

## Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2024

The CSIU Board of Directors conducted its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 18 at the CSIU central office.

### DIRECTORS

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**Southern Columbia Area:**  
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Robert Hormell

### SPOTLIGHT SEGMENT

Assistant Executive Director/Chief Academic Officer **Alan Hack** introduced Mariah Drexler, a Lewisburg Area School District student, who shared her experience at the Pennsylvania Governor's School for the Sciences.

### BOARD GOVERNANCE MATTERS

Directors approved the following items:

- Directors approved **Dr. John (Jove) Graham** (Lewisburg Area) as its CSIU Board representative. Dr. Graham will fill the position vacated by Mrs. Mary Ann Stanton. This replacement position will be effective Sept. 19, 2024 through June 30, 2027.
- **Slade Shreck** (Shikellamy) was elected CSIU Board Vice President for the remainder of 2024-25; and
- **William Brecker** (Mount Carmel Area) was elected as the CSIU Board of Directors representative to the Next Century, Inc. Board to replace Mary Ann Stanton, Lewisburg Area, due to her resignation.

### BUDGET AND FINANCE MATTERS

CSIU directors accepted monthly financial reports and approved payment requests for August. Directors also approved program budget transfers and a resolution authorizing the CSIU to make contributions to the PA OPEB (Other Post-Employment Benefits) Trust to cover future costs and reduce CSIU's OPEB liability.

### HUMAN RESOURCES MATTERS

Directors approved 11 new staff members:

- **Nicole R. Cooley**, as special education teacher;
- **Clara Coombe**, as behavior intervention assistant;
- **Haley P. Dorman**, as Head Start assistant;
- **Helen Hyun**, as Migrant Education student support specialist;
- **Brad S. Landau**, as classroom assistant;
- **Zachary D. Paca**, as practical nursing administrative assistant;
- **Emily A. Peters**, as trust services technical specialist;
- **Shalyn Rager**, as classroom assistant;
- **Stacy L. Reibsome**, as practical nursing program instructor;
- **Diane E. Shamory**, as Early Head Start senior family partner/home visitor; and
- **Maxwell Wright**, as behavior intervention assistant.

Directors approved:

the following change in start date:

- **Melissa L. Shipman**, special education teacher, from Oct. 21, 2024 to Aug. 29, 2024.

the following position transfers:

- **Hannah Read**, from Early Intervention instructional support program assistant to instructional support program assistant; and
- **Jose D. Reyes-Lua**, from Statewide Migrant Education recruitment managing coordinator to Statewide Migrant Education recruitment supervisor.



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the following resignations:

- **Ana I. Riveria-Aponte**, as classroom assistant;
- **Patricia L. Snyder**, as classroom assistant;
- **Betsy S. Stetler**, as Head Start senior instructor; and
- **Ines L. Vega**, as Migrant Education parent involvement/special projects coordinator.

the following retirement:

- **Bonita J. Jaskiewicz**, as home and school visitor.

Directors also approved:

- employment of six part-time, non-instructional employees: **Lizsha Banks** and **Ana Hernandez Noyola**, as Migrant Education student support specialists; **Alivia Biddinger**, as student mental health intern; **Jessarai Martinez**, **Lisa R. Neuhauser** and **Robin Shrawder**, as Migrant Education student support specialists;
- employment of eight substitute teachers and two substitute aides for the 2024-25 school year; and
- a cumulative list of employees who have attained tenure in 2024.

### **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE MATTERS**

Directors approved lease agreements between the CSIU and the following programs for office and classroom space at the Watsontown Children's Center: CSIU Early Intervention Program; CSIU Head Start Supplement Assistant Program; CSIU Pre-K Counts Program; CSIU Special Education Program; and Northumberland Area Head Start/Early Head Start Program.

Directors also approved the purchase of a 2024 Ford Escape 4-door sedan from Sunbury Motors for the driver education program and a contract with Visual Sound to provide audiovisual upgrades in three conference rooms at the CSIU central office.

### **POLICY COMMITTEE MATTERS**

Directors approved for second reading and adoption 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.

Directors approved at first reading the following revised policies: 309.1 – Telework; and 807 – Opening Exercises/Flag Displays. Directors also approved at first reading the following new policy: 815.1 – Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence.

### **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM MATTERS**

Directors approved the Head Start/Early Head Start monthly report for July 2024, Office of Head Start Monitoring Review Report, Northumberland Area Head Start 2024 Self-Assessment Summary Report and Northumberland Area Head Start/Early Head Start 2024-25 Reimbursement for Program Governance: Policy Council procedure.

Directors also approved a contract with T&R Enterprises of Lewisburg, Inc. T/A Kidswork Therapy Services to provide physical, occupational and speech therapy services at North Central Secure Treatment Unit; a Purchase of Service Agreement with Diversified Treatment Alternative Centers, LLC for educational instruction and supervision for program clients; and school bus and van drivers for the CSIU's student transportation programs for the 2024-25 school year.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

Directors approved agreements with Next Century, Inc. for staffing and consulting services for the 2024-25 school year.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for **Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2024** at 7 p.m. at the CSIU central office.