

Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORT

NOVEMBER 2023

DIRECTORS

Benton Area:

William Pasukinis

Berwick Area:

Susy Wiegand

Bloomsburg Area:

Jonathan Jones

Central Columbia:

Bruce E. Rhoads,
President

Danville Area:

Dr. Samuel Faulkner

Lewisburg Area:

Mary Ann Stanton

Line Mountain:

Lauren Hackenburg

Midd-West:

Victor L. Abate

Mifflinburg Area:

Dennis Keiser,
Vice President

Millville Area:

Susan Myers

Milton Area:

Dr. Alvin Weaver

Mount Carmel Area:

William Brecker

Selinsgrove Area:

David Hess

Shamokin Area:

Jeffrey Kashner

Shikellamy:

Slade Shreck,
Secretary

Southern Columbia Area:

Gregory Klebon

Warrior Run:

Tamara Hoffman,
Treasurer

The CSIU Board of Directors conducted its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 15 at the CSIU central office.

SPOTLIGHT SEGMENT

CSIU staff members **Katherine Vastine**, CARES Leadership Coordinator, and **Paula Dickey**, YES Project Program Manager, shared with directors how paid work experiences benefit regional employers while helping participants build their resumes, gain work experiences and secure full-time work in their career fields.

RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING DIRECTORS

The executive director recognized outgoing CSIU directors for their service to the CSIU board. They are **Victor Abate** (Midd-West), **Dr. Samuel Faulkner** (Danville Area), **Tamara Hoffman** (Warrior Run), **Dennis Keiser** (Mifflinburg Area), **Gregory Klebon** (Southern Columbia Area) and **Susy Wiegand** (Berwick Area).

BOARD GOVERNANCE

Mary Ann Stanton (Lewisburg Area) was elected CSIU Board Vice President for the remainder of 2023-24.

Directors approved **Mr. Terry Boonie**, Midd-West School District, as its CSIU Board representative. Mr. Boonie will fill the position vacated by Mr. Victor Abate after 12 years of service to the CSIU Board of Directors. This replacement position will be effective Nov. 16, 2023 through June 30, 2026.

CSIU directors also approved a mail ballot for the 2024 election of CSIU board members and for action on the CSIU's 2024-25 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, 2024.

Six terms on the CSIU Board will end June 30, 2024: Danville Area, Lewisburg Area, Mifflinburg Area, Milton Area, Selinsgrove Area and Shamokin Area. 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 six nominees, who will begin a three-year term on July 1.

BUDGET AND FINANCE MATTERS

CSIU directors accepted monthly financial reports and approved payment requests for October. Directors also approved insurance policy renewals, effective Dec. 1, 2023 through Nov. 30, 2024.

TECHNOLOGY/MARKETPLACE MATTERS

Directors approved Keystone Purchasing Network (KPN) definite quantity line-item bids for the 2024-25 purchasing cycle; PEPPM bid awards for product line contracts, effective Jan. 1, 2024 through Dec. 31, 2025; and a PEPPM bid award for managed print solutions, effective Jan. 1, 2024 through Dec. 31, 2026.



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EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM MATTERS

Directors approved the Head Start/Early Head Start monthly report for September 2023 and a retro approval to re-budget funds to purchase two Welch Allyn Spot Vision Screeners for Head Start.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for **Wednesday, Dec. 20** at 7 p.m. at the CSIU central office.

Directors also approved KPN Job Order Construction contractor extensions through Dec. 31, 2024 and program consultant extensions through Feb. 28, 2025.

HUMAN RESOURCES MATTERS

Directors approved five new staff members:

- **Michelle Hill**, as Center for Schools and Communities project specialist;
- **Tara R. Meslener**, as occupational therapist;
- **Diane C. Peoples**, as classroom assistant;
- **Victoria Waugh**, as Corrections Education teacher; and
- **Robert Wirth**, as buildings and grounds and fleet support technician.

Directors approved the following:

changes in start date:

- **Drewanne Kline**, as family support project specialist, from Sept. 5, 2023 to Oct 10, 2023; and
- **Brian N. Linaburg**, as data analytics, research and system educational consultant, from Oct. 16, 2023 to Oct 18, 2023.

title changes:

- **Steven K. Kennedy**, from telecommunications web consultant to senior information technology support specialist III; and
- **Eric M. Shearer**, from telecommunications technology network coordinator to network administrator.

resignations:

- **Deven Sanchez**, as Early Intervention instructional assistant; and
- **Alison E. Shughart**, as Out-of-School-Time professional learning and instruction coordinator.

retirement:

- **Teresa J. Erb**, as alternative education teacher.

Directors also approved:

- resignations from two part-time employees: **Kathryn M. Cook**, as substitute placement administrative assistant; and **Matthew L. Shomaker**, as Migrant Education student support specialist;
- employment of four substitute teachers and one substitute aide for the 2023-24 school year; and
- a revised substitute aide and teacher rate increase sheet due to a compensation re-evaluation, effective Nov. 26, 2023.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS MATTERS

Directors approved a lease addendum with Shikellamy School District for property located at 600 Arch Street, Sunbury, to include storage space for the Early Childhood programs.

Directors also approved an Agreement of Sale with the Warrior Run School District for the purchase of the Watsonstown Elementary School, pending final review and approval by both parties' legal counsel.