CENTRAL SUSQUEHANNA INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING Wednesday, November 15, 2023

CSIU Central Office 90 Lawton Lane Milton, PA 17847

DINNER - 5:45 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS - 6:30 p.m.

Budget and Finance Committee Human Resoures Committee Technology/Marketplace Committee

BUSINESS MEETING - 7 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Call to Order

The CSIU Board Vice President presided over the meeting in compliance with Board Policy 006 Meetings. Vice President Keiser called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

1.3 Roll Call - Directors present - 11; Directors absent - 6

Director	District	Present	Absent
Victor Abate	Midd-West	X	
William Brecker	Mount Carmel Area		X
Dr. Samuel Faulkner	Danville Area		Х
Lauren Hackenburg	Line Mountain	Х	
David Hess	Selinsgrove Area	Х	
Tamara Hoffman, Treasurer	Warrior Run	X	
Jonathan Jones	Bloomsburg Area		X
Jeffrey Kashner	Shamokin Area		Х
Dennis Keiser, Vice President	Mifflinburg Area	X	
Gregory Klebon	Southern Columbia Area		Х
Susan Myers	Millville Area		Χ
William Pasukinis	Benton Area	Х	
Bruce Rhoads, President	Central Columbia	X	
Slade Shreck, Secretary	Shikellamy	X	
Mary Ann Stanton	Lewisburg Area	Χ	
Dr. Alvin Weaver	Milton Area	X	
Susy Wiegand	Berwick Area	X	

1.4 Announcements

Directors were asked to state their names when making a motion or second during the meeting, allowing for the motion to be recorded accurately.

The next regular monthly meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2023 at the CSIU central office.

1.5 Recognition of Guests and Opportunity for Public Comment

Bernadette Boerckel, Chief Outreach Officer Terry Boonie, Midd-West School District Rae Ann Crispell, Administrative Support Director Paula Dickey, YES Project Program Manager Kenneth Erb, Manager of Buildings and Grounds Alan Hack, Chief Academic Officer Pamela Karnes, EA Representative Kevin Kilgus, Director of Financial Services John Kurelja, Executive Director Jared Lehman, Chief Innovation Officer Shileste Overton Morris, Chief Programs Officer Amy Pfleegor, Executive Office Manager/Board Recording Secretary Laura Saccente, Center for Schools and Communities Assistant Director Eric Shearer, Telecommunications Technology Network Coordinator Brian Snyder, Chief Financial and Operations Officers Katherine Vastine, CARES Leadership Coordinator

1.6 Approval of Minutes (Attachment)

Directors were asked to approve the minutes of the CSIU Board of Directors meeting held on Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2023.

Motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2023 as presented.

Motion by Victor Abate, second by Lauren Hackenburg.

Final Resolution: Motion passed unanimously.

Yes: Victor Abate, Lauren Hackenburg, David Hess, Tamara Hoffman, Dennis Keiser, William Pasukinis, Bruce Rhoads, Slade Shreck, Mary Ann Stanton, Alvin Weaver, Susy Wiegand

(Dr. Faulkner arrived to the meeting at 7:04 p.m.)

1.7 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.

2. BOARD GOVERNANCE

2.1 Officer Position

Directors were asked to nominate and elect a CSIU Board Vice President to fill the position being vacated by **Dennis Keiser**, Mifflinburg Area, due to his resignation. This replacement position will be effective Nov. 16, 2023 through June 30, 2024. **Mary Ann Stanton**, Lewisburg Area, was nominated and elected as the new Board Vice President.

Motion to approve CSIU Board of Directors nomination for Board Vice President as presented.

Motion by Victor Abate, second by Slade Shreck.

Final Resolution: Motion passed unanimously.

Yes: Victor Abate, Samuel Faulkner, Lauren Hackenburg, David Hess, Tamara Hoffman, Dennis Keiser, William Pasukinis, Bruce Rhoads, Slade Shreck, Mary Ann Stanton, Alvin Weaver, Susy Wiegand

2.2 Director Appointment

Directors were asked to approve Mr. Terry Boonie, Midd-West School District, as its CSIU Board representative. Mr. Boonie will fill the position vacated by Mr. Victor Abate from his home district school board. This replacement position will be effective Nov. 16, 2023 through June 30, 2026.

Mr. Abate will resign after 12 years of service to the CSIU Board of Directors.

Motion to approve a director appointment as presented.

