



CAIU BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The following actions were taken at the **April 25, 2013** meeting held at the Enola Office of the Capital Area Intermediate Unit.

Reports/Updates

- The Board recognized the following retiree: Patricia Ruoss, Loysville Youth Development Center, Secretary, retirement after 3 years of service to the CAIU.
- Dr. Patrick Rieker, Program Director, provided an overview of the Capital Area Partial Program (CAPP). Currently, there are 5 classes in this program: Two Elementary, Middle School, High School, and co-morbid MH/Autism unit.
- Alicia McDonald, Director of Student Services, provided a brief overview of the Special Education Plan, the anticipated changes to School Based Access revenue, and the Program Profiles.
- Brian Griffith, Director of Curriculum Services, shared a Fact Sheet about the PA Academic Standards and the Common Core. This document presents the Facts and Myths regarding the Common Core Standards.
- David Martin, Director of Technology Services, indicated that the PDE and Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) will be releasing a browser version for online assessments.

Executive Session

- The Board met in Executive Session to discuss negotiations and personnel matters.

Approved Action Items

- Minutes from the March 21, 2013 CAIU Board Meeting
- Treasurer's Report and Payment of Bills – a total of \$3,073,616.20 in receipts and \$6,140,800.34 in expenditures in March 2013
- Summary of Operations for 2012-13 as of March 2013 showing revenues of \$47,813,408.60 and expenses of \$43,532,965.83
- Budget Administration:
 - Proposed 2012-13 Budget Revision A – Capital Area Partial Program (CAPP) in the amount of \$1,804,153
 - Proposed 2012-13 Budget Revision A – Early Intervention in the amount of \$9,186,694
 - Proposed 2012-13 Budget Revision A – Early Intervention ACCESS in the amount of \$690,000
 - Proposed 2012-13 Budget Revision A – Education Leading to Employment and Career Training (ELECT) and Fatherhood Initiative Grant in the amount of \$310,302
 - Proposed 2012-13 Budget Revision A – Hospital Education Program in the amount of \$313,253
 - Proposed 2012-13 Budget Revision A – IDEA Section 611-School Age in the amount of \$17,051,736

- Proposed 2012-13 Budget Revision A – Institutionalized Children’s Program in the amount of \$441,750
- Proposed 2012-13 Budget Revision A – Loysville Youth Development Center (State) in the amount of \$1,950,794
- Other Fiscal Matters
 - 2013-14 Student Services Fixed Rates
 - Proposed Buy Out of Lemoyne Lease
 - CASA Sublease Agreement
 - CASA Technology Agreement
 - CASA CAOLA Agreement
 - Early Intervention Delbrook Lease
- Policies & Programs
 - Second Reading, Existing Position, New Description – Program Director, Capital Area Partial Program (CAPP)
 - Second Reading, Existing Position, New Description – Contract and Child Accounting Administrator
 - Second Reading, Existing Position, Revised Description – Curriculum Projects Coordinator
 - 2013-14 Student Services Master Calendar
 - 2013 Final LEA Policies and Procedures
 - E-Signature Resolution
 - First Reading, Revised Policy #806 – Child/Student Abuse/Megan’s Law
- Personnel Items – see attached report

Executive Director’s Report

- See attached written report.

President’s Report

- Mrs. Rice thanked the board for their attendance. It is always a pleasure to be with the Board members.

Board Member Sharing of Information

- Mr. Wolfe shared that his district’s third grade students experienced some anxiety with some of the items on the PSSA tests. These items were ones that asked students to solve math problems that appeared to be above what the teacher would have taught.
- Mrs. Otstot and Mrs. Macut shared their appreciation to Alicia McDonald for sharing the Special Education Plan. It is amazing what services are provided.

