The CSIU Board of Directors conducted its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 17 at the CSIU central office.

NEW BOARD REPRESENTATION

The CSIU Board of Directors welcomed Kathleen DeYong as Benton Area School District's recently appointed representative.

SPOTLIGHT ON PUBLIC RELATIONS SERVICES

Jennifer Spotts, public relations and communications manager, spoke to directors regarding the public relations and communications planning process, as well as the other services offered to CSIU districts, including research and evaluation, publication development and branding, media relations, legislative advocacy, social media and community relations.

PERSPECTIVES ON TEACHER NEGOTIATIONS

Dr. Singer provided the board with an update on the status of CSIU teacher negotiations.

PRELIMINARY 2016-17 CSIU GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET

Directors gave initial approval to the preliminary 2016-17 CSIU General Operating Budget (GOB) of $1.07 million for services provided primarily to CSIU member school districts on a fee-for-service basis.

The GOB will now be released to district boards for their consideration by April 5 so the CSIU board can take final action at its April 20 meeting. Directors also approved the projected current year GOB of $986,181.

FISCAL MATTERS

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

Directors also approved a lease agreement for the WATCH Project; the list of recommended KPN line item bids (Athletic, Cafeteria and Custodial Supply) for the 2016-17 purchasing cycle and the list of KPN bid awards; an agreement with Bar-Tek Software Services, Inc. for continued software development services; and an agreement with Technology Advantage, Inc. for continued technology services.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

Directors elected four new staff members:

- Heidi Daub, as classroom assistant;
- Meghan Drumheller and Jillian Johnson, as Out-of-School Youth workforce specialists; and
- Marcia Hoffman, as director of human resources, with employment contract.
WORK STUDY SESSION

Prior to the business meeting, Chief Financial Officer Chuck Peterson presented the Preliminary 2016-17 CSIU General Operating Budget (GOB) to directors. The GOB is a compilation of three programs that are provided primarily to CSIU member school districts on a fee-for-service basis (other than special education).

Both revenue and expenditures may fluctuate during the course of the fiscal year in response to the changing needs and requests of clients, especially since any and all purchases are voluntary.

Approval by districts’ boards does not obligate any district to purchase any services next year.

See Preliminary 2016-17 CSIU General Operating Budget on the front.

Directors also approved the following:

- position transfers for Kelly Jimison-Boyer, to Pre-K Counts teacher, and Susan Luna, to Migrant Education student support specialist and parent coordinator;
- title change for Kathryn Antico, to Pre-K assistant instructor;
- Marie Bourassa, Laura Brown and Alison Horne as substitute teachers, and Scott Hummel as substitute aide; and
- Daniel Clark as interim principal at North Central Secure Treatment Unit, through June 30 or until the position is filled permanently.

Directors accepted the following resignations:

- Carol Anspach, retiring as payroll technician;
- Vickie Brown, as instructional support program assistant;
- Pegi Keller, retiring as coordinator of Early Intervention services; and
- Lynn Reinhold, retiring as community and systems development manager.

POLICY AND PROGRAM MATTERS

Directors also approved the following...

- the 2016-17 holiday schedule for 12-month non-instructional staff;
- the appointment of Marcia Hoffman, director of human resources, as the HIPAA security official;
- an agreement with Educational Testing Service for use and administration of the HiSet® (High School Equivalency Test);
- the Head Start Post Award Change in Scope Budget Revision: Enrollment Reduction Report; and
- hiring Out-of-School (OSY) Youth participants in the Paid Work Experience as temporary employees according to outlined terms.

BOARD GOVERNANCE

Directors rescinded 39 Board Policies and accepted at second reading the following Board Policies:

No. 000 – Board Policy/Procedure/Administrative Regulations
No. 001 – Name and Classification
No. 002 – Authority and Powers
No. 003 – Functions
No. 004 – Membership
No. 004.1 – Ethics Act and Conflicts of Interest
No. 005 – Organization
No. 006 – Meetings
No. 006.1 – Attendance at Meetings Via Electronic Communications
No. 007 – Policy Manual Access
No. 011 – Principles for Governance and Leadership

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for Wednesday, March 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the CSIU central office.