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Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit 5 Board Agenda
Wednesday, January 26, 2022
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1. Meeting Opening:

A. Call Board Meeting to Order:

The Board meeting of the Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit Board was called to order by Dr. Andrew Pushchak, President, at 5:45 p.m.

B. Roll Call:

Present were: Dr. Jane Blystone (NE); Jeff Brooks (PC); Dr. Doris Gernovich (CR); Dorothy Luckock (CN); Paul Mangione (WC); Bryan Miller (CC); Fran New (FV); Rita Nicolussi (IR); Brad Pattullo (GM); Dr. Andrew Pushchak (WB); George Trauner (UC); Gary Winschel (MC)

Absent were: Gwendolyn Cooley (EC); Jeremy Markham (FLB); Leslie Soltis (NW)

Present from the Intermediate Unit Leadership Team: Brad Whitman, Executive Director; Christy Carucci, Mary Eckart, Sally Daehnke, Vince Humes, Lori Patton, Kirk Shimshock

Also present: Kathy Junkin; Jill Lewis; Donette Porter; Allison Reynolds

C. Moment of Silence: Dr. Pushchak asked those in attendance to stand for a moment of silence.

D. Pledge to the Flag: Dr. Pushchak led everyone present in the Pledge to the Flag.

E. Recognition of PSEA: Dr. Pushchak recognized all PSEA Representatives.

F. Recognition of Visitors: Dr. Pushchak welcomed all visitors in attendance.

2. Board Recognition Month:

Mr. Brad Whitman acknowledged that January is School Board Member appreciation month. Thank you for all you do especially during this time of COVID.

Dr. Andrew Pushchak thanked Mr. Whitman for the recognition.

3. Reports:

A. Executive Director (Mr. Brad Whitman):

IU5

In March 2021, the American Rescue Plan (ARP) act was signed into law, dedicating funds for K-12 schools through Elementary and Secondary School Education Relief (ESSER) funds. A small portion of these funds were dedicated to Intermediate Units. As a result, the Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit (IU5) is eligible to receive one-time federal funding through the ARP ESSER grant to be spent prior to September 30, 2024. The purpose of these funds is to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, with a goal to emerge stronger from the pandemic.

To help sustain the safe and effective operations of our schools and address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on all learners, IU5 is consulting with stakeholders who represent the specific interests of students to inform the IU during the planning process. We invite all members of the community to provide anonymous input regarding the IU use of ARP ESSER funds by completing our anonymous survey. The survey can be accessed by clicking "[IU5 ARP ESSER Stakeholder Survey](https://www.iu5.org/IU5-ARP-ESSER-Stakeholder-Survey)" from www.iu5.org.

Migrant board presentation video for January <https://vimeo.com/667429885/e207db94dd>

Regional Choice Initiative (RCI)

- Despite losing classes @ Crawford County CTC & now with Gannon only offering courses, registrations are still up and climbing:
- Last 3 years (biggest jumps in participants):
- **Girard** climbed from 11 to **31 participants**
- **Wattsburg** climbed from 4 to **36 participants**

- **Overall, all districts** rose from 144 to **205 participants**

Special Education

Absences and coverage needs from August through mid-January in the special education department:

- 887 instances of staff absences in special education department
- 107 instances of internal coverage
- 87 instances of supervisors substituting

Early Intervention

- December 2021 EI aggregate count is 973
- 291 students are eligible for kindergarten transition in the fall

SAP

- 54 participants registered for the 3-day virtual SAP (Student Assistance Program) New Team member training scheduled for Feb 1, 2, and 9

UBMS

- They reached their enrollment number for the year 52/52

Migrant enrollment

- Up 21% from a year ago - 81 newly recruited students (PA 7)
- Up 11% from a year ago - 224 newly recruited students (PA 8)

State

Both chambers of the General Assembly will have a three-day voting schedule this week. Following the holiday recess, both the Senate and House returned to Harrisburg this month on different weeks—the House on January 10 and the Senate last Monday.

The Senate Education Committee last week voted on another Republican-led effort to increase state tax credits available to fund scholarships for tuition to private schools. [Senate Bill 527](#) will increase the cap on tax credits available for the Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC) programs by 25% annually. Prime sponsor of the legislation, Senator Mike Regan (R-Cumberland), said his legislative effort will “correct the funding imbalance that stifles school choice for thousands of families.” Moreover, he claims his bill will provide low-income students “the opportunity to lift themselves out of poverty or an inevitable life of crime and prison because their taxpayer-funded public schools continue to fail to provide them the education and support they need to break the cycle.” [Go here](#) for more comments from Senator Regan. The committee vote was 7-4 with all Republicans in support and Democrats opposed.