Information Items

- See AgendaMan at www.caiu.org for additional miscellaneous correspondence

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, May 23, 2013, 8:00 a.m., Board Room, CAIU Enola Office

Personnel and Policies/Programs Highlights from the Capital Area Intermediate Unit Board of Directors' Meeting

A. RESIGNATIONS:

JOHN AIGELDINGER, Supervisor, Student Services effective June 30, 2013. Reason: Retirement after 10 years of CAIU service.

CHRISTINE BERTSCH, Guidance Counselor, Aid to Non-public School Services effective April 30, 2013. Reason: Personal.

RICHARD BILLINGS, Teacher, Hospital Program effective June 7, 2013. Reason: Retirement after 22 years of CAIU service.

JASON CONWAY, Curriculum Specialist/Comprehensive Planning Statewide Project Director for PDE, effective May 28, 2013. Reason: Accepted position as the Assistant Superintendent at Dover Area School District.

DAVID DELP, Educational Paraprofessional, Emotional Support effective April 19, 2013. Reason: Personal.

CAROLYN DRUCTOR, Educational Consultant, Emotional Support/Capital Area Partial Program effective June 7, 2013. Reason: Retirement after 20 years of CAIU service.

LYNNE MAHOOD, Inclusion Teacher, Early Intervention effective June 17, 2013. Reason: Retirement after nine years of CAIU service.

KATHRYN THOMAS, Teacher, Hospital Program effective June 15, 2013. Reason: Retirement after 24 years of CAIU service.

B. RECOMMENDED FOR EMPLOYMENT OR CONTRACT:

JANE BELLINGER, part-time, long-term substitute Itinerant Teacher, Vision effective March 26, 2013. To be paid at the rate of \$48.18 per hour based on salary of Masters, Step 15, \$68,293 for 189 days of service. This is a retiree working on an as needed basis filling a vacancy. This position is funded through the Vision Budget.

JUDITH HEADLEY, part-time, long-term substitute Educational Paraprofessional, Early Intervention effective April 4, 2013. To be paid at the rate of \$11.34 per hour, based on the salary of HS+30, Step 1, \$16,069 for 189 days of service. This long-term substitute position is funded through the MAWA Budget.

DULCIE McNEILLIE, Secretary, Loysville Youth Detention Center working on a 205-day schedule effective April 15, 2013. Range 4 base salary of \$23,831.25 for 205-days of service which equates to \$15.50 per hour, will be prorated through June 30, 2013. This is a replacement position funded through the LYDC Budget.

LINDA STOSSEL, part-time, long-term substitute Reading Specialist effective April 4, 2013 through the end of the 2012/2013 school year. To be paid at the rate of \$39.16 per hour based on Masters, Step 9, \$55,505 for 189 days of service. This is a new position funded through the Reading Budget.

C. CHANGES OF SALARY:

CHRISTINE BAKER, long-term substitute Guidance Counselor, Aid to Non-public School Services, change of salary due to reduction in number of contracted work days. Days are reduced from 164 to 161 due to changes in school calendar related to weather emergencies.

KATHLEEN BEVERIDGE, Remedial Reading/Math Specialist, Aid to Non-public School Services, change of salary for completion of 15 credits beyond the Master's Degree effective

April 9, 2013. Base salary of Masters +15, Step 11, \$60,740 for 189 days of service will be prorated for a total of 41 days.

ALISON KAUFFMAN, Teacher, Loysville Youth Development Center, change of salary for completion of 15 credits beyond the Master's Degree effective April 9, 2013 2013. Base salary of Masters +15, Step 6, \$52,206 for 189 days of service will be prorated for a total of 45 days.

JILL NEUHARD, Instructional Technology Supervisor, Technology Services, change of salary due to reduction in number of work days for leave without pay while on child-rearing leave effective March 18 – April 9, 2013 for a total of 16 days.

D. CHANGES OF STATUS:

BRANDON BEDDIA, Program Consultant, Loysville Youth Development Center, indefinite suspension without pay for legal reasons effective April 23, 2013.