Motion by Victor Abate, second by William Pasukinis.

Final Resolution: Motion passed unanimously.

Yes: Victor Abate, Samuel Faulkner, Lauren Hackenburg, David Hess, Tamara Hoffman, Dennis Keiser, William Pasukinis, Bruce Rhoads, Slade Shreck, Mary Ann Stanton, Alvin Weaver, Susy Wiegand

2.3 Mail Ballot for 2024 CSIU Director Elections and Budget Approval

Directors were asked to approve the notification to member districts for the 2024 election of CSIU directors and approval of the CSIU's 2024-25 General Operating Budget be conducted by mail ballot and to advise member districts that, according to state law, they may petition the CSIU Board to hold a convention for such purposes. However, a majority of districts (nine) must do so before Feb. 1, 2024.

Director Elections: Six current terms on the CSIU Board of Directors end June 30, 2024. Those district boards will be eligible in the spring to nominate a director to a three-year term on the CSIU Board from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027.

- Danville Area
- · Lewisburg Area
- Mifflinburg Area
- Milton Area
- Selinsgrove Area
- Shamokin Area

Budget Approval: The chief financial and operations officer has recommended the following timeline for completion of current-year budget revisions and development of the proposed 2024-25 General Operating Budget (GOB).

November–December 2023: Current-year 2023-24 budget projections are revised, and 2024-25 budget requests are developed by program and business office staff.

Dec. 20, 2023: Proposed GOB is reviewed with Board Finance Committee.

Jan. 17, 2024: Proposed GOB is reviewed with CSIU directors and presented for consideration of initial approval and release to districts.

Feb. 1–April 5, 2024: Upon approval by CSIU directors, proposed GOB is considered by member district boards of directors.

April 17, 2024: Upon approval by a majority of member district boards of directors, proposed GOB is presented for final adoption by CSIU board.

April 30, 2024: Given all of the above, GOB is submitted to PA Department of

Education, as required by law.

Motion to approve the mail ballot for 2024 CSIU director elections and budget development approval as presented.

Motion by Victor Abate, second by Lauren Hackenburg.

Final Resolution: Motion passed unanimously.

Yes: Victor Abate, Samuel Faulkner, Lauren Hackenburg, David Hess, Tamara Hoffman, Dennis Keiser, William Pasukinis, Bruce Rhoads, Slade Shreck, Mary Ann Stanton, Alvin Weaver, Susy Wiegand

2.4 Thanks to Outgoing Board Members

Dr. Kurelja and Mr. Keiser thanked the following outgoing board members for service as their district's CSIU representative.

- · Victor Abate, Midd-West
- Dr. Samuel Faulkner, Danville Area
- Tamara Hoffman, Warrior Run
- · Dennis Keiser, Mifflinburg Area
- · Gregory Klebon, Southern Columbia Area
- · Susy Wiegand, Berwick Area

3. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE - Tamara Hoffman, Chair; Lauren Hackenburg, Committee Member

3.1 Monthly Financial Statements for October 2023 (Attachments)

Directors were asked to approve the following October 2023 financial statements:

- · Financial Report;
- Program Balance Sheet; and
- General Fund Accounting Payment Summary. Funds for payment are available in program budgets.

Motion to approve monthly financial statements for October 2023 as presented.

Motion by Tamara Hoffman, second by Victor Abate.

Final Resolution: Motion passed unanimously.

Yes: Victor Abate, Samuel Faulkner, Lauren Hackenburg, David Hess, Tamara Hoffman, Dennis Keiser, William Pasukinis, Bruce Rhoads, Slade Shreck, Mary Ann Stanton, Alvin Weaver, Susy Wiegand

3.2 Insurance Policy Renewals (Attachment)

Administration recommended approval of the CSIU insurance policy renewals, effective Dec. 1, 2023 through Nov. 30, 2024 at a total cost of \$178,988 (an increase of \$9,430 or 5.56 percent from 2022-23). A comprehensive list of policies, companies and costs was provided.

Motion to approve a renewal of the CSIU's insurance policies as presented.

Motion by Tamara Hoffman, second by Victor Abate.

Final Resolution: Motion passed unanimously.