The House Education Committee will meet today. On the agenda is [House Bill 1330](#), which requires the PA Department of Education to “establish a central online clearinghouse which shall at a minimum include an online database of online courses for students enrolled in grades six through twelve.” The bill authorizes “school entities, nonpublic schools, home education programs and the general public” to access the PDE clearinghouse.

The course content will be developed to mirror subject matter assessed by the Keystone Exams. The cost of the course shall be determined by a negotiation between the course developer and the user. Prime sponsor of the bill, Rep. Jason Ortity (R-Washington) says the legislation is designed to foster “more innovative and forward-thinking in delivering instruction to students not just during this pandemic, but also so our students can be competitive in college and careers in the 21st Century.”

[House Resolution 163](#) which directs the Joint State Government Commission to study training mandates on public school entities is also scheduled for consideration by the House Education Committee today. The prime sponsor, Rep. Ryan Mackenzie (R-Lehigh) says commission will “study all of the training mandates in federal and state law or regulations; prepare an assessment of all training mandates in state law or regulations and identify any duplicate federal and state training mandates; evaluate any potential negative impacts of

eliminating certain training mandates in state law or regulations; and include any recommendations relating to eliminating any training mandates in state law or regulations.

After this week, both chambers are scheduled for session on February 7-9. During that week, the Governor will deliver his last budget address on Tuesday, February 8. The address will kick-off the annual ritual of state agency appropriations hearings in both chambers until March 21.

[HB 1642](#) (Martin, R -Lancaster)- Tuition Payments for Economically Disadvantaged. The bill expands the number of schools/students eligible to participate in the Economically Disadvantaged School program, thus increasing the number of students who are eligible to receive EITC and OSTC tuition vouchers

Status: Passed House 116-84. Passed Senate 30-19. Not yet transmitted to Governor.

[HB 1660](#) (Sonney, R -Erie)- Restricts School Boards Powers. The bill restricts the ability of school boards to declare an emergency due to infectious disease. Emergency powers are limited to 21 days, but may be extended under certain conditions.

Status: Passed House 118-82. Passed Senate Education Committee 6-4. Awaiting Senate action of January 18.

[SB 324](#) (Langerholc, R -Cambria)- Assisting Students Experiencing Education Instability. Beginning in the 2021-22 school year and each school year thereafter, a school entity (including intermediate units) receiving a student who has experienced education instability shall assign a point of contact to the student experiencing education instability who may be a third party; develop policies and procedures to apply full or partial credit for coursework that is satisfactorily completed at, and reflected in the student's records from, a prior school entity by a student that enrolls at the receiving school entity; not penalize a student for a school uniform or dress code violation related to a delay in obtaining a uniform; waive all fees that would otherwise be assessed against the student; and allow the student to participate in any school-sponsored or extracurricular activity for which the student meets placement and qualification requirements.

Status: Passed full Senate 50-0. Passed House 201-0. Not yet transmitted to Governor.

[HB 1254](#) (DelRosso, R -Allegheny, Westmoreland)- Tuition Grant Program for In-Person Instruction. The bill provides a tuition grant to any family who is denied in-person instruction. The parent may enroll the child in and school that provide in-person instruction.

Status: Passed House Education Committee 14-11. - Awaiting full House action on January 24.

[HB 2045](#) (Ortitay, R -Allegheny)- Reading Professional Development. The bill provides professional development in the science of reading to K-4 teachers, and provides for school personnel to serve as reading coaches. PDE will develop the program and select the coaches based upon school district recommendations. Intermediate units are eligible providers.

Status: Passed House Education Committee 25-0 - Referred to Appropriations Committee for Fiscal Note.

[SB 786](#) (Aument, R- Lancaster)- Open Campus Initiative. The bill allows school districts to enter into an arrangement allowing students to have open access to other school's campuses. Also allows open campus districts to negotiate the purchase of on-line curriculum and materials from cyber charter schools.

Status: Passed full Senate 29-20. Passed House Education Committee 15-0. Awaiting full House action.

[HB 1473](#) (Staats, R -Bucks)- Mandate Relief. The bill allows school boards to adopt a resolution to apply to PDE for a waiver of various regulations to enable the school entity to improve instructional programs or operate in a more effective, efficient or economical manner.

