The CSIU Board of Directors conducted its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 20 at the CSIU central office.

WORK STUDY SESSION
ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY OPENS DOORS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Chantelle Ney, educational consultant, and Dr. Tony Serafini, Special Education supervisor, demonstrated numerous communication devices used by students with moderate to severe disabilities. In addition to day-to-day utilization, many of the assistive devices are used during Celebrate Communicate Day, which is held each spring at the CSIU.

BUDGET AND FINANCE MATTERS

Directors accepted monthly financial reports and approved May payment requests. Directors also approved: the authorization of seven staff members as authorized agents of the Board to conduct banking transactions; and authorization of First National Bank, Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT) and Pennsylvania School District Liquids Asset Fund (PSDLAF) as CSIU depositories for the 2018-19 fiscal year.

Directors also approved the extension of an agreement with Danville Area School District for transportation services; the purchase of a 2019 Ford F-550 truck with accessories; and the 2018-19 Workers' Compensation Insurance Policy with UPMC WorkPartners, Pittsburgh.

TECHNOLOGY/MARKETPLACE MATTERS

Directors approved contract extensions for PEPPM managed print solutions bid awards; the PEPPM pricing review agreement for the 2017 buying cycle; the transfer of the KPN food equipment and supplies contract from Calico Industrial Supply, LLC to Alto-Hartley; and the Keystone Purchasing Network partnership with the Sourcing Alliance Network.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM MATTERS

Directors affirmed action for the Head Start Supplemental Funding and Early Head Start Supplemental Funding requests. Directors approved the Northumberland Area Head Start/Early Head Start Monthly Report for April 2018; the Assurance of Operation of Early Intervention Special Education Services and Programs for the 2018-19 school year; the 2018-19 Individuals with Disabilities Education, Part B Funds Application; the purchase of three vehicles; classroom user agreements for 2018-19; and the renewal of agreement with Sweet, Stevens, Katz & Williams LLP for the 2018-19 school year.
HUMAN RESOURCES MATTERS

Directors elected nine new staff members:

- **Leah Borow**, as CARES program support coordinator;
- **Sarah Fisher**, as Head Start instructor;
- **James Gerl**, as special education due process hearing officer;
- **Kimberly Heffner**, as occupational therapist;
- **Taylor Kerstetter**, as speech therapist;
- **Christine Kline**, as reading/resource teacher;
- **Amanda Reigle**, as classroom and client support administrative assistant;
- **Kimbra Shoop**, as career pathways specialist; and
- **Erin Treadway**, as special education teacher.

Directors also approved:

- the following position transfers:
  - **Barbara Brodie**, to transition work experience job coach;
  - **Jamie Harley**, to communication facilitator; and
  - **Samantha Pudloski**, to Office for Dispute Resolution program manager.

- the following title changes:
  - **Julie Bieber**, to Early Head Start family partner/home visitor;
  - **Tanya Dynda**, to instructional technology and STEM specialist; and
  - **Erica Lauver**, to Early Head Start family partner/home visitor.

- the following full-time reduced hours:
  - **Christine Mitcheltree**, from 37.5 hours/week to 30 hours/week.

- the following resignations:
  - **Jamie Aurand**, as classroom associate;
  - **Lisa Black**, as operations services assistant;
  - **Valerie Forsha**, as WATCH Project career coordinator;
  - **Cara Gray**, as youth development coordinator;
  - **Alycia Haas**, as Pre-K Counts teacher;
  - **Tiedra Marshall**, as family support technical assistance coordinator;
  - **Amanda McGinley**, as ELECT student support specialist;
  - **Renee Palkendo**, as Head Start instructor; and
  - **Nancy Troutman**, retiring as Early Intervention instructional assistant.

Directors also approved:

- hire of two part–time, non–instructional employees; hire of five part–time summer work employees; resignation/termination of two part–time employees; and hire of one part–time substitute para–educator;

- salary adjustments for senior leaders; and

- appointment of Dr. John M. Kurelja to the position of Assistant Executive Director/Chief Academic Officer.