Yes: Victor Abate, Samuel Faulkner, Lauren Hackenburg, David Hess, Tamara Hoffman, Dennis Keiser, William Pasukinis, Bruce Rhoads, Slade Shreck, Mary Ann Stanton, Alvin Weaver, Susy Wiegand

4. TECHNOLOGY/MARKETPLACE COMMITTEE - Jonathan Jones, Chair; Victor Abate and Alvin Weaver, Committee Members

4.1 Keystone Purchasing Network (KPN) Definite Quantity Line-Item Bids (Attachment)

Directors were asked to approve the list of recommended KPN definite quantity line-

item bid awards for the 2024-25 purchasing cycle.

KPN Definite Quantity Line-Item Bids, Copy Paper (February 2024 Delivery) Category to:

• Staples, Inc., Bristol, Pa., total sales volume \$25,805.78

• Veritiv Operating Company, Jacksonville, Fla., total sales volume \$296,296.40

Motion to approve KPN definite quantity line-item bid awards as presented.

Motion by Victor Abate, second by Mary Ann Stanton.

Final Resolution: Motion passed unanimously.

Yes: Victor Abate, Samuel Faulkner, Lauren Hackenburg, David Hess, Tamara Hoffman, Dennis Keiser, William Pasukinis, Bruce Rhoads, Slade Shreck, Mary Ann Stanton, Alvin Weaver, Susy Wiegand

4.2 PEPPM 2024 Product Line Bid Awards (Attachment)

Directors were asked to approve PEPPM bid awards for the product line contracts. These contracts will have an effective date of Jan. 1, 2024 and will be valid through Dec. 31, 2025.

Motion to approve the PEPPM 2024 Product Line Bid awards as presented.

Motion by Victor Abate, second by Mary Ann Stanton.

Final Resolution: Motion passed unanimously.

Yes: Victor Abate, Samuel Faulkner, Lauren Hackenburg, David Hess, Tamara Hoffman, Dennis Keiser, William Pasukinis, Bruce Rhoads, Slade Shreck, Mary Ann Stanton, Alvin Weaver, Susy Wiegand

4.3 PEPPM 2024 Managed Print Solutions Bid Award (Attachment)

Directors were asked to approve a PEPPM bid award for the managed print solutions contract. This contract will have an effective date of Jan. 1, 2024 and will be valid through Dec. 31, 2026.

Motion to approve the PEPPM 2024 Managed Print Solutions Bid award as presented.

Motion by Victor Abate, second by Mary Ann Stanton.

Final Resolution: Motion passed unanimously.

Yes: Victor Abate, Samuel Faulkner, Lauren Hackenburg, David Hess, Tamara Hoffman, Dennis Keiser, William Pasukinis, Bruce Rhoads, Slade Shreck, Mary Ann Stanton, Alvin Weaver, Susy Wiegand

4.4 Keystone Purchasing Network (KPN) Contract Extensions (Attachment)

Directors were asked to approve the following KPN JOC contractor and program consultant extensions.

- KPN JOC Program Consultant Services through Feb. 28, 2025
- KPN JOC Contractor extensions through Dec. 31, 2024

Motion to approve KPN Job Order Construction (JOC) program consultant and contractor extensions as presented.

Motion by Victor Abate, second by Mary Ann Stanton.

Final Resolution: Motion passed unanimously.

Yes: Victor Abate, Samuel Faulkner, Lauren Hackenburg, David Hess, Tamara Hoffman, Dennis Keiser, William Pasukinis, Bruce Rhoads, Slade Shreck, Mary Ann Stanton, Alvin Weaver, Susy Wiegand

5. HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE - Dennis Keiser, Chair; Bruce Rhoads, Slade Shreck and Mary Ann Stanton, Committee Members

5.1 Full-Time Personnel

New Employees - Instructional Staff

- Tara R. Meslener, Selinsgrove, received a doctorate degree from Ohio State University, Columbus. She has been employed as an occupational therapist with Maxim Healthcare Staffing, Williamsport. Ms. Meslener is recommended as an occupational therapist, at the doctorate step 4 classification, effective April 1, 2024 (contingent upon receipt of required clearances), at an annual salary of \$61,756, according to the terms of the current Collective Bargaining Agreement. Funds for this replacement position are available in the Early Intervention budget.
- Victoria Waugh, Catawissa, received a bachelor's degree from Bloomsburg University. She has been employed as a teacher with Shamokin Area School District. Ms. Waugh is recommended as a Corrections Education teacher, at the bachelor's step 13 classification, effective Jan. 15, 2024 (contingent upon receipt of required clearances), at an annual salary of \$72,316, according to the terms of the current Collective Bargaining Agreement. Funds for this replacement position are available in the Corrections Education budget.