Status: Awaiting House Education Committee action – not scheduled

Federal

USDoe Announces Joint Temporary Action with U.S. Department of Transportation to Help Address School Bus Driver Labor Shortage

On Tuesday, January 4, the U.S. Department of Transportation announced a collaborative effort with the U.S. Department of Education to address the school bus driver shortage. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), an agency within US DOT responsible for regulating the trucking industry, is giving states the option of waiving the portion of the commercial driver's license (CDL) skills test that requires applicants to identify the "under the hood" engine components. USED and US DOT hope this will alleviate some of the labor shortage challenges schools are facing to safely keep schools open for full-time, in-person learning. More details on [The Leading Edge blog](#).

USDoe Urges Use of ARP Funds for Teacher Retention

In a [letter](#) sent to SEAs and LEAs across the country, Secretary Cardona called on districts to support school staffing efforts by using ARP money to provide school staff members (as many Consortium districts have been doing) with strategies including hiring and retention bonuses, raising salaries, and providing premium pay. Details on [The Leading Edge blog](#).

Thousands of School Websites Went Down in a Cyberattack. It'll Happen Again, Experts Say

January 10, Education Week

Roughly 5,000 schools and colleges saw their websites go dark recently when a ransomware attack targeted Finalsity, a private company that provides Webhosting and other communications services. [edweek.org](#)

Why Education Is About to Reach a Crisis of Epic Proportions

January 4, Forbes

We're at a major tipping point in education. According to a recent survey, 48% of teachers admitted that they had considered quitting within the last 30 days. Of that number, 34% said they were thinking about leaving the profession entirely. [forbes.com](#)

Fast Fact:

PA contributes only 38%, which ranks 45th in the country. The national average is 47%. The majority of funding falls to local taxpayers, fueling gaps between wealthy and poor communities.

B. Solicitor (Mr. George Joseph): Attorney Joseph reported he can recommend all the agreements and contracts on the agenda for approval, reviewed the policies on the agenda for first and second reading and the language in policy 610 will be revised prior to the second reading, and reviewed a Right to Know request and appeal with the appeal being withdrawn after review.

C. Executive Committee (Dr. Andrew Pushchak): Dr. Pushchak reported that the Executive Committee met on January 19, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. via zoom to review the Board Agenda. Present were Dr. Doris Gernovich, Mr. Paul Mangione, and Dr. Andrew Pushchak.

D. Budget & Audit Committee (Mr. Paul Mangione): Mr. Mangione, Chairperson, reported that the Budget & Audit Committee met on January 26, 2022, at 5:15 p.m. Mr. Mangione reported that the committee reviewed the timeline for the 2022-23 budget book and there is nothing coming out of committee.

E. Personnel Committee (Dr. Doris Gernovich): Dr. Gernovich, Chairperson, reported that the Personnel Committee met on January 26, 2022, at 5:15 p.m. Dr. Gernovich reported that there are several items on the agenda for approval and thanked Mrs. Daehnke and the Human Resources staff for adding 11 substitutes to the list.

F. Policy Development Committee (Mrs. Leslie Soltis): Dr. Pushchak, reported that the Policy Development Committee met on January 26, 2022 at 5:15 p.m. A discussion by the Policy Development Committee endorsed Policies 335, 610, 611, 626, 237, and 717 for First and Second Readings as presented.

4. General Resolution:

Be it resolved, that the Northwest Tri-County Board of Directors approves and adopts the following items that are included in the agenda of this meeting and incorporated herein by reference thereto with the same force and as though separate resolutions on each item were considered and adopted. Items on the Agenda have been reviewed by the solicitor and are recommended by the administration.

It was moved by Mr. Trauner and seconded by Dr. Gernovich to approve the General Resolution as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Appointment/Resignation of IU Board Members:

It was moved by Dr. Gernovich and seconded by Mr. Trauner to approve the Appointment/Resignation of IU Board Members as presented.

- A. Girard School District
- B. Harbor Creek School District
- C. Wattsburg Area School District

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote Dr. Jane Blystone (NE) yes; Jeff Brooks (PC) yes; Jeremy Markham (FL) absent; Gwendolyn Cooley (EC) absent; Dr. Doris Gernovich (CR) yes; Dorothy Luckock (CN) yes; Bryan Miller (CC) yes; Paul Mangione (WC) yes; Fran New (FV) yes; Rita Nicolussi (IR) yes; Brad Pattullo (GM) yes; Dr. Andrew Pushchak (WB) yes; Leslie Soltis (NW) absent; George Trauner (UC) yes; Gary Winschel (MC) yes

6. Minutes:

It was moved by Mr. Trauner and seconded by Mrs. New to approve the Minutes from November 17, 2021, IU Board of Directors Meeting as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Proposed 2022-2023 Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit Calendar:

It was moved by Mr. Pattullo and seconded by Mr. Trauner to approve the Proposed 2022-2023 Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit Calendar as presented.

