

Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit 5 Board Agenda
Wednesday, August 26, 2026
Generated by Raina George

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); Kristy Bolte (NW); Randy Styborski (PC); Paul Mangione (WC); Joseph Meka (GR); Fran New (FV); Dr. Andrew Pushchak (WB); George Roberts (GM); Scott Taylor (FLB); Kimberle Thomas (UC); David Vrenna (HC); Gary Winschel (MC); Ed Williamson (CN)

Absent were: Amanda Cox (CR); Jennifer Sheldon (IR); Tammy Silvis (CC)

Present from the Intermediate Unit Leadership Team: Brad Whitman, Executive Director; Sally Daehnke; Becca Kelley; Kirk Shimshock; Brandie Stevens; JT Stewart; Amanda Porter

Also present: Solicitor Pat Kennedy; Wendy Carson; Hannah Flynn; Jill Lewis; Leah Merski; Nick Paolini

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. Presentation of the Annie Sullivan Award:

Mr. Brad Whitman gave a brief overview of the Annie Sullivan Award. "The award, named after Helen Keller's teacher and friend, is presented by each participating Intermediate Unit to an IU employee who facilitates acceptance of students with disabilities in schools and the community.

Mr. Whitman recognized Mrs. Sheryl Decker as the 2025-26 Annie Sullivan Award recipient.

3. Reports:

A. Executive Director (Mr. Brad Whitman):

IU5

- In August, TruNorth Security Training was offered again, bringing together 15 School Resource Officers (SROs) from local school districts.

Early Intervention

- This past year, IU5 EI was selected to participate in the Positive Behavior Supports Agreement, sponsored by the Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) and Early Intervention Technical Assistance (EITA). This opportunity strengthened the capacity of our Preschool Early Intervention program to support children engaging in persistent challenging behaviors by utilizing the Prevent Teach Reinforce for Young Children (PTR-YC) model—a collaborative, team-based approach that includes families and educators—to guide individualized behavior support. This year we will expand the use of this tool to our team by providing continuing training and implementation opportunities.
- In Preschool Early Intervention programs located in Pennsylvania, Embedded Instruction for Early Learning has been identified as the primary evidence-based practice/strategy for providing high-quality Early Intervention services. IU5 continues the OCDEL guided rollout and our Core Leadership Team has selected six teaching professionals for the learning path that will provide the essential knowledge and skills to effectively implement the practices of Embedded Instruction for Early Learning with fidelity.

El Data	July 2026	July 2025
Year to Date Referrals	75	108
Active IEPs	1411	1488
Aggregate	1411	1488

Federal and State Programs

- The SUN Meal Program wrapped up the season serving a record of over 152,000 meals to students ages 18 and under. A big thank you to our districts who ran rural non-congregate (grab and go) sites serving over 2/3's of these meals.
 - Conneaut (2 sites)
 - Harborcreek
 - General McLane
 - Northwestern
- The Talent Search TRiO Program was notified this month that they won their lawsuit against USDE as the program was reinstated their funding for year 5 of the grant totaling \$310,325. We are awaiting the results to have a no-cost extension allowing expenditures to be spent through August 31, 2027.

Financial Services

- Compiling and organizing documentation and financial data for the 2025-2026 audit.
- Coordinating transportation services and implementation with new transportation providers.
- Finalizing 2025-2026 budget reconciliation and closeout activities.

Human Resources

- Evaluating a new software platform that will better integrate many of our processes which should result in more efficiency and better collaboration across departments.
- Working to implement a new clerical applicant process which will include an onsite software/technology assessment to help us to better understand skillset of applicants before bringing them on.

Innovative Technology Solutions (ITS)

- Launched the new IU5 website – Successfully rolled out IU5's redesigned website, providing staff, districts, families, and community members with a more modern, accessible, and user-friendly platform for accessing IU5 programs, services, and information.
- Strengthened cybersecurity and infrastructure resilience – Completed major server migration efforts to Scale Computing and continued disaster recovery planning while expanding cybersecurity monitoring, secure access controls, email security through Mimecast, and endpoint management capabilities.
- Supported In-Service and back-to-school readiness – Provided technology support throughout IU5 In-Service and the return to school, including conference room readiness, device deployments, classroom connectivity, staff technology assistance, and troubleshooting across IU5 programs and locations to help ensure a smooth start to the new school year.