New Employees - Non-Instructional Staff

- Michelle Hill, Harrisburg, received an associate degree from Southwest Florida College, Fort Myers, Fla. She has been employed as a PEBT specialist/CSC administrative assistant with People Share, Camp Hill. Ms. Hill is recommended as a Center for Schools and Communities project specialist, at an annual salary of \$50,000, effective Nov. 16, 2023 (contingent upon receipt of required clearances). Funds for this new position are available in the CSC budget.
- Diane C. Peoples, Northumberland, received a high school diploma from Shikellamy High School, Sunbury. She has been employed as a sewing machine operator with EMS Surgical, Selinsgrove. Ms. Peoples is recommended as a classroom assistant, at an hourly rate of \$11.10 (\$15,401.25 annually), effective Nov. 27, 2023 (contingent upon receipt of required clearances). Funds for this replacement position are available in the special education budget.
- Robert Wirth, Mifflinburg, received a high school diploma from Mifflinburg Area School District. He has been employed as a maintenance tech with Families United Network Inc., Muncy. Mr. Wirth is recommended as a **buildings and grounds and fleet support technician**, at an hourly rate of \$19.50 (\$38,025 annually), effective Nov. 16, 2023 (contingent upon receipt of required clearances). Funds for this replacement position are available in the buildings and grounds budget.

Changes in Start Date

- **Drewanne Kline**, family support project specialist, from Sept. 5, 2023 to Oct. 10, 2023
- Brian N. Linaburg, 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, effective Nov. 16, 2023
- Eric M. Shearer, from telecommunications technology network coordinator to network administrator, effective Nov. 16, 2023

Resignations

- **Deven Sanchez**, Early Intervention instructional assistant, effective Oct. 19, 2023
- **Alison E. Shughart**, Out-of-School-Time professional learning and instruction coordinator, effective Dec. 1, 2023

^{*}Please note that effective date listed above is the last paid working day.

Retirement

• Teresa J. Erb, alternative education teacher, effective May 30, 2024

*Please note that effective date listed above is the last paid working day.

Motion to approve full-time personnel recommendations as presented.

Motion by Dennis Keiser, second by Victor Abate.

Final Resolution: Motion passed unanimously.

Yes: Victor Abate, Samuel Faulkner, Lauren Hackenburg, David Hess, Tamara Hoffman, Dennis Keiser, William Pasukinis, Bruce Rhoads, Slade Shreck, Mary Ann Stanton, Alvin Weaver, Susy Wiegand

5.2 Part-Time Personnel

Resignations

- **Kathryn M. Cook**, substitute placement administrative assistant, effective Dec. 8, 2023
- Matthew L. Shomaker, Migrant Education student support specialist, effective Oct. 13, 2023

*Please note that effective date listed above is the last paid working day.

Motion to approve part-time personnel recommendations as presented.

Motion by Dennis Keiser, second by Victor Abate.

Final Resolution: Motion passed unanimously.

Yes: Victor Abate, Samuel Faulkner, Lauren Hackenburg, David Hess, Tamara Hoffman, Dennis Keiser, William Pasukinis, Bruce Rhoads, Slade Shreck, Mary Ann Stanton, Alvin Weaver, Susy Wiegand

5.3 Substitute Personnel

Directors were asked to approve substitute personnel to work in CSIU classrooms and programs for the 2023-24 school year.

Substitute Teachers

Tara Bussey Cadence Hepworth Eric Light Stephanie Russell

Substitute Aide

Chase Higgins

Motion to approve substitute personnel recommendations as presented.

Motion by Dennis Keiser, second by Victor Abate.

Final Resolution: Motion passed unanimously.

Yes: Victor Abate, Samuel Faulkner, Lauren Hackenburg, David Hess, Tamara Hoffman, Dennis Keiser, William Pasukinis, Bruce Rhoads, Slade Shreck, Mary Ann Stanton, Alvin Weaver, Susy Wiegand

5.4 Substitute Aide and Teacher Rate (Attachment)

Directors were asked to approve the attached revised substitute aide and teacher rate increase sheet due to a compensation re-evaluation, effective Nov. 26, 2023.

Motion to approve a revised substitute aide and teacher rate increase sheet as presented.

Motion by Dennis Keiser, second by Victor Abate.

Final Resolution: Motion passed unanimously.

