The CSIU Board of Directors conducted its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 19 at the CSIU central office.

WORK STUDY SESSION

A drone demonstration was presented to the board by CSIU staff members Jeff Kay, special projects technology manager, and Tanya Dynda, technology integration support specialist. Ms. Dynda discussed the summer drone camps offered by CSIU to students in grades 4–6 and grades 7–9. Through an outdoor presentation, Mr. Kay demonstrated the video capability of using a drone.

SPOTLIGHT SEGMENT

CSIU staff members Bill Herald, technical support and SQA manager; and Tanya Dynda, technology integration support specialist, highlighted student technology competitions sponsored by the CSIU. A video showcased the different events, which included PA Governor’s STEM Competition, PA Computer Fair (now named PA Media and Design Competition), K’Nex STEM Challenge and 24 Challenge (a math competition).

BUDGET AND FINANCE MATTERS

CSIU directors accepted monthly financial reports and approved payment requests for August. Directors also approved additional program budget transfers for 2017-18 and lease agreements for classroom space for 2018-19.

TECHNOLOGY/MARKETPLACE MATTERS

Directors approved the contract with OPTiMO, LLC, to provide a business systems analyst/information technology consultant to work with staff to determine the best solution for a mobile responsive application for the FIS software.

HUMAN RESOURCES MATTERS

Directors elected 13 new staff members:

- Amanda J. Irvin, Pre-K Counts teacher;
- Michelle C. Prybyla, corrections education cosmetology teacher;
- Marisa G. Rhodes, Pre-K Counts teacher;
- Zachary T. Gass, telecommunications technology specialist;
- Tehani Grenell, classroom aide;
- Melinda Lamprinos, Early Head Start family partner/home visitor;
- Elizabeth Legarski, practical nursing instructor;
- Susan A. Pesavento, Office for Dispute Resolution special education coordinator;
- Melissa G. Porter-Krum, career pathways specialist;
- Kimberly A. Renz, ELECT student support specialist;
- Stacie Strausser, Head Start assistant instructor; and
- Brandon V. Ulcecki, transition work experience job coach.
Directors also approved:

the following salary adjustments for Head Start instructors:

- Amanda Benfer;
- Jennifer Day;
- Sarah R. Fisher;
- Jessica Glenn;
- Charmaine Homola;
- Anna Landis;
- Erica Lauver;
- Kristi Mertz;
- Christine Miller; and
- Emily Reedy.

the following position transfers:

- Misty Lose, to Head Start instructor;
- Michelle Michaels, to cooperative purchasing quality assurance program assistant; and
- Elizabeth A. Mullen, youth development coordinator.

the following resignations:

- Marie A. Bourassa, instructional support program assistant;
- Cassandra Cook, Head Start assistant instructor;
- Diane L. Knisley, math/science instructional coach support specialist;
- Lawrence A. Miles, retiring, Migrant technology support specialist;
- Ana A Tavarez-Guzman, Migrant Education recruitment specialist;
- Sue E. Weisen, retiring, classroom assistant; and
- Brooke A. Young, corrections education school psychologist.

Directors also approved:

- the list of CSIU employees who have attained tenure in 2018;
- employment of three part-time, non-instructional employees: Donna M. Bertone, as practical nursing instructor; Danese M. Bogetti, as practical nursing instructor (short-term); and Dakota L. Davidson, as school bus rider; 35 substitute teachers and seven substitute para-educators; resignations of four part-time employees; and
- Health Savings Account (HSA) funding disbursements for eligible non-bargaining unit employees for calendar years 2019 and 2020.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

As required by the PA Department of Education and in compliance with Pennsylvania Act 44 of 2018, directors appointed Lynn Cromley, assistant executive director/chief administrative officer, as school safety and security coordinator for the CSIU, effective Aug. 31, 2018.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM MATTERS