

History of Northern Tier UniServ- Hayward

Chequamegon United Teachers (now known as Northern Tier UniServ-West) came into existence in December of 1975. Barry Delaney was hired as the director at that time. Barry remained the director until his retirement in December of 2005. At its inception, Chequamegon United Teachers consisted of 215 members ~ comprising 8 teacher units. They were Bayfield (which had only 3 members), Drummond, Mellen, Ondossagon, Siren, South Shore, Washburn, and Webster. In 1981-82 Northwood was added.

From 1983-84 to 1991-92 eleven support staff units joined the ranks of Chequamegon United Teachers. Ondossagon was the first support staff unit to join in 1983-84. Bayfield, Drummond, Northwood, and Siren support staff units were also added in 1983-84. Then in 1985-86 South Shore, Washburn and Webster were added. Mellen joined the ranks in 1989-90; and Butternut and CESA #12 followed in 1991-92.

After the 1989-90 year the Ondossagon School closed eliminating both the Ondossagon teacher and support staff units.

The first location of the Chequamegon United Teachers office was in the basement of the Delaney's home. It was during this time that Barry's wife, Diana, began "helping out" in the office – an unpaid position. Sue Ahrens was hired part-time (2 days per week) in February of 1979. Diana was hired part-time (1 day per week) shortly after that. Eventually the hours were increased and Diana and Sue shared a full-time position. Diana retired when Barry did and then Sue became a full-time employee.

In 1991 the office was relocated to an older home in the city of Hayward. The first floor of this building was a retail business and the office was located upstairs.

In 1995 the Chequamegon United Teachers, WEAC UniServ Council 18, and WEAC UniServ Council 21 merged to form the Northern Tier UniServ. Northern Tier UniServ had 3 offices: NTU-West, NTU-East, and NTU-Central. A few years later NTU-East and NTU-Central consolidated and became known as NTU. The NTU office is in Rhinelander. The NTU-West office remained in Hayward; sometimes referred to as NTU Hayward.

In 2001 the office moved to a newly constructed office building in town – which is the present location (15614 Windrose Lane, Suite 310A) where office space is rented on a monthly basis.

Following Barry Delaney's retirement, NTU hired Al Manson, a retired Northwest United Educators (NUE) UniServ Director, as an interim director.

In the summer of 2006 NTU held interviews. The position was offered to a candidate from New York who then declined employment with NTU. In the fall of 2006, interviews were again held to find a new director. This time the interview committee decided that it was necessary to select two viable candidates. As a result Fred Andrist

and Peter Gust were considered for the position of NTU director. About the same time, Ted Lewis (a director from the Rhinelander NTU office) announced his resignation and Fred Andrist filled Rhinelander position and Peter Gust filled the Hayward position.

Peter Gust began his employment in February of 2007. They were unable to sell their home, so Peter's family stayed in southern Wisconsin. Peter lived in Hayward during the week and went home (4 hours south) every weekend. In December of 2008 Peter accepted a job with WinnebagoLand UniServ in Fond du Lac.

In January of 2009 the interview process began again. As a result of those interviews, Steve Perala, the current NTU Hayward director was hired. Steve began full-time employment with NTU Hayward in July of 2009.