

SEBEKA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 820
MENAHGA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 821
Pairing & Sharing Committee
Wednesday, November 5th, 2025 7:30 AM
District Office – Sebeka School

MINUTES

1. Introductions: Dave Kerkvliet, Jason Kjos John Hedstrom, Andrea Haverinen, Jon Lillquist, JoAnn Olson, Nate Erickson, Amie Westberg, Rod Huttunen
2. Approve the Agenda: Motion Kjos, Second Olson-Approved
3. Review the last meeting minutes from 8/18/25 Motion Haverinen, Second Erickson-Approved
4. Review Pairing Agreements for updates/additions/changes-No Updates
5. Track Fund Set Aside Discussion-Both district's school boards approved to set aside another \$15,000 for the track fund
6. Discussion on other paired/shared activities
 - 6.1 Wrestling, Speech, Golf, Track, Cross Country
 - 6.1.1 Wrestling-Discuss MSHSL Emerging Status Commitment Form for Girls Team Dual Wrestling. Motion by Huttunen to bring this document to the full school boards for consideration, Second by Olson-Approved
 - 6.2.2 Speech-Discussed the schedule
 - 6.3.3 Golf-Discussion about driver pay under different circumstances took place.
 - 6.3.4 Track-Discussion took place about how numbers were improved last season.
 - 6.3.5 Cross Country-Discussion took place about the great season and state meet results.
 - 6.2 Future changes to any of the shared/paired positions? One suggestion that came up at the meeting was to explore possibilities for savings by combining departments. Superintendent Kjos mentioned a Sourcewell provided resource called CESO (Center for School Efficiencies) that could be used as a tool to explore the possibilities.
7. Discussion –
 - 7.1 2026 Legislative Session – Bills/Policies affecting our schools-No updates at this time.
 - 7.2 Discussion on the EECBG (energy grant) available through Region 5. Haverinen provided the superintendent with a document from Region 5 that could be an opportunity for funding for community development, energy, and environment projects related to the schools.
 - 7.3 Ideas for Busing Efficiencies-Lillquist and Hedstrom talked about transportation adjustments that could be made to save costs. These ideas will be looked into and implemented when it makes sense.Other: Discussion took place about adjusting the pairing meeting dates to be able to provide coaching recommendations before full board meetings.
8. Set next meeting: Motion by Huttunen to set the next meeting for Wednesday, March 4th at 7:30 a.m., Second by Olson-Approved
9. Adjourn: Motion by Erickson to adjourn at 8:29 a.m., Second by Lillquist-Approved.