea vote of all members present.
The meeting adjourned at 10:01 am.*