

**Paul Bunyan Education Cooperative
Board of Delegates Minutes
Wednesday, November 23, 2022 12 – 1:30 pm**

The Paul Bunyan Education Cooperative (PBEC) Board of Delegates met on Wednesday, November 23, 2022, 12 pm at the Brainerd High School Large Conference Room.

Present: Jamie Skjeveland, Mike Malmberg, Dan Stifter, Jon Clark, Kurt Stumpf, Heidi Hahn, Sara Nagel, Cindi Hills, Mike Dolmin, Kevin Boyles, Traci Wallin, Jen Johnson and Kim Huether.

Absent: Chris Cunningham

Jen Johnson called the meeting to order at 12:06 pm

Dan Stifter made a motion to approve the November 23, 2022 agenda. Jamie Skjeveland seconded the motion. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.

Sara Nagel made a motion to approve the minutes from November 4, 2021. Mike Malmberg seconded the motion. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.

Determination of Chair and Vice Chair for 2022-23:

Motion was made to nominate Sara Nagel to serve as Chair. Second and carried.

Motion was made to nominate Mike Dolmin as Vice Chair. Second and carried.

There will be new school board representatives invited to the spring meeting due to new board elections. The superintendents will email Jen their representative.

PBEC Overview/Special Education and Related Services:

Jen presented to the BOD an overview of the Paul Bunyan Education Cooperative which included: an organizational chart, the basic responsibilities of PBEC to the districts, dispute resolution practices, special education disabilities, qualifying, and related services.

Paraprofessional/Education Assistant Support:

Jen presented information regarding paraprofessionals roles and responsibilities including: defining what a paraprofessional is, the key responsibilities, and how it relates back to the IEP. The ultimate goal for students is to phase out adult support and to educate families on how restrictive adult support can be to creating/fostering independence. PBEC Coordinators and Assistant Directors are working on robust training for paras on behavior management and academic strategies.

Legislative Platform (Federal):

Discussion was held regarding advocacy at the federal and state level.

- Elections seemed to favor education.
- One-fourth of legislators are new to their positions.
- In 1975 IDEA was formed to fully fund 40%, the rate is currently 13%.

State Platform:

- Support a stable, equitable and consistent formula
- Eliminate cross subsidy
- Jen is encouraged that positives things will happen
- There is an event for the surrounding community December 3 on Restorative Justice

Next Meeting Date: May 18, 2023

Sara Nagel made a motion to adjourn at 1 pm. Kurt Stumpf second. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.

Kim Huether, Secretary

Handouts:

- Agenda
- Minutes
- Power Point