

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORT

DECEMBER 2019

The CSIU Board of Directors conducted its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 18 at the CSIU central office.

DIRECTORS

Benton Area:

Kathleen DeYong

Berwick Area:

Vacant

Bloomsburg Area:

Jonathan Jones

Central Columbia:

Bruce E. Rhoads,
Vice President

Danville Area:

Vacant

Lewisburg Area:

Mary Ann Stanton

Line Mountain:

Lauren Hackenburg

Midd-West:

Victor L. Abate

Mifflinburg Area:

Dennis Keiser

Millville Area:

Deborah Price

Milton Area:

Dr. Alvin Weaver

Mount Carmel Area:

William Brecker

Selinsgrove Area:

Larry D. Augustine,
President

Shamokin Area:

Jeffrey Kashner

Shikellamy:

Slade Shreck,
Secretary

Southern Columbia Area:

Joseph Klebon,
Treasurer

Warrior Run:

Tamara Hoffman

WORK STUDY SESSION

Tanya Dynda, instructional technology and STEM specialist, presented on the PAsmart Targeted and Advancing grants. She reported that the CSIU received a PAsmart Targeted K12 Computer Science and STEM Education grant to serve underrepresented students throughout the CSIU service area. It also provides coaching and support for teachers to integrate computer science in their classroom. Ms. Dynda also reported the CSIU was awarded a PAsmart Advancing Computer Science and STEM grant. This grant is part of a Pennsylvania Department of Education initiative to prepare students for good-paying jobs in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Over the next decade, seven in 10 new jobs in Pennsylvania will require computer science skills. These grants represent an important component of Governor Wolf's PAsmart initiative – an innovative approach to expanding access to high-quality computer science and STEM education across the commonwealth.

SPOTLIGHT SEGMENT

Directors were provided with a highlight video of the “Attitude of Gratitude” student performance recently held at Work Foundations+. Students worked in teams with local musicians to compose songs. After a week of brainstorming song ideas, writing lyrics and choosing melodies, the students performed their original pieces to an audience of family and staff.

BOARD GOVERNANCE

RESIGNATION OF DIRECTOR AND APPOINTMENT OF REPLACEMENT

Directors approved Mr. Gregory Klebon, Southern Columbia Area School District, as its CSIU Board representative to complete the current term of Mr. Joseph Klebon, effective Dec. 19, 2019 through June 30, 2022.

Mr. Joseph Klebon submitted his resignation from the CSIU Board of Directors in December 2019 after two years of service.

BUDGET AND FINANCE MATTERS

CSIU directors accepted monthly financial reports and approved payment requests for November. Directors also approved the renewal of the CSIU cyber liability insurance policy, effective Dec. 1, 2019 through Nov. 30, 2020.

TECHNOLOGY/MARKETPLACE MATTERS

Directors approved a service order agreement with the Pennsylvania Association of Intermediate Units' Network (PAIUnet) to participate in the Regional Wide Area Network, effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025; and KPN bid awards and contract extensions for the Association of Educational Purchasing Agencies (AEPA) and Keystone Purchasing Network contracts, which included KPN AEPA bids, KPN ezIQC bid extensions through Jan. 1, 2021 and KPN contract extensions through Feb. 28, 2021.

HUMAN RESOURCES MATTERS

Directors approved five new staff members:

- **Amanda L. Beach**, as ELECT student support and data specialist;

- **Kathryn M. Cook**, as student transportation and substitute placement administrative assistant;
- **Kaitlyn M. Hock**, as speech therapist;
- **Meghan E. Johnson**, as client support specialist; and
- **Anita M. Williams**, as ELECT student support specialist.

Directors approved the following:

position transfers:

- **Melanie K. Auman**, to PIMS client support specialist II;
- **Lisa J. Black**, to full-time receptionist;
- **Karissa A. Brown**, to client support specialist III;
- **Eva J. Crishock**, to client support specialist III;
- **Kathleen M. Dieffenderfer**, to E-rate/printing, materials and distribution facilitator;
- **Christine M. Edmiston**, to client support specialist III;
- **Penny M. Graybill**, to client support analyst I;
- **Christy Lamon**, to client support specialist III;
- **Nicola Y. Manning-Davenport**, to PIMS senior client support specialist I;
- **Tina K. Noll**, to buildings and grounds management assistant;
- **Jose D. Reyes-Lua**, to Statewide Migrant Education recruitment managing coordinator; and
- **Holly L. Thomas**, to client support specialist III.

resignations:

- **Joan A. Horton**, retiring as Early Intervention/Early Learning consultant; and
- **Regina L. Swisher**, Early Head Start LPN health monitor.

Directors also approved:

- employment of five substitute teachers for the 2019-20 school year; and
- renewal of a software license agreement with BLAST IU 17 for the 321SOS (staff observation system) assessment tool for the 2020 calendar year.

POLICY MATTERS

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

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM MATTERS

Directors approved the Head Start and Early Head Start monthly enrollment, meal distribution, credit card expenses and monitoring data for October 2019. Directors also approved an amendment to the transportation contract with Rohrer Bus Service for the Head Start program; and a contract with Kidswork Therapy Center to provide compensatory education occupational therapy services, effective Jan. 6 2020 through June 30, 2020.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

CSIU directors appointed Dr. John Kurelja to the position of executive director of the CSIU upon the retirement of Dr. Kevin Singer, pending his acceptance of a contract for employment. Directors also approved staffing and consulting services agreements with Next Century, Inc. for the 2019-20 school year.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for **Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2020** at 7 p.m. at the CSIU central office.