School Improvement Services

- Staff in both TaC and SIS presented on multiple topics throughout the opening in-service. Topics included assistive technology, IEP Transitions, positive behavior supports, strengthening math skills, and drones.

Special Education

- Students are back in session this week across our three counties.
- The department is working with our school psychologist to asset tag our testing protocols and inventory response booklets. As protocols or response booklets are ordered, we now have a system to ensure we have an accurate count of what is available and whether they need to be ordered.
- Para Academy was conducted the week after in-service. Both the special education department and the CIA department partnered to support over 125 para-educators across the IU5 region in professional development on topics relevant to their positions.

State

Gov. Shapiro Signs \$50.8 Billion Compromise Budget, Despite Some Opposition In Both Parties Gov. Josh Shapiro signed a package of bills into law enacting a \$50.8 billion state budget for the next year. The spending plan was approved by the state House and Senate earlier Sunday afternoon with only a handful of opposing votes.

Read the rest of the story: [“Gov. Shapiro Signs \\$50.8 Billion Compromise Budget, Despite Some Opposition In Both Parties”](#) (Pennsylvania Capital-Star, 7-12-26)

PA Has High Special Education Needs. What Federal Shift Could Mean Special education oversight is shifting out of the U.S. Department of Education, federal officials have announced, a move that many disability advocates decried as potentially fragmenting critical programs. The change could have particular effects in Pennsylvania, which has one of the nation's highest shares of students with disabilities. Officials in President Donald Trump's administration have said relocating these functions to the U.S. Department of Health and Services cuts through red tape and "scales back federal micromanagement."

Read the rest of the story: [“PA Has High Special Education Needs. What Federal Shift Could Mean”](#) (USA Today, 6-22-26)

How Much Supplemental Money Did Your School District Get? Pennsylvania's 500 school districts will share \$565 million to help fill education “adequacy” gaps and ease higher tax burdens. Lawmakers have included supplemental education funds in state budgets since 2024, in response to a Commonwealth Court ruling that found Pennsylvania's previous system for funding schools violated the state constitution and led to inequity across districts.

Read the rest of the story: [“SEARCH: How Much Supplemental Money Did Your PA School District Get?”](#) (SpotlightPA, 8-5-26)

This Western PA School District Found A New Way To Address A Shortage Of Substitute Teachers Andrea Potts was nervous last school year when she stepped in as a seventh-grade substitute teacher at Trinity Middle School for the first time. As a patrol sergeant for the South Strabane Township Police Department, Potts has rarely found herself leading dozens of students in lessons. And she had the additional pressure of ensuring she didn't embarrass her daughter in front of her classmates.

Read the rest of the story: [“This Western PA School District Found A New Way To Address A Shortage Of Substitute Teachers”](#) (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, 7-29-26)

Special Education State Complaints Jump Nearly 50% State education agencies saw a 46% jump in the number of written state complaints in special education during the 2025-26 school year compared to the year before, according to new survey responses from 31 states. The self-reported survey data, collected by the Council for Exceptional Children and the National Association of State Directors of Special Education, shows that during the 2024-25 school year there were 7,907 written state complaints. That number rose to 11,523 in the 2025-26 school year.

Read the rest of the story: ["Special Education State Complaints Jump Nearly 50%"](#) (K-12 Dive, 8-11-26)

Pennsylvania Still On The Fence About Federal School Choice Tax Credits Pennsylvania's public school students could benefit from a new federal education tax credit program next year, but the state has yet to opt into it. Thirty-one others have done so or announced plans to participate. Meanwhile, Gov. Josh Shapiro says he is waiting for additional federal guidance, as lawmakers seek out Pennsylvania's participation through legislation.

Read the rest of the story: ["Pennsylvania Still On The Fence About Federal School Choice Tax Credits"](#) (Politics PA, 8-17-26)

Federal

New Study Cites Growing "Crisis" of Healthcare Costs on School District Budgets

Will rising healthcare costs affect teacher hiring? | edsurge.com [Read More](#)

Inside The Education Department's Interagency Agreements Under the second Trump administration's push to "return education to the states," the U.S. Department of Education has entered more than a dozen interagency agreements with six other federal agencies since May 2025. The 14 agreements outsource a number of Education Department responsibilities to the departments of Health and Human Services, Justice, State, Labor, Interior and Treasury. The four most recent agreements, for instance, transfer various special education and civil rights enforcement activities to the departments of Health and Human Services and Justice, respectively.