- A. Proposed 2022-2023 Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit Calendar

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote Dr. Jane Blystone (NE) yes; Jeff Brooks (PC) yes; Jeremy Markham (FL) absent; Gwendolyn Cooley (EC) absent; Dr. Doris Gernovich (CR) yes; Dorothy Luckock (CN) yes; Bryan Miller (CC) yes; Paul Mangione (WC) yes; Fran New (FV) yes; Rita Nicolussi (IR) yes; Brad Pattullo (GM) yes; Dr. Andrew Pushchak (WB) yes; Leslie Soltis (NW) absent; George Trauner (UC) yes; Gary Winschel (MC) yes

8. Financial Items (Mr. Paul Mangione):

It was moved by Mr. Mangione and seconded by Mr. Winschel to approve the Financial Items 8A-8L as presented.

- A. Investment Report for November 30, 2021
- B. Treasurer's Report for November 30, 2021
- C. November 2021 Monthly Expense Board Report
- D. November 2021 Monthly Revenue Board Report
- E. PNC Easy Procure Payments as of October 25, 2021
- F. PNC Easy Procure Payments as of November 26, 2021
- G. Investment Report for December 31, 2021
- H. Treasurer's Report for December 31, 2021
- I. December 2021 Monthly Revenue Board Report
- J. December 2021 Monthly Expense Board Report
- K. PNC Easy Procure Payments as of December 27, 2021
- L. Approval of Bills

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote Dr. Jane Blystone (NE) yes; Jeff Brooks (PC) absent; Gwendolyn Cooley (EC) absent; Dr. Doris Gernovich (CR) yes; Dorothy Luckock (CN) yes; Bryan Miller (CC) yes; Paul Mangione (WC) yes; Jeremy Markham (FL) yes; Christine Mitchell (HC) yes; Fran New (FV) yes; Rita Nicolussi (IR) yes; Brad Pattullo (GM) yes; Dr. Andrew Pushchak (WB) yes; Robert Snyder (GR) yes; Leslie Soltis (NW) yes; George Trauner (UC) abstained Voucher #1005039 and #1005139; Gary Winschel (MC) yes

9. Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to approve IU, ESSER, EANS Payments:

It was moved by Mr. Trauner and seconded by Dr. Blystone to approve Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to approve IU, ESSER, EANS Payment as presented.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote Dr. Jane Blystone (NE) yes; Jeff Brooks (PC) yes; Jeremy Markham (FL) absent; Gwendolyn Cooley (EC) absent; Dr. Doris Gernovich (CR) yes; Dorothy Luckock (CN) yes; Bryan Miller (CC) yes; Paul Mangione (WC) yes; Fran New (FV) yes; Rita Nicolussi (IR) yes; Brad Pattullo (GM) yes; Dr. Andrew Pushchak (WB) yes; Leslie Soltis (NW) absent; George Trauner (UC) yes; Gary Winschel (MC) yes

10. Personnel Items (Dr. Doris Gernovich):

It was moved by Dr. Gernovich and seconded by Mr. Trauner to approve Personnel Items 10A-10J as presented.

- A. Retirement
- B. Resignation
- C. ****Substitute List
- D. ****Employment of Personnel
- E. Termination
- F. Tenure
- G. Position Changes
- H. Job Descriptions
- I. ****Leaves
- J. Contract Payroll Rates 2021-2022

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote Dr. Jane Blystone (NE) yes; Jeff Brooks (PC) yes; Jeremy Markham (FL) absent; Gwendolyn Cooley (EC) absent; Dr. Doris Gernovich (CR) yes; Dorothy Luckock (CN) yes; Bryan Miller (CC) yes; Paul Mangione (WC) yes; Fran New (FV) yes; Rita Nicolussi (IR) yes; Brad Pattullo (GM) yes; Dr. Andrew Pushchak (WB) yes; Leslie Soltis (NW) absent; George Trauner (UC) yes; Gary Winschel (MC) yes

11. Transportation Items:

It was moved by Mr. Trauner and seconded by Mr. Pattullo to approve Transportation Item 11A-11B as presented.

