

Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORT

AUGUST 2024

The CSIU Board of Directors conducted its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, August 21 at the CSIU central office.

DIRECTORS

Benton Area:

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Secretary

Southern Columbia Area:

Brianna Maciejewski

Warrior Run:

Robert Hormell

SPOTLIGHT SEGMENT

Dr. John Kurelja, executive director, shared information with directors regarding the 2024 Professional Leadership event held on August 6, 2024 at Susquehanna University. He also shared a highlight video of the day's events.

Dr. Bernadette Boerckel, chief outreach officer, **Dr. Samuel Faulkner**, Danville Area School District, and **Julie Petrin**, director of behavioral health support services, shared information with directors regarding the achieved outcomes and vision for the future of the IMPACT grant.

BUDGET AND FINANCE MATTERS

CSIU directors accepted monthly financial reports and approved payment requests for June and July. Directors also approved the purchase of flooring from Shaw Integrated Solutions, a KPN vendor, for the Work Foundations+ program and the purchase of playground equipment and installation from Willow Playworks, a COSTAR vendor, for the Watsontown Children's Center.

HUMAN RESOURCES MATTERS

Directors approved 20 new staff members:

- **Brittany D. Beaver**, as behavior intervention assistant;
- **Jose Castro**, as Migrant Education student support coordinator;
- **Megan L. Chapman**, as Head Start floater senior instructor;
- **Rebecca Crawford**, as Head Start senior instructor;
- **Sara A. Exley**, as education programs and substitute placement administrative assistant;
- **Larissa A. Fetterhoff**, as classroom associate;
- **Abbe R. Heath**, as special education teacher;
- **Joshua T. Hudak**, as Corrections Education teacher;
- **Patricia Hursh**, as classroom assistant;
- **Jessica R. Kaneshki**, as mental health support specialist;
- **Brandi L. Miller**, as special education teacher;
- **Aya Mohamed**, as administrative assistant;
- **Caitlin A. Patraw**, as Head Start floater senior instructor;
- **Amber E. Roush**, as buildings and grounds services assistant;
- **Michelle L. Saul**, as Pre-K Counts assistant instructor;
- **Melissa Shipman**, as special education teacher;
- **Heather Stotter**, as instructional support program assistant;
- **Chelsea D. Taylor**, as Pre-K Counts teacher;
- **Helna Vincent**, as Head Start floater senior instructor; and
- **Emily Wickizer**, as PIMS client support specialist I.

Directors also approved:

the following position transfers:

- **Jillian E. DeWald**, from ELECT student support specialist (part-time) to ELECT student support and outreach coordinator (full-time);
- **Lori B. Dyer**, from software quality assurance advisor II to client support financial business systems analyst I;
- **Alexandria E. Lindsey**, from Early Head Start family and social services assistant to Early Head Start family and social services coordinator;
- **Kayla Reinard**, from behavior intervention assistant to instructional support program assistant;



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EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM MATTERS

Directors approved the following items for Head Start/Early Head Start: monthly reports for May and June 2024 and submission of the Year 4 Continuation Application–2024-25.

Directors also approved the Pre-K Counts Flexible Instruction Plan for 2024-25; a contract with Interpretrek for an educational sign language interpreter for 2024-25; the purchase and installation of replacement doors for St. Joseph School; the purchase of digital portable two-way radios for Meadowbrook Christian School; and the review and approval of the 2024-25 CSIU Health and Safety Plan.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS MATTERS

Directors approved a contract with HUNT Engineers, Architects & Surveyors, Towanda, to provide engineering, design and permitting services to renovate the Watson town Children's Center; and a cost increase for the purchase and installation of playground equipment from Willow Playworks, a COSTARS vendor, at the Watson town Children's Center.

- **Rita Steele**, from client support business systems analyst I to student applications support manager; and
- **Anita M. Williams**, from ELECT student support and outreach coordinator to non-traditional education support coordinator.

the following change in start date:

- **Michelle L. Saul**, Pre-K Counts assistant instructor, from Aug. 6, 2024 to Aug. 5, 2024.

the following salary adjustment:

- **Heather F. Harter**, mental health support specialist, due to her obtaining a Registered Behavior Technician certificate.

the following rescinded acceptance of job offer:

- **Colby Seeley**, as Head Start senior instructor.

the following resignations:

- **Aaron C. Clarke**, as Center for Schools and Communities fiscal specialist;
- **Christine M. Ditzler**, as classroom assistant;
- **Megan L. Fleetwood**, as practical nursing program instructor;
- **Amanda Glenny**, as practical nursing program instructor;
- **Lori L. Long**, as classroom assistant;
- **Isela G. Mendez**, as recruitment specialist;
- **Pamela M. Miller**, as buildings and grounds assistant;
- **Carolyn D. Reitz**, as special education teacher;
- **Elicia Shallenberger**, as classroom assistant;
- **Kimberly D. Taylor-Carmo**, as Center for Schools and Communities executive assistant; and
- **Jennifer R. Wetzel**, as Early Intervention teacher.

the following updated resignation dates:

- **Corie A. Kline**, buildings and grounds services assistant, from July 12, 2023 to July 5, 2024; and
- **Christina M. Wolfberg**, administrative assistant, from June 30, 2024 to Sept. 30, 2024.

the following retirements:

- **Melanie K. Auman**, as PIMS senior client support specialist I;
- **Cindy D. Clotfelter**, as trust services technical specialist;
- **Maria G. Feeser**, as Migrant Education student support specialist;
- **Jan A. Scherer**, as Statewide Adoption and Permanency Network helpline supervisor; and
- **Alexis M. Sullivan**, as special education teacher.

Directors also approved:

- employment of one part-time, non-instructional employee: **Tiffany Winder**, as nutrition aide/custodian;
- resignations from two part-time employees: **Daniela E. Lauga-Rodriguez**, as Migrant Education after-school instructor, and **Soniris Arroyo**, as Migrant Education student support specialist;
- a rescinded acceptance of job offer from one part-time employee: **Ashley Walter**, as Head Start senior assistant;
- employment of one substitute aide for the 2023-24 school year;
- employment of 46 substitute teachers and 10 substitute aides for the 2024-25 school year; and
- the signing of a Corporate Integrity Agreement notification to Community Care to comply with requirements issued under Medicare/Medicaid regulations, as they may apply to the provision of Non-Acute Partial Mental Health services provided by CSIU.

POLICY COMMITTEE MATTERS

Directors approved at first reading the following revised policies: 222 – Tobacco and Vaping Products (Pupils); 227 – Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia; 323 – Tobacco and Vaping Products (Employees); 333 – Professional Development; 351 – Controlled Substance Abuse; and 707 – Use of Intermediate Unit Facilities.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 18, 2024** at 7 p.m. at the CSIU central office.