Yes: Victor Abate, Samuel Faulkner, Lauren Hackenburg, David Hess, Tamara Hoffman, Dennis Keiser, William Pasukinis, Bruce Rhoads, Slade Shreck, Mary Ann Stanton, Alvin Weaver, Susy Wiegand

6. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE – William Brecker, Chair; Jeffrey Kashner, Bill Pasukinis and Susy Wiegand, Committee Members

6.1 Lease Addendum

Directors were asked to approve a lease addendum with Shikellamy School District for property located at 600 Arch Street, Sunbury, effective Dec. 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026. This addendum will include storage space for the Early Childhood programs at an additional annual cost of \$1,470. Funds for this addendum are available in the Preschool and Early Head Start budgets.

Motion to approve a lease addendum with Shikellamy School District as presented.

Motion by Susy Wiegand, second by William Pasukinis.

Final Resolution: Motion passed unanimously.

Yes: Victor Abate, Samuel Faulkner, Lauren Hackenburg, David Hess, Tamara Hoffman, Dennis Keiser, William Pasukinis, Bruce Rhoads, Slade Shreck, Mary Ann Stanton, Alvin Weaver, Susy Wiegand

6.2 Agreement of Sale

Directors were asked to approve an Agreement of Sale with the Warrior Run School District for the purchase of the Watsontown Elementary School, at a cost of \$610,000.00, pending final review and approval by both parties legal counsel. Funds for this purchase are available in the capital reserve budget.

Motion to approve an Agreement of Sale with Warrior Run School District as presented.

Motion by Susy Wiegand, second by William Pasukinis.

Final Resolution: Motion passed.

Yes: Victor Abate, Samuel Faulkner, Lauren Hackenburg, David Hess, Dennis Keiser, William Pasukinis, Bruce Rhoads, Slade Shreck, Mary Ann Stanton, Alvin Weaver, Susy Wiegand

Abstain: Tamara Hoffman

7. POLICY COMMITTEE - Slade Shreck, Chair; Bruce Rhoads, Committee Member

No report.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

None.

10. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM MATTERS

10.1 Northumberland Head Start and Early Head Start (Attachment)

According to federal regulations, the CSIU Board of Directors is the governing body of the CSIU's Head Start programs; therefore, the following item was presented for approval.

Head Start/Early Head Start Monthly Report for September 2023

Motion to approve the Head Start/Early Head Start items as presented.

Motion by Susy Wiegand, second by Lauren Hackenburg.

Final Resolution: Motion passed unanimously.

Yes: Victor Abate, Samuel Faulkner, Lauren Hackenburg, David Hess, Tamara Hoffman, Dennis Keiser, William Pasukinis, Bruce Rhoads, Slade Shreck, Mary Ann Stanton, Alvin Weaver, Susy Wiegand

10.2 Northumberland Head Start and Early Head Start – Re-budgeted Funds (Attachment)

According to federal regulations, the CSIU Board of Directors is the governing body of the CSIU's Head Start programs; therefore, the following item was presented for approval.

• a retro approval to re-budget funds to purchase two Welch Allyn Spot Vision Screeners in the amount of \$17,156. These funds are available in the benefits as a result of staff resignations and retirement

Motion to approve a request for a retro approval to re-budget funds as presented.

Motion by Victor Abate, second by Lauren Hackenburg.

Final Resolution: Motion passed unanimously.

Yes: Victor Abate, Samuel Faulkner, Lauren Hackenburg, David Hess, Tamara Hoffman, Dennis Keiser, William Pasukinis, Bruce Rhoads, Slade Shreck, Mary Ann Stanton, Alvin Weaver, Susy Wiegand

11. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

None.

12. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

12.1 Executive Leadership - Dr. John Kurelja, Executive Director

13. ADJOURNMENT

13.1 Adjourn Meeting

Vice President Keiser adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitte

Slade Shreck Board Secretary

Amy Pfleegor

Board Recording Secretary

14. INFORMATION ONLY

14.1 Human Resources - Stipend Payments

The executive director authorized the following:

- a one-time stipend payment to Jessica B. Harry, special education and offsite facilities support programs supervisor, in the amount of \$2,500 for supervisory work performed for Columbia-Montour Area Vocational Technical School from January 2023 to June 2023, which was above and beyond her job description
- monthly stipend payments to Cathy M. Yordy, special education administrative assistant, in the amount of \$165 per month from Oct. 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 for providing administrative duties for the school nutrition program during the 2023-24 school year, which are above and beyond her job description