Read the rest of the story: ["Inside The Education Department's Interagency Agreements"](#) (K-12 Dive, 7-6-26)

Walberg moves to codify ED's dismantlement On July 9, House Education and Workforce Chair Tim Walberg introduced the "Less Bureaucracy, Better Education" legislative package. It's a collection of 10 bills designed to make the current administration's dismantling of the Department of Education permanent. The legislation seeks to codify the web of interagency agreements established following the March 2025 executive order. Under the plan, federal student aid would transition to the Treasury; K-12, higher education, and career programs would move to Labor; and family engagement, child care, and medical school accreditation would shift to HHS. State would manage international programs, while Interior would oversee tribal education. Interestingly, the Office for Civil Rights and special education remain governed by recent DOJ and HHS agreements rather than these bills. However, the path forward is steep. Shutting a federal department requires an act of Congress. These measures would need to clear a 60-vote Senate filibuster, which would require Democratic support that currently doesn't exist. For now, expect plenty of committee hearings and messaging votes, but don't count on quick passage into law. Read the package [HERE](#).

ESEA waivers ED's ESEA waivers keep coming. In late June, ED approved Vermont's request, making it the fourth state (Iowa, Louisiana, and Indiana) permitted to consolidate its state-level activities funds under Titles II-A, IV-A, and IV-B. That's more than \$4 million through 2029 that Vermont can redirect toward its own improvement priorities. Read the approval [HERE](#).

Arkansas became the fifth on July 7. ED approved a Title I-A state plan amendment and Ed-Flex authority. Arkansas will consolidate four funding streams (Titles II-A, III-A, IV-A, and IV-B) totaling more than \$8.8 million over four years, expand Alternative Fund Use Authority to additional rural districts, and adjust how advanced test-takers and alternative learning environments are counted for accountability. What changed with accountability? Reasonable technical stuff. Students in grades five through eight who are taking advanced, high school-level courses in math, science, or reading/language arts can take the corresponding end-of-course assessment instead of the grade-level test. Students enrolled in Alternative Learning Environment districts will be reassigned to their school of origin for accountability and school identification. All of this operates within Arkansas' existing accountability framework. Read more [HERE](#).

Social Media Lawsuits Could Net Payouts. How Are Districts Planning? Some 1,400 school districts across the country have sued social media companies in the past few years, claiming the companies' apps harmed student mental well-being and, in turn, put financial burdens on schools as they had to hire additional counselors and staff to address bullying, depression and school security concerns.

Read the rest of the story: ["Social Media Lawsuits Could Net Payouts. How Are Districts Planning?"](#) (K-12 Dive, 7-28-26)

FY2027 Appropriations Update When Congress returns from August recess, they will have about 15 legislative days left to fund the government before Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 begins on October 1. [This blog](#) outlines where things stand and what to expect.

CISA Releases New Cybersecurity Resources for K12 Schools and Districts the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) released new cybersecurity resources to help schools strengthen their defenses. To support the work, CISA has released [K-12 Cybersecurity Foundations Resource Package](#), designed specifically for schools and districts. The collection includes guides, videos, and supplemental materials that provide cost-effective, actionable steps for preventing, mitigating, and responding to cyber threats.

Quote:

"Every student can learn, just not on the same day or in the same way."

— George Evans

B. Solicitor (Ms. Patricia Kennedy): Ms. Kennedy had nothing to report this evening.

C. Executive Committee (Dr. Andrew Pushchak): Dr. Pushchak reported that the Executive Committee met on August 19, 2026, at 10:00 am to review the board agenda. Dr. Jane Blystone, Mr. Paul Mangione, and Dr. Andrew Pushchak were present.

D. Budget & Audit Committee (Mr. Paul Mangione): Mr. Paul Mangione, Chairperson, reported that the Budget & Audit Committee met on August 26, 2026 at 5:30 pm. The Committee reviewed the Elevator Bid Award, Agenda Item 7O.

