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Jen McNamee – District #308
Sherry Safratowich – District #309
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PAWN Special Education Council
Minutes
August 12, 2025
1:00 p.m.
Up North Learning Center

1. Call to Order at 1:08 by Lance Bagstad
    a. Members present: Lance Bagstad, Kevin Wellen, Renae Seykora, Dawn Casteel, Sherry Safratowich, Linsey McMurrin, Eva Pohl, Jennifer Clements and Jen McNamee attending virtually
2. Additions to the Agenda and Approval
    a. Motion by Safratowich/seconded by McMurrin to approve agenda, motion carried
3. Review and Approve Minutes for April 8, 2025
    a. Motion by Safratowich/seconded by McMurrin to approve minutes as presented, motion carried
4. Introductions and reviewal PAWN Agreement and Mission Statement
5. Old Business
    a. FY26 Staffing Updates - reviewed purchase of services and outside contracts for member districts
6. New Business
    a. Budgets
        i. FY25 – Budgets and Federal Tuition Adjustments: Briefly discussed the final FY25 budgets and impact of using federal aid for tuition adjustments
        ii. Proposed FY26 Budget: Presented the FY26 budgets noting that salaries will be updated once district negotiations are completed.
7. Director Report
    a. Update New Special Education Teacher Training
    b. Special Education Due Process Day will focus on Artificial Intelligence
    c. Handle with Care updates
    d. Discussed regional trainings – Sourcewell New Special Education Teachers, Otoacoustic Emission Testing (OAE), Artificial Intelligence, Star and Links Curriculum training

8. PAWN Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) Annual Meeting
    a. Tuesday, October 14 at 4:00 at Nevis School
    b. There is a need for additional parent members
9. PAWN Special Education Council Meeting Dates & Time
    a. October 14, 2025, at 1:00 – cancelled per discussion
    b. February 10, 2026, at 1:00
    c. April 14, 2026, at 1:00
10. Adjournment
    a. Motion by Safratowich/seconded by McNamee to adjourn at 1:50, motion carried