- A. 2021-22 Special Needs Drivers
- B. 2021-22 Transportation Contracts

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote Dr. Jane Blystone (NE) yes; Jeff Brooks (PC) yes; Jeremy Markham (FL) absent; Gwendolyn Cooley (EC) absent; Dr. Doris Gernovich (CR) yes; Dorothy Luckock (CN) yes; Bryan Miller (CC) yes; Paul Mangione (WC) yes; Fran New (FV) yes; Rita Nicolussi (IR) yes; Brad Pattullo (GM) yes; Dr. Andrew Pushchak (WB) yes; Leslie Soltis (NW) absent; George Trauner (UC) yes; Gary Winschel (MC) yes

12. Contracted Payroll:

It was moved by Dr. Gernovich and seconded by Mr. Pattullo to approve Contracted Payroll 12A-12D as presented.

- A. Amy Donikowski
- B. Brittany Grajek
- C. Christal Lepak
- D. Maria Romero

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote Dr. Jane Blystone (NE) yes; Jeff Brooks (PC) yes; Jeremy Markham (FL) absent; Gwendolyn Cooley (EC) absent; Dr. Doris Gernovich (CR) yes; Dorothy Luckock (CN) yes; Bryan Miller (CC) yes; Paul Mangione (WC) yes; Fran New (FV) yes; Rita Nicolussi (IR) yes; Brad Pattullo (GM) yes; Dr. Andrew Pushchak (WB) yes; Leslie Soltis (NW) absent; George Trauner (UC) yes; Gary Winschel (MC) yes

13. Agreements/Contracts:

It was moved by Mr. Trauner and seconded by Mr. Pattullo to approve the Agreements/Contracts 13A-13F as presented.

- A. Emerald Foundation/Emerald Esports
- B. Encore Agreement (SAS Institute)

- C. ePlus Agreement
- D. Erie County Mental Health/Intellectual Disabilities Contract
- E. Pennsylvania Association of Intermediate Unit (PAIU) Agreement
- F. University of Kentucky - Affiliation Agreement

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote Dr. Jane Blystone (NE) yes; Jeff Brooks (PC) yes; Jeremy Markham (FL) absent; Gwendolyn Cooley (EC) absent; Dr. Doris Gernovich (CR) yes; Dorothy Luckock (CN) yes; Bryan Miller (CC) yes; Paul Mangione (WC) yes; Fran New (FV) yes; Rita Nicolussi (IR) yes; Brad Pattullo (GM) yes; Dr. Andrew Pushchak (WB) yes; Leslie Soltis (NW) absent; George Trauner (UC) yes; Gary Winschel (MC) yes

14. Service Purchase Contract(s):

It was moved by Dr. Gernovich and seconded by Mr. Pattulo to approve the Service Purchase Contracts 14A-14K as presented.

- A. Bethesda Lutheran Services SPC 70602
- B. Bethesda Lutheran Services SPC 70604
- C. Bethesda Lutheran Services SPC 70611
- D. Bethesda Lutheran Services SPC 70612
- E. Bethesda Lutheran Services SPC 70613
- F. Bethesda Lutheran Services SPC 70614
- G. Bethesda Lutheran Services SPC 70618
- H. Penn State Behrend SPC 70615
- I. Pennsylvania State University SPC 70616
- J. St Benedict Center SPC 70608
- K. Wesley Station Preschool SPC 70603

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote Dr. Jane Blystone (NE) yes; Jeff Brooks (PC) yes; Jeremy Markham (FL) absent; Gwendolyn Cooley (EC) absent; Dr. Doris Gernovich (CR) yes; Dorothy Luckock (CN) yes; Bryan Miller (CC) yes; Paul Mangione (WC) yes; Fran New (FV) yes; Rita Nicolussi (IR) yes; Brad Pattullo (GM) yes; Dr. Andrew Pushchak (WB) yes; Leslie Soltis (NW) absent; George Trauner (UC) abstained 14A-14G; Gary Winschel (MC) yes

15. Language Instructional Education Program (LIEP):

It was moved by Mr. Trauner and seconded by Dr. Blystone to approve the Language Instructional Education Program (LIEP) as presented.

