



CAIU BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights from the Capital Area Intermediate Unit Board of Director Meeting

The following actions were taken at the **April 24, 2008** meeting.

Reports/Updates

- Alicia McDonald reported on the 2008-2009 Special Education Plan to be submitted to PDE by May 1, subject to Board approval.
- Shawn Farr reported that 22 of 24 districts have officially reported their vote on the CAIU General Operating Budget, with weighted vote results as follows: 373 yes votes, 1 no vote, and 39 absentees/abstentions.
- Board members were asked to review the draft Articles of Agreement to establish PAIUnet as a governmental entity. These Articles will be presented to the Board for approval at the May meeting.
- The CAIU will be assuming responsibility from Dauphin County Technical School for the PDE grant to support programs and services to support pregnant and parenting teens.
- Three after-school sessions and one lunchtime session were conducted by Theresa Kinsinger in early April to facilitate staff members' transition to the new medical insurance and other provisions associated with the new bargaining unit agreement which go into effect July 1, 2008.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

- Several special education advocates spoke in opposition to the new school being built to consolidate our four existing center-based sites, expressing their belief that students should not be served in a segregated setting. In response, Board President, Mark Rothermel, read a statement that expressed the CAIU's commitment to achieving the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE).

Approved Action Items

- Board Minutes for March 27, 2008
- Treasurer's Report and Payment of Bills – a total of \$6,116,317.87 in receipts and \$5,894,665.20 in expenditures were approved for March 2008
- Summary of Operations – a total of \$51,801,363.78 in receipts and \$46,031,522.59 in expenditures were approved for the fiscal year through March 31, 2008
- Budgets for 2007-2008:
 - Revision for Act 89 Non-Public Schools in the amount of \$3,486,700
 - Revision for Alternative Education (Cedar Run) in the amount of \$139,100
 - Revision for Alternative Education (Tressler-Diakon) in the amount of \$493,000
 - Revision for Capital Area School for the Arts in the amount of \$672,600
 - Revision for Capital Area Partial Program in the amount of \$1,719,000
 - Revision for Distinguished Educator in the amount of \$2,772,740
 - Revision for Hospital Education Program in the amount of \$167,600
 - Revision for IDEA Section 611 in the amount of \$16,724,582

- Revision for Institutionalized Program in the amount of \$231,000
- Revision for Transportation in the amount of \$2,892,300
- Revision for Transportation Satellite in the amount of \$164,400
- Original for Level III School Improvement in the amount of \$30,000
- Original for Pregnant and Parenting Teen Program in the amount of \$12,738
- Budgets for 2008-2009
 - Original for Act 89 Non-Public Schools in the amount of \$3,639,700
 - Original for Capital Area School for the Arts in the amount of \$630,700
 - Original for Transportation Satellite in the amount of \$169,800
- CAIU Audit Engagement for the 2007-2008 fiscal year, utilizing the firm of Brown Schultz Sheridan Fritz
- Amendment to the Transportation Operator Contract to revise the payment distribution schedule and increase the rate of payment from 97% of state subsidy to 100% of state subsidy for the purpose of allowing the contractors to remain solvent in light of increasing fuel prices. The current and amended contract does not provide a clause to accommodate fluctuations in fuel costs.
- Use of Summerdale Facility Policy – First Reading
- Proposed Board Meeting Dates for 2008-2009 – First Reading
- CAIU Preschool, School Age and 12 Month Employee Calendars for 2008-2009 – First Reading
- Intermediate Unit School Age Special Education Plan 2008-2009
- Personnel Items – see attached
- Position Descriptions
 - Revised – none
 - New – Educational Consultant, Curriculum Services; Assistant Supervisor, Student Services; Application Developer II, Technology Services

Executive Director's Report

- See attached

President's Report

- No report

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, May 22, 2008, 8:00 am

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

A. RESIGNATIONS:

JEANNE BOBISH, educational paraprofessional with the intensive learning support program effective June 9, 2008. Reason: Retirement after 26 years of CAIU service.

