

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORT

FEBRUARY 2024

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SPOTLIGHT SEGMENT

Dr. Bernadette Boerckel, Chief Outreach Officer, shared information with directors regarding the CSIU's Artificial Intelligence (AI) Taskforce. A few of the Taskforce members also provided directors with information regarding different AI tools and how teachers can use them in their schools. District superintendents have also received this information.

BOARD GOVERNANCE MATTERS

Directors approved the proposed CSIU Board of Directors Committee Assignments for the remainder of 2023-24.

BUDGET AND FINANCE MATTERS

CSIU directors accepted monthly financial reports and approved payment requests for January 2024.

TECHNOLOGY/MARKETPLACE MATTERS

Directors approved the Keystone Purchasing Network (KPN) definite quantity line item bid awards for the athletic supply category for the 2024-25 purchasing cycle. Directors also approved a PEPPM bid award for the managed print solutions contract, effective Feb. 22, 2024 through Dec. 31, 2026 and a PEPPM Marketplace Solution contract extension with Amazon.com Services LLC through June 30, 2024.

HUMAN RESOURCES MATTERS

Directors approved five new staff members:

- **Gina M. Craven**, as classroom associate;
- **Amber R. Fisher**, as classroom assistant;
- **Logan T. Heimbach**, as special education teacher;
- **Danielle E. Laubach**, as Pre-K Counts family and health assistant; and
- **Trisha Yeager**, as Head Start assistant instructor.

Directors also approved:

the following position transfer:

- **Edith M. Rivera**, from classroom associate to classroom associate/translator.

the following changes in start date:

- **Emilie E. DiGiacomo**, Early Intervention instructional support program assistant, from Jan. 10, 2024 to Jan. 12, 2024;
- **Rebekah Gingrich**, special education teacher, from Jan. 3, 2024 to Jan. 15, 2024;
- **Alexis T. Golden**, special education teacher, from Jan. 18, 2024 to Jan. 19, 2024;
- **Beth A. Hamilton**, classroom assistant, from Dec. 21, 2023 to Jan. 11, 2024;
- **Ana I Rivera-Aponte**, classroom assistant, from Jan. 22, 2024 to Feb. 6, 2024; and
- **Jessica L. Roberts**, Pre-K Counts team supervisor, from Dec. 1, 2023 to Feb. 13, 2024.



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the following resignations:

- **Holly B. Doyle**, as Head Start/Early Head Start family and health team supervisor;
- **Keith R. Ferguson**, as instructional support program assistant;
- **Brooke Johnson**, as communication facilitator;
- **Kahla Manning**, as career counselor specialist;
- **Amanda Pollari**, as Head Start senior instructor;
- **Marina Rondon**, as Millersville University Migrant Education data specialist;
- **Carmen H. Vegazo-Ramos**, as Migrant Education student support coordinator; and
- **Robert W. Wirth**, as buildings and grounds and fleet support technician.

the following updated resignation dates:

- **Jacob Esenwein**, behavior intervention assistant, from Jan. 19, 2024 to Jan. 9, 2024; and
- **Sarah K. Starr**, school psychologist, from Feb. 2, 2024 to Feb. 5, 2024.

the following retirement:

- **Pamala S. Rhoades**, as Head Start family and health coordinator.

Directors also approved:

- a change in start date for one part-time employee: **Eli Seesholtz**, student mental health intern, from Jan. 18, 2024 to Jan. 25, 2024;
- resignations from two part-time employees: **Linda Walker**, healthcare education coordinator, and **Jennifer White**, career counselor specialist;
- employment of five substitute teachers and two substitute aides for the 2023-24 school year;
- salary adjustments for three employees due to re-evaluation of department compensation: **Beth A. Hamilton**, classroom assistant; **Tara Persun**, Head Start assistant instructor, and **Ana I. Rivera-Aponte**, classroom assistant; and
- the addition of **Sarah E. Frazier**, special education teacher, to the list of employees who have obtained tenure; and
- the 2024-25 holiday schedule for 12-month, non-instructional staff.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS MATTERS

Directors approved a contract with HUNT Engineers, Architects & Surveyors, Towanda, to provide engineering, design, survey and permitting services necessary to construct a proposed solar panel array at the CSIU central office. Directors also approved the purchase of 31 Motorola UHF portable radios for use at CSIU satellite locations and a contract with Marquette's Auction Marketing, Hughesville, to conduct an auction at the CSIU warehouse and garage on a date to be determined.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM MATTERS

Directors approved the Head Start/Early Head Start monthly report for December 2023 and Head Start/Early Head Start 2023-24 carryover request. Directors also reviewed and approved the 2023-24 CSIU Health and Safety Plan, which is a federal requirement every six months.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 20, 2024** at 7 p.m. at the CSIU central office.

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