E. Personnel Committee (Dr. Jane Blystone): Dr. Blystone, Chairperson, reported that the Personnel Committee met on August 26, 2026 at 5:30 pm. Dr. Blystone noted that there are seven items on the agenda for approval.

F. Policy Committee (Mrs. Fran New): Mrs. Fran New, Chairperson, reported that the Policy Development Committee met on August 26, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. There are five policies on the agenda for first reading: Policies 221, 236.1, 325, 332, and 619.

4. Appointment of IU Board Member:

It was moved by Mrs. Bolte and seconded by Mr. Taylor to approve the Appointment of IU Board member as presented.

A. Ms. Leah Merski - Erie's Public Schools

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote Dr. Jane Blystone (NE) yes; Kristy Bolte (NW) yes; Amanda Cox (CR) absent; Paul Mangione (WC) yes; Joseph Meka (GR) yes; Fran New (FV) yes; Dr. Andrew Pushchak (WB) yes; George Roberts (GM) yes; Jennifer Sheldon (IR) absent; Tammy Silvis (CC) absent; Randy Styborski (PC) yes; Scott Taylor (FL) yes; Kimberlee Thomas UC) yes; David Vrenna (HC) yes; Ed Williamson (CN) yes; Gary Winschel (MC) yes

5. Minutes:

It was moved by Mr. Vrenna and seconded by Mrs. Bolte to approve Minutes from the June 24, 2026 IU Board of Directors Meeting as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. 2026-27 Organizational Chart:

It was moved by Mrs. Bolte and seconded by Mr. Mangione to approve the IU5 Assistant Board Secretary as presented.

A. Appointment of Emily Douglass as Assistant Board Secretary

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote Dr. Jane Blystone (NE) yes; Kristy Bolte (NW) yes; Amanda Cox (CR) absent; Paul Mangione (WC) yes; Joseph Meka (GR) yes; Fran New (FV) yes; Dr. Andrew Pushchak (WB) yes; George Roberts (GM) yes; Jennifer Sheldon (IR) absent; Tammy Silvis (CC) absent; Randy Styborski (PC) yes; Scott Taylor (FL) yes; Kimberlee Thomas UC) yes; David Vrenna (HC) yes; Ed Williamson (CN) yes; Gary Winschel (MC) yes

7. Financial Items (Mr. Mangione):

It was moved by Mr. Mangione and seconded by Mrs. Bolte to approve Financial Items 7A-7O as presented.

- A. Preliminary Treasurer's Report for June 30, 2026
- B. Preliminary Treasurer's Report for July 31, 2026
- C. Investment Report for June 30, 2026
- D. Investment Report for July 31, 2026
- E. June 2026 Monthly Revenue Board Report
- F. July 2026 Monthly Revenue Board Report
- G. June 2026 Monthly Expense Board Report
- H. July 2026 Monthly Expense Board Report
- I. PNC Easy Procure Payments as of June 25, 2026
- J. PNC Easy Procure Payments as of July 27, 2026
- K. Approval of Bills
- L. Authorization for new IU Credit Cards
- M. Approval to Reclassify Unassigned Funds to Committed Fund Balance
- N. Transportation 2025-2026 Final Report
- O. Elevator Upgrade Award Bid

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote Dr. Jane Blystone (NE) yes; Kristy Bolte (NW) yes; Amanda Cox (CR) absent; Paul Mangione (WC) yes; Joseph Meka (GR) yes; Fran New (FV) yes; Dr. Andrew Pushchak (WB) yes; George Roberts (GM) yes; Jennifer Sheldon (IR) absent; Tammy Silvis (CC) absent; Randy Styborski (PC) yes; Scott Taylor (FL) yes; Kimberlee Thomas UC) yes; David Vrenna (HC) yes; Ed Williamson (CN) yes; Gary Winschel (MC) yes

8. Personnel Items (Dr. Jane Blystone):

It was moved by Dr. Blystone and seconded by Mrs. Thomas to approve Personnel Items 8A-8G as presented.