DIANE DANNER, part-time educational paraprofessional/personal care assistant with the MDS/LSS program effective April 10, 2008. Reason: Personal.

MARIE GENTELE, speech/language clinician for the early intervention program effective June 12, 2008. Reason: Retirement after 32 years of CAIU service.

MARCY PEARSON, speech/language clinician with the early intervention program effective June 23, 2008. Reason: Moving out of state.

CANDY SAPHORE, personal care assistant with the MDS/LSS program effective April 15, 2008. Reason: Personal.

NORMA WATSON, clinic secretary for pupil services effective June 30, 2008. Reason: Retirement after more than 23 years of CAIU service.

JANE YANUZZI, speech/language clinician for the school-age program effective June 6, 2008. Reason: Retirement after 32 years of CAIU service.

BROOKE YELLETS, educational consultant with training and consultation, effective April 25, 2008. Reason: Accepted position with a member school district pending Board of Directors approval April 24, 2008.

B. RECOMMENDED FOR EMPLOYMENT OR CONTRACT PENDING RECEIPT OF CLEARANCES:

KELLY DANIELS, inclusion consultant for the early intervention program effective July 1, 2008. This is a new position funded through the early intervention budget.

REBECCA DOWHOWER, part-time personal care assistant with the multiple disability support program effective April 28, 2008. This is a new position funded through the MDS budget.

NICOLE TAPPER, full-time educational paraprofessional with the early intervention program effective April 23, 2008. This is a new position funded through the early intervention budget.

The following individuals to be approved as day-to-day substitute teachers for the 2007-2008 school year at the approved rate of \$85 per day:

**JENIFER BENOVIY
MARTHA BLACK
AMY BOYD
LYNN COBB
ALLISON CROUSE
LISA GASDASKA
CYNTHIA GILBERT
JENNIFER GRIGSBY
MARGIE GROVE
LYNDA HASER
JULIE HEISEY
LISA MERTZ
SARAH ORDILLE
WENDY PETONAK
KEITH RITCHEY
THOMAS SHAW
SHARON VIZZACHERO
COLLEEN YOUNG-WETZEL**

The following individuals to be approved as day-to-day substitute educational paraprofessionals for the 2007-2008 school year at the approve rate of \$60 per day:

KIA HANNA

JANET PENICA

C. CHANGES OF STATUS:

SHANNON GERHARDS, part-time speech/language clinician for the early intervention program from inactive to active status effective June 24, 2008. The number of days for the 2008-2009 school year will be calculated when the early intervention calendar has been established.

MARY HARRISON, from day-to-day substitute to full-time educational paraprofessional with the multiple disability support program effective April 22, 2008. This is a replacement position funded through the MDS budget.

D. CHANGES OF SALARY:

ELIZABETH PANEK, educational consultant change of salary due to calculation at the old contract rate.

E. LEAVES OF ABSENCE:

KELLY MAHLER, occupational therapist, child-rearing leave of absence effective August 18, 2008 through November 12, 2008. Leave is requested with pay using accumulated sick and personal leave for a total of 34 days and without pay for the remainder of the leave. Leave is requested in accordance with CAIU and FMLA policies.

HEATHER McMAHON, part-time community support educational paraprofessional for the early intervention program, request for extension of child-rearing leave through September 2, 2008. Leave is requested in accordance with CAIU policy.

HEATHER SPICER, educational paraprofessional for the early intervention program, leave of absence for medical reasons effective January 18, 2008 and continuing for an unknown period of time until released by physician. Leave is with pay using accumulated sick and personal leave for a total of 29 days and without pay effective March 10, 2008 until return. Leave is requested in accordance with CAIU and FMLA policies.

F. ISSUANCE OF TENURE:

Upon recommendation of the Executive Director, the following temporary professional employees will be elevated to the status of professional and shall be issued professional contracts, effective April 2008:

ALLISON HALEY

CHRISTINE MARTIN

ERIN TANG SING