- A. Commodore Perry School District

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote Dr. Jane Blystone (NE) yes; Jeff Brooks (PC) yes; Jeremy Markham (FL) absent; Gwendolyn Cooley (EC) absent; Dr. Doris Gernovich (CR) yes; Dorothy Luckock (CN) yes; Bryan Miller (CC) yes; Paul Mangione (WC) yes; Fran New (FV) yes; Rita Nicolussi (IR) yes; Brad Pattullo (GM) yes; Dr. Andrew Pushchak (WB) yes; Leslie Soltis (NW) absent; George Trauner (UC) yes; Gary Winschel (MC) yes

16. Policies - First and Second Readings (Mrs. Leslie Soltis):

It was moved by Mr. Trauner and seconded by Mrs. New to approve the First and Second Readings as presented.

- A. First Reading - Section 300 Employees - Policy 335: Family and Medical Leaves
- B. First Reading - Section 600 Finances, Policy 610: Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotations
- C. First Reading - Section 600 Finances, Policy 611 - Purchases Budgeted
- D. First Reading - Section 600 Finances - Policy 626: Federal Fiscal Compliance
- E. Second Reading - Section 200 Pupils, Policy 237: Electronic Devices
- F. Second Reading - Section 700 Property, Policy 717: Mobile Electronic Devices

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote Dr. Jane Blystone (NE) yes; Jeff Brooks (PC) yes; Jeremy Markham (FL) absent; Gwendolyn Cooley (EC) absent; Dr. Doris Gernovich (CR) yes; Dorothy Luckock (CN) yes; Bryan Miller (CC) yes; Paul Mangione (WC) yes; Fran New (FV) yes; Rita Nicolussi (IR) yes; Brad Pattullo (GM) yes; Dr. Andrew Pushchak (WB) yes; Leslie Soltis (NW) absent; George Trauner (UC) yes; Gary Winschel (MC) yes

17. Request to Travel:

It was moved by Mr. Pattullo and seconded by Mr. Trauner to approve the Request to Travel as presented.

A. MC Anderson and Jamie Woods

B. Vince Humes

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote Dr. Jane Blystone (NE) yes; Jeff Brooks (PC) yes; Jeremy Markham (FL) absent; Gwendolyn Cooley (EC) absent; Dr. Doris Gernovich (CR) yes; Dorothy Luckock (CN) yes; Bryan Miller (CC) yes; Paul Mangione (WC) yes; Fran New (FV) yes; Rita Nicolussi (IR) yes; Brad Pattullo (GM) yes; Dr. Andrew Pushchak (WB) yes; Leslie Soltis (NW) absent; George Trauner (UC) yes; Gary Winschel (MC) yes

18. Field Trip:

It was moved by Dr. Gernovich and seconded by Mr. Trauner to approve the Field Trip as presented.

A. Niagara Falls, New York

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote Dr. Jane Blystone (NE) yes; Jeff Brooks (PC) yes; Jeremy Markham (FL) absent; Gwendolyn Cooley (EC) absent; Dr. Doris Gernovich (CR) yes; Dorothy Luckock (CN) yes; Bryan Miller (CC) yes; Paul Mangione (WC) yes; Fran New (FV) yes; Rita Nicolussi (IR) yes; Brad Pattullo (GM) yes; Dr. Andrew Pushchak (WB) yes; Leslie Soltis (NW) absent; George Trauner (UC) yes; Gary Winschel (MC) yes

19. E-Rate Discount Program:

It was moved by Mr. Trauner and seconded by Mr. Pattullo to approve the E-rate Discount Program as presented.

A. Executive Director Authority to Approve E-Rate Contract Selections

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote Dr. Jane Blystone (NE) yes; Jeff Brooks (PC) yes; Jeremy Markham (FL) absent; Gwendolyn Cooley (EC) absent; Dr. Doris Gernovich (CR) yes; Dorothy Luckock (CN) yes; Bryan Miller (CC) yes; Paul Mangione (WC) yes; Fran New (FV) yes; Rita Nicolussi (IR) yes; Brad Pattullo (GM) yes; Dr. Andrew Pushchak (WB) yes; Leslie Soltis (NW) absent; George Trauner (UC) yes; Gary Winschel (MC) yes

20. Other Business:

Dr. Pushchak informed everyone the next Board meeting will be held on February 23, 2022.

Dr. Pushchak reminded everyone that the 2022-23 budget book presentation will take place on February 15, 2022 at 4:00 pm in person and zoom.

21. Adjournment:

It was moved by Dr. Bystone and seconded by Mr. Trauner to adjourn the Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit Board of Directors at 6:16 p.m.

Raina George, Board Secretary