Executive Director's Report

April 25, 2013

NEWS

Vocational/Transition Trip

The Hill Top Academy vocational/transition trip to Hiram G. Andrews Center on Monday April 8, 2013, went very well. 12 students receiving support through the vocational program and some of their parents and staff made the bus trip to Johnstown. It was a rewarding experience for students and adults who attended. One of Hill Top Academy graduates was there attending courses and will graduate this spring. The trip was made possible by a grant from Target that was secured by Ann Vacchiano.

Hill Top Academy Activities

Hill Top Academy activities this month include the Track and Field day on May 12, 2013 and Urban Orienteering on May 26, 2013. The track and field events will be held at the West Shore stadium at Cedar Cliff HS. The Orienteering trip is to Harrisburg where the students will be on a scavenger hunt locating various items and sites.

The Regional HS and MS Computer Fair

The Regional HS and MS Computer Fair was held at the CAIU on March 25, 2013. One hundred and thirty two students from eleven school districts were entered into this highly competitive event. Students represented their districts well as they entered their projects in one of the following categories: Animation, Computer Fair Logo, Digital Movie, Graphic Design, Programming, and Web Page Design. While projects were being evaluated, students had the opportunity to attend workshops in Gaming Theory, Animation, and participate in a Mock Newscast. The first place winners of the Regional Computer Fair will be participating in the PA State Computer Fair at Dickinson College in Carlisle on May 21 and 22, 2013. Last year in the 2012 PA State Computer Fair, we had two students who earned first place and one student who earned third place.

Online Assessments - Workgroup Session

Online assessments are increasing within our school districts and it is important that we provide input from our school districts. On April 19, 2013 technology services met with PA Department of Education (PDE) and Data Recognition Corporations (DRC) for a working session focused on both the technical specifications and logistical considerations for deployment of online assessments.

Student's Work on Display at Hershey Medical Center

CAIU is always proud to see one of the students to whom we provide services featured in the news for their outstanding accomplishments! Koryn Spencer, 15, had a recent artist reception at the Penn State Hershey Medical Center's Simulation Center. Her work will remain on display for the next two to three months. Koryn suffers from alternating hemiplegia of childhood (AHC), which, among other things, causes intermittent paralysis of her limbs. For this reason, she paints with both her left and right hands. Not only is she amazing, so is her work! Proceeds from sale of her art will go to help find a cure for AHC.

RECOGNITION

- **Paulette Walker**, CAIU Multiple Disabilities Support (MDS) teacher at Camp Hill High School, was awarded an educational grant from Central PA Down Syndrome Awareness Group. She has been awarded a package of apps and gift cards for educational apps for the classroom iPad (worth approximately \$460). The staff and students are excited to be able to have more opportunities to explore this device in educational uses!

NOTIFICATION OF ACTIVITIES

- Cindy Mortzfeldt and I attended the Carlisle Area School Board meeting where we presented information on CAIU.
- Participated in the Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators (PASA) Women's caucus in preparation for the conference in May where we will have Dr. Cheri Lovre discuss, "Media Relations for Schools: Crisis Communications."
- CAIU participated in the Three Mile Island disaster drill.
- Attended Regional PAIU meeting in State College where we discussed various PDE initiatives and funding.
- Brian Griffith, Director of Curriculum Services and Holly Brzycki, Online Learning Supervisor, presented Capital Area Online Learning Association (CAOLA) to the executive directors at the PAIU Executive Directors' meeting. Several other IUs have inquired about the program.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- **CAIU Retiree and Staff Recognition Dinner** - The 12th Annual CAIU Retiree and Staff Recognition dinner will be held on **Thursday, May 16, 2013** at the Holiday Inn, Grantville.
- **Loysville Youth Development Center Graduation** – **Friday, May 31, 2013** at 1:00 pm.
- **CASA 12th Annual Performance and Gala** - **May 9, 2013** at 5:30 pm, Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts.