

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORT

APRIL 2026

The CSIU Board of Directors conducted its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 15 at the Central Susquehanna LPN Career Center, Milton.

DIRECTORS

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Vacant

Warrior Run:

Robert Hormell

SPOTLIGHT SEGMENT

Ashlee Bower, Director of Operations, and **Jessica Probst**, Dean of Students, both at the Central Susquehanna LPN Career Center, provided information to directors regarding the LPN Center and its 59 years of providing nursing education in the Susquehanna Valley. The LPN Center is approved by the PA State Board of Nursing and is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing.

BOARD GOVERNANCE MATTERS

Directors approved Pastor Daniel Renno, Mount Carmel Area, as the school district's board representative to the CSIU Board of Directors, effective April 16, 2026 through June 30, 2028.

BUDGET AND FINANCE MATTERS

CSIU directors accepted monthly financial reports and approved payment requests for March 2026 and the CSIU General Operating Budget for 2026-27.

Directors also approved the transfer of funds from the 2025-26 general fund balance to the capital reserve fund, effective April 16, 2026; and the June 30, 2025 Single Audit by Baker Tilly US, LLP.

TECHNOLOGY/MARKETPLACE MATTERS

Directors approved Keystone Purchasing Network (KPN) definite quantity line-item bids, pending documentation, for copy paper in the 2026-27 purchasing cycle.

Directors also approved KPN Job Order Construction contractor awards for paving through March 31, 2027.

HUMAN RESOURCES MATTERS

Directors approved three new staff members:

- **Morgan L. Delsite**, as Head Start assistant;
- **Melissa A. Stuck**, as communication facilitator; and
- **Yudys Fernandez Tavarez**, as administrative assistant.

the following changes in start date:

- **Bedgira Azcona**, recruitment specialist, from March 19, 2026 to April 1, 2026; and
- **Lindsay B. Ziller**, school psychologist, from Feb. 2, 2026 to March 24, 2026.

the following position transfers:

- **Jessica M. Allen**, from CARES data entry administrative assistant to education services project specialist;
- **Tara Persun**, from Head Start assistant to Head Start associate assistant; and
- **Matthew H. Sherwood**, from information technology support specialist I to communications and AI innovation specialist.



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the following salary adjustment:

- **Bedgira Aczona**, recruitment specialist, due to an institutional hold on transcript, effective April 1, 2026.

the following furloughs:

- **Caleb A. Petrin**, special education teacher, due to transfer of program; and
- **Tracy A. Smith**, special education teacher, due to transfer of program.

the following resignations:

- **Anne D. Artley**, as Early Head Start family and health coordinator; and
- **Jami K. Vankirk**, as operations assistant.

the following retirement:

- **Thomas W. Naugle**, as senior technology consultant.

Directors also approved:

- two part-time, non-instructional employees: **Genesis G. Myers**, as Migrant Education student support specialist, and **Emily Salerno-Oswald**, as English as a Second Language instructor;
- a retirement from one part-time employee: **Donald W. Gallo**, as nutrition aide/custodian;
- two substitute teachers and one substitute aide to work in CSIU classrooms and programs for the 2025-26 school year; and
- senior leader employment agreements, effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS MATTERS

Directors approved a lease agreement between the CSIU and Luzerne County Community College, as tenant, for space at 1100 Main Street, Suite 2, Watsontown.

Directors also approved the purchase of a 2026 Ford Explorer from Sunbury Motors for the facilities department fleet to be used by various departments traveling to off-site events; and a contract with Sargent Enterprises, Inc., Jim Thorpe, for the removal and disposal of asbestos floor tiles and materials at the Watsontown Children's Center.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM MATTERS

Directors approved the Head Start and Early Head Start monthly report for February 2026 and the renewal of an agreement for pool counsel legal services consultation with Sweet, Stevens, Katz & Williams LLP for the 2026-27 school year.

Directors also approved authorization for staff to submit the Assurance for the Operation of Special Education Services and Programs/Quality Space for the 2026-27 school year; and one school bus/van driver for the CSIU's student transportation programs for the 2025-26 school year.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 20, 2026** at 7 p.m. at the CSIU central office.