A. Resignations

- B. Tenures
- C. Job Descriptions
- D. Employment of Personnel
- E. Position Changes
- F. Terminations
- G. Clerical Association Release Time

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote Dr. Jane Blystone (NE) yes; Kristy Bolte (NW) yes; Amanda Cox (CR) absent; Paul Mangione (WC) yes; Joseph Meka (GR) yes; Fran New (FV) yes; Dr. Andrew Pushchak (WB) yes; George Roberts (GM) yes; Jennifer Sheldon (IR) absent; Tammy Silvis (CC) absent; Randy Styborski (PC) yes; Scott Taylor (FL) yes; Kimberlee Thomas UC) yes; David Vrenna (HC) yes; Ed Williamson (CN) yes; Gary Winschel (MC) yes

9. Transportation Items:

It was moved by Mr. Vrenna and seconded by Mrs. Bolte to approve Transportation Items 9A-9B as presented.

- A. 2026-27 Blank Transportation Contracts
- B. 2026-27 Transportation Contracts
- C. 2026-27 Transportation Contract with Krise Transportation

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote Dr. Jane Blystone (NE) yes; Kristy Bolte (NW) yes; Amanda Cox (CR) absent; Paul Mangione (WC) yes; Joseph Meka (GR) yes; Fran New (FV) yes; Dr. Andrew Pushchak (WB) yes; George Roberts (GM) yes; Jennifer Sheldon (IR) absent; Tammy Silvis (CC) absent; Randy Styborski (PC) yes; Scott Taylor (FL) yes; Kimberlee Thomas UC) yes; David Vrenna (HC) yes; Ed Williamson (CN) yes; Gary Winschel (MC) yes

10. Contracted Payroll:

It was moved by Dr. Blystone and seconded by Mr. Taylor to approve Contracted Payroll 10A - 10B as presented.

- A. Shahraban Al-Maleki
- B. Ashley Eichhorn

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote Dr. Jane Blystone (NE) yes; Kristy Bolte (NW) yes; Amanda Cox (CR) absent; Paul Mangione (WC) yes; Joseph Meka (GR) yes; Fran New (FV) yes; Dr. Andrew Pushchak (WB) yes; George Roberts (GM) yes; Jennifer Sheldon (IR) absent; Tammy Silvis (CC) absent; Randy Styborski (PC) yes; Scott Taylor (FL) yes; Kimberlee Thomas UC) yes; David Vrenna (HC) yes; Ed Williamson (CN) yes; Gary Winschel (MC) yes

11. Agreements /Contracts/ MOUs:

It was moved by Mrs. Bolte and seconded by Mr. Mangione to approve Agreements and Contracts 11A-13S as presented.

- A. Agora Cyber Charter School Agreement
- B. Bayfront Convention Center (N&D Symposium) - Revised Agreement
- C. Chief Science Officers Program Agreements with MCIU
- D. Chris Singleton Speaks, LLC (N&D Symposium)
- E. Commonwealth Charter Academy Agreement
- F. Erie County Mental Health/Intellectual Disabilities Contract - SAP
- G. Erie's Public Schools - Special Education Contract
- H. Fort LeBoeuf School District - Special Education Contract
- I. iSolved Renewal Agreement
- J. Millcreek Township School District - Special Education Contract
- K. Montessori Regional Charter School- Special Education Contract
- L. Northwest Tri-County Intermediate IU5 Education Association, PSEA/NEA Memorandum of Understandings (MOU)
- M. PA Virtual Charter School Agreement
- N. PETE&C Streaming Equipment Use Rental Agreement
- O. Service Agreement with Berks County Intermediate Unit
- P. Social Media School Representation Agreement
- Q. Talent LMS Agreement (Revised)
- R. The Pennsylvania Cyber Charter School Agreement
- S. Valley Grove School District LIEP Contract

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote Dr. Jane Blystone (NE) yes; Kristy Bolte (NW) yes; Amanda Cox (CR) absent; Paul Mangione (WC) yes; Joseph Meka (GR) yes; Fran New (FV) yes; Dr. Andrew Pushchak (WB) yes; George Roberts (GM) yes; Jennifer Sheldon (IR) absent; Tammy Silvis (CC) absent; Randy Styborski (PC) yes; Scott Taylor (FL) yes; Kimberlee Thomas UC) yes; David Vrenna (HC) yes; Ed Williamson (CN) yes; Gary Winschel (MC) yes

12. Service Purchase Contracts:

It was moved by Mrs. Thomas and seconded by Mr. Vrenna to approve Contracted Payroll 12A - 12JJ as presented.

