

## CENTRAL SUSQUEHANNA INTERMEDIATE UNIT

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORT

NOVEMBER 2020

The CSIU Board of Directors conducted its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 18 via electronic communication due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### DIRECTORS

**Benton Area:**

Kathleen DeYong

**Berwick Area:**

Susy Wiegand

**Bloomsburg Area:**

Jonathan Jones

**Central Columbia:**

Bruce E. Rhoads,  
Vice President

**Danville Area:**

Dr. Yohannes Getachew

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Mary Ann Stanton

**Line Mountain:**

Lauren Hackenburg

**Midd-West:**

Victor L. Abate

**Mifflinburg Area:**

Dennis Keiser,  
Treasurer

**Millville Area:**

Deborah Price

**Milton Area:**

Dr. Alvin Weaver

**Mount Carmel Area:**

William Brecker

**Selinsgrove Area:**

Larry D. Augustine,  
President

**Shamokin Area:**

Jeffrey Kashner

**Shikellamy:**

Slade Shreck,  
Secretary

**Southern Columbia Area:**

Gregory Klebon

**Warrior Run:**

Tamara Hoffman

### SPOTLIGHT SEGMENT

CSIU staff members **Terri Locke**, Supervisor of Early Childhood and Head Start/Pre-K Counts programs, and **Jamie Bartlett**, Head Start Programs Manager, provided training for directors specific to the Northumberland Head Start and Early Head Start programs. Shared governance, based on federal performance standards, includes the CSIU Board of Directors as a governing body for legal and fiscal responsibility to administer and oversee the program. It also includes a policy council responsible for the direction of the program, which includes Head Start parents.

### BUDGET AND FINANCE MATTERS

CSIU directors accepted monthly financial reports and approved payment requests for October. Directors also approved the transfer of funds from the fiscal year 2019-20 general fund balance to the capital reserve fund and insurance policy renewals, effective Dec. 1, 2020 through Nov. 30, 2021.

### TECHNOLOGY/MARKETPLACE MATTERS

Directors approved the Keystone Purchasing Network (KPN) Definite Quantity Line-Item bids – Copy Paper Category for the 2021-22 purchasing cycle. Directors also approved the PEPPM 2021 Product Line bid awards, effective Jan. 1, 2021 through Dec. 31, 2021 and PEPPM contract extensions for Catalog awards, effective Jan. 1, 2021 through Dec. 31, 2021.

### HUMAN RESOURCES MATTERS

Directors approved one new staff member:

- **Paige L. Hower**, as career pathways specialist.

Directors approved the following:

position transfers:

- **Adrienne E. Cameron**, from classroom and client support administrative assistant to eToole virtual learning technology support assistant;
- **Jennifer M. Jones**, from teacher of deaf/hearing impaired to teacher of visually impaired;
- **Terri A. Locke**, from supervisor of Early Childhood and Head Start/Pre-K Counts programs to director of childhood education; and
- **Dr. Anthony J. Serafini**, from special education and special projects supervisor to director of professional development, training and consultation.

title change:

- **Dr. Jennifer S. Gurski**, from director of online learning and professional development to director of online learning.

change in start date:

- **Raquel Roman-Rosario**, from Sept. 23, 2020 to Oct. 27, 2020.



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## EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM MATTERS

Directors approved the Head Start/Early Head Start monthly enrollment, meal distribution, credit card expenses and monitoring data for September 2020 and a request to purchase ScienceStart! curriculum for use in the CSIU Northumberland County Head Start programs.

## ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Directors approved the request of Dr. Kevin Singer, executive director, to enroll in an English as a Second Language Specialist Certification program.

resignations:

- **Tara R. Amerman**, as transition work experience job coach;
- **Paul A. Baskin**, retiring as special education teacher–Work Foundations+; and
- **Kierstin A. Buss**, as Head Start assistant instructor.

Directors also approved:

- a disciplinary action recommendation from administration;
- resignations from two part-time employees: **Marissa A. Lagana** and **Kaitlin M. Dommermuth**, Migrant Education summer instructors; and
- one substitute teacher for the 2020-21 school year.

## BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS MATTERS

Directors approved terminating the lease agreement for property used by the Work Foundations+ Life House program at 950 Greenough Street, Sunbury, effective Nov. 30, 2020. Directors also approved a lease agreement amendment for additional space at 911 Greenough Street, Sunbury, where the Work Foundations+ Life House program will relocate. Both properties are owned by George Amerman who plans to sell the 950 Greenough Street property.

## BOARD GOVERNANCE

CSIU directors approved a mail ballot for the 2021 election of CSIU board members and for action on the CSIU's 2021-22 general operating budget. Districts may petition the CSIU Board to hold a convention in lieu of the mail ballot, but requests must be received from a majority of districts (nine) before Feb. 1, 2021.

Six terms on the CSIU Board will end June 30, 2021; Danville Area, Lewisburg Area, Mifflinburg Area, Milton Area, Selinsgrove Area and Shamokin Area. Those district boards will be eligible to nominate a director during March and April. All CSIU-region boards will cast votes in May and June on the six nominees, who would begin a three-year term July 1.

## NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for **Wednesday, Dec. 16** at 7 p.m. and will be held virtually.