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

WORK STUDY SESSION

Rae Ann Crispell, supplemental education services program manager, presented on the 21st Century Community Learning Centers – Afterschool Programs. The program goal is to spark and sustain interest, engagement and achievement in STEAM content and social emotional learning with a target population of students experiencing academic difficulties. She reported the following districts currently have afterschool programs: Benton Area; Central Columbia; Midd-West; Milton Area; Mount Carmel Area; Shamokin Area; and Warrior Run, with a total of nearly 300 students being served.

SPOTLIGHT SEGMENT

CSIU staff member Amber Lind, education data support services supervisor, presented on the Pennsylvania Information Management System (PIMS), a collaborative effort of the PA Department of Education and local education agencies (LEAs) to meet state and federal student-level data reporting requirements.

BUDGET AND FINANCE MATTERS

CSIU directors accepted monthly financial reports and approved payment requests for October. Directors also approved the transfer of funds from the fiscal year 2018-19 general fund balance to the capital reserve fund and insurance policy renewals, effective Dec. 1, 2019 through Nov. 30, 2020.

TECHNOLOGY/MARKETPLACE MATTERS


HUMAN RESOURCES MATTERS

Directors approved five new staff members:

- Victoria A. Kramer, career counselor specialist;
- Alison Kreitzer, Center for Schools and Communities project specialist;
- Wendy M. Nagy, practical nursing program instructor;
- Jennifer S. Roesch, Early Intervention program evaluation consultant; and
- Jonathan A. Sell, Migrant Education student support specialist.

Directors approved the following:

position transfers:

- Lisa M. Abdill, to Early Intervention instructional assistant;
- Jamie R. Bartlett, to Head Start programs manager;
- Donna M. Bunch, to ELECT student support specialist and outreach coordinator;
- Tessa N. Carter, to Pre-K Counts assistant instructor;
- Amy G. Gronlund, to Early Intervention instructional support program assistant;
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM MATTERS

Directors approved the Annual Report to the Public; Early Head Start carryover request; and Head Start/Early Head Start monthly enrollment, meal distribution, credit card expenses and monitoring data for September 2019.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Directors approved the appointment of Mandy Rothermel, human resources manager, as employee representative of the Central Susquehanna Region School Employees' Health and Welfare Trust.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Directors accepted at first reading the following proposed policy revisions: 100 – Program of Services; 249 – Bullying-Cyberbullying; 333 – Professional Development; 705 – Facilities and Workplace Safety; and 709 – Building Security. Directors also approved at first reading the following new policies: 247 – Anti-Hazing; 327 – Telework; and 816 – Use of Live Streaming.

NEXT MEETING

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

- Hiliary L. Haddon, to acting family education program manager;
- Elizabeth A. Martinez, to Pre-K Counts assistant instructor;
- Erin N. Mills, to Pre-K Counts senior instructor;
- Patricia A. Morgan, to Early Head Start secretarial assistant; and
- Alyssa A. Smith, to Early Intervention instructional assistant.

resignations:
- Tiffany L. Cydis, ELECT student support specialist;
- Wendy W. Griggs, speech therapist;
- Kelly M. Loss, buildings and grounds support coordinator;
- Michelle C. Prybyla, Corrections Education – cosmetology teacher;
- Linda M. Valentini, retiring as special education due process senior hearing officer; and
- Tammy L. Wargo, classroom assistant.

Directors also approved:
- employment of one part-time, non-instructional employee: Abbie Wolfe, 21st Century Community Learning Centers site coordinator;
- position transfer for one part-time employee: Reina J. Alberto, to Migrant Education after-school instructor; and
- stipend payment for eight employees who will serve as mentors in the 2019-20 New Teacher Induction Program: Jeannie M. Carroll, Nanette I. Cooper, Sara E. Goodling, Michelle C. Prybyla, Janet K. Rauch, Pamela G. Reeves, Nicole M. Sandri and Tyson D. Six.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS MATTERS

Directors approved a lease agreement amendment with 275 Grandview, LLC for currently leased office, conference and meeting space at Center for Schools and Communities offices in Camp Hill. The amendment will allow for construction costs to expand conference space, add meeting space and additional office space. Directors also approved the purchase of a 2020 Big Tex equipment trailer for the facilities department and a contract with Pennsylvania Correctional Industries to custom build HVAC covers for the CSIU central office.

BOARD GOVERNANCE

Directors elected Slade Shreck, Shikellamy School District, as CSIU Board Secretary to fill the position vacated by the resignation of Daniel McGann from his home district school board. The replacement position will be effective Nov. 20, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

CSIU directors approved the following member appointments to Board standing committees: William Brecker, Mount Carmel Area, as chair to the Buildings and Grounds Committee; Tamara Hoffman, Warrior Run, as chair to the Budget and Finance Committee; and Bruce Rhoads, Central Columbia, as chair to the Policy Committee. Directors also approved the board appointment of Deborah Price, Millville Area, to the CSIU Workplace Safety Committee.

CSIU directors approved a mail ballot for the 2020 election of CSIU board members and for action on the CSIU’s 2020-21 general operating budget. Districts may petition the CSIU Board to hold a convention in lieu of the mail ballot, but requests must be received from a majority of districts (nine) before Feb. 1, 2020.

Five terms on the CSIU Board will end June 30, 2020; Berwick Area, Bloomsburg Area, Central Columbia, Midd-West and Shikellamy. Those district boards will be eligible to nominate a director during March and April. All CSIU-region boards will cast votes in May and June on the five nominees, who would begin a three-year term July 1.