14.2 Human Resources - Staff Leaves of Absence

Paid Leaves of Absence

- Teresa J. Erb, alternative education teacher, from Nov. 7, 2023 to Nov. 23, 2023
- Jayme L. Stryker, Statewide Adoption Network Technical Specialist, intermittent from Nov. 6, 2023 to Nov. 5, 2024

Paid/Unpaid Leaves of Absence

- Erin R. Hickey, special education teacher, from April 3, 2024 to Sept. 20, 2024
- Carrie L. Karnes, Pre-K Counts senior instructor, from Aug. 29, 2023 to Jan. 2, 2024

Return from Paid Leaves of Absence

- Shane V. Kelly, adult basic education instructor, effective Oct. 30, 2023
- Adrienne E. Randall, cooperative purchasing services assistant, effective
 Oct 24, 2023

14.3 Human Resources - Completion of New Employee Probationary Periods

The following staff members have completed their new employee probationary periods:

- Jasmine B. Canales-Carballo, Migrant Education student support specialist, effective Oct. 19, 2023
- **Jeanne A. Crago**, English as a Second Language instructor, effective Oct. 16, 2023
- Alicia Freed, practical nursing program instructor, effective Oct. 3, 2023
- **Jody Guadalupi**, Early Intervention instructional support program assistant, effective Oct. 18, 2023
- Marianela Mancebo, Millersville University Migrant Education team leader, effective Oct. 13, 2023
- Pamela M. Miller, buildings and grounds assistant, effective Oct. 16, 2023
- Julie Petrin, director of behavioral health support services, effective Oct. 9, 2023

14.4 Administration - Staff Travel

Laura Saccente, Center for Schools and Communities assistant director, and **Anthony Serafini**, director of professional development, will attend the **AESA Annual Conference** on Nov. 28 to Dec. 1, 2023 in Anaheim, Calif. While there, they will work with AESA consultants and other AESA members for professional development workshops providing insight into innovative services and support for schools in delivering top-quality services to regional schools. Funds for estimated expenses in the amount of \$2,555 and \$3,771, respectively, are available in the CSC and staff development budgets.

Colleen Epler-Ruths, educational consultant, and Katherine Vastine, CARES leadership coordinator, will attend the *Northeast Florida STEM 2Hub Travel Team meeting* on Dec. 7-8, 2023 in Jacksonville, Fla. While there, they will learn more about STEM 2Hub, which envisions high-quality, culturally relevant STEM2 learning experiences for every child and young person. They will also learn about identifying business needs for a sustainable workforce and participate in a National Embassy panel discussion. Funds for estimated expenses in the amount of \$1,091.50 and \$1,636, respectively, are available in the PA Smart III budget and SEF-Central PA Career Pathways Partnership Expansion Project funds.

Thomas Caruso, director of cooperative purchasing, **Lynne Howard**, cooperative purchasing marketing specialist, and **Amber Lind**, cooperative purchasing programs manager, will attend the **National Athletic Directors Conference & Exhibit Show** on Dec. 16-18, 2023 in Orlando, Fla. While there, they will be an exhibitor to promote the CSIU's Keystone Purchasing Network. Funds for estimated expenses in the amount of \$1,575, individually, are available in purchasing budget.

Meghan Deitterick, Early Childhood Educational Consultant, will attend the National Training Institute on Effective Practices: Addressing Challenging Behavior conference on April 16-19, 2024 in Tampa, Fla. While there, she will learn about in-depth, intensive learning experiences around the Pyramid Model framework for addressing young children's social and emotional development and challenging behavior. Funds for estimated expenses in the amount of \$1,860 are available in the Early Intervention budget.

14.5 Fiscal Communications

Oct. 20, 2023, an email from Angela Lengle (Clerical Assistant 3 – Pennsylvania Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education) notifying CSIU of the approved 2023-24 Special Education (611) (062) project funding. Project #062-24-0016 in the amount of \$7,688,006 has been approved for the period of July 1, 2023 through Sept. 30, 2024.

Oct. 26, 2023, an email from Dr. John George (Executive Director – PA Association of Intermediate Units) notifying CSIU of funding available in partnership with the PA Department of Health related to COVID-19 Prevention, Outreach and Testing. Funding in the amount of \$306,695 has been approved for the period of Aug. 1, 2023 through July 31, 2024.