- A. Barber National Institute SPC 71403
- B. Bethesda Lutheran Services SPC 71377

C. Bethesda Lutheran Services SPC 71378
 D. Bethesda Lutheran Services SPC 71379
 E. Bethesda Lutheran Services SPC 71380
 F. Bethesda Lutheran Services SPC 71381
 G. Bethesda Lutheran Services SPC 71382
 H. Bethesda Lutheran Services SPC 71383
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 W. Bethesda Lutheran Services SPC 71398
 X. Bethesda Lutheran Services SPC 71399
 Y. Bethesda Lutheran Services SPC 71400
 Z. Bethesda Lutheran Services SPC 71401
 AA. Bethesda Lutheran Services SPC 71402
 BB. Bethesda Lutheran Services SPC 71405
 CC. Clean Guard SPC 71369
 DD. Denning Landscaping & Snow Removal SPC
 EE. Jay Gill Plumbing and Heating SPC 71364
 FF. Jacoby Transportation SPC 71367
 GG. Sarah A. Reed Children's Center SPC 71368
 HH. Sarah A. Reed Children's Center SPC 71373
 II. Translation Links SPC 71376
 JJ. The Achievement Center SPC 71406

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote Dr. Jane Blystone (NE) yes; Kristy Bolte (NW) yes; Amanda Cox (CR) absent; Paul Mangione (WC) yes; Joseph Meka (GR) yes; Fran New (FV) yes; Dr. Andrew Pushchak (WB) yes; George Roberts (GM) yes; Jennifer Sheldon (IR) absent; Tammy Silvis (CC) absent; Randy Styborski (PC) yes; Scott Taylor (FL) yes; Kimberlee Thomas UC) yes; David Vrenna (HC) yes; Ed Williamson (CN) yes; Gary Winschel (MC) yes

13. Request to Travel:

It was moved by Mrs. Bolte and seconded by Mr. Taylor to approve Request to Travel as presented.

A. National PBIS Leadership Forum - Kevin Webber

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote Dr. Jane Blystone (NE) yes; Kristy Bolte (NW) yes; Amanda Cox (CR) absent; Paul Mangione (WC) yes; Joseph Meka (GR) yes; Fran New (FV) yes; Dr. Andrew Pushchak (WB) yes; George Roberts (GM) yes; Jennifer Sheldon (IR) absent; Tammy Silvis (CC) absent; Randy Styborski (PC) yes; Scott Taylor (FL) yes; Kimberlee Thomas UC) yes; David Vrenna (HC) yes; Ed Williamson (CN) yes; Gary Winschel (MC) yes

14. Policies:

It was moved by Mrs. New and seconded by Mrs. Bolte to approve Policies 14A-14E as presented.

A. First Reading - Policy 221: Dress and Grooming
 B. First Reading - Policy 236.1: Threat Assessment
 C. First Reading - Policy 325: Dress and Grooming
 D. First Reading - Policy 332: Working Periods
 E. First Reading - Policy 619: Intermediate Unit Audit

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote Dr. Jane Blystone (NE) yes; Kristy Bolte (NW) yes; Amanda Cox (CR) absent; Paul Mangione (WC) yes; Joseph Meka (GR) yes; Fran New (FV) yes; Dr. Andrew Pushchak (WB) yes; George Roberts (GM) yes; Jennifer Sheldon (IR) absent; Tammy Silvis (CC) absent; Randy Styborski (PC) yes; Scott Taylor (FL) yes; Kimberlee Thomas UC) yes; David Vrenna (HC) yes; Ed Williamson (CN) yes; Gary Winschel (MC) yes

15. Other Business:

Dr. Pushchak informed everyone the next Board meeting will be held on September 23, 2026.

Dr. Pushchak thanked the board of directors for their dedication and willingness to serve on the IU5 Board.

16. Adjournment:

It was moved by Mr. Vrenna and seconded by Mr. Taylor to adjourn the Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit Board of Directors at 6:07 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Raina George".

Raina George, Board Secretary