

**Paul Bunyan Education Cooperative
Board of Delegates MINUTES
Friday, November 14, 2014
12:00 pm
WESB Room 308**

The Paul Bunyan Education Cooperative (PBEC) Board of Delegates met on Friday, November 14, 2014 at 12:00 pm at the PBEC Conference Room in the Washington Educational Services Building (WESB), Brainerd, MN. Mike Erholtz served as chair.

Present: Garny Gaffey, Mike Erholtz, Tom Haglin, Jamie Skjevland, Chris Lindholm, Bob Sandin, Cathy Bettino, Bernie Novak, Margaret Knebel, Heidi Hahn and Kim Huether.

Absent: Don Gaalswyk, Klint Willert.

Meeting was called to order at 12:10 pm

Introductions were held.

Moved and seconded approval of the Agenda. Carried. Heidi Hahn reviewed and summarized the April 4, 2014 minutes.

District Highlights: Members shared highlights from their districts.

Introduction to Special Education Finance: Heidi Hahn gave an overview of special education finance including: federal funding – child count; state funding – changes in FY16, and priorities of funding.

Legislative Issues Impacting Special Education in Districts:

- ASDLicensure – By July 2015 every building has to have a licensed ASD teacher. Donna Whalen and Bonnie Kriha helped implement a program with St. Cloud State University to assist paraprofessionals to get licensure. Thirty-two people have enrolled in the program.
- Part C-Birth to 3 Evaluation Timeline Change
- Paperwork – student record system
- Multi Tiered Systems of Support – MTSS (formerly RTI)

10 Year Trends by Disability: Discussed Child Count handouts

New Business: Discussed the possibility of creating a data driven system for determining paraprofessional needs throughout the cooperative.

Board Needs: Information or presentations are available to school boards regarding the operation of the cooperative.

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting date will be Friday, April 10, 2015, noon – 1:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 pm

Kim Huether, Secretary

Handouts:

- Minutes from April 14, 2014
- 2013 Child Count – Paul Bunyan Education Cooperative
- Ten Year Child Count – state of Minnesota
- Paul Bunyan Education Cooperative Special Education Finance