

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2026

The CSIU Board of Directors conducted its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 16 at the CSIU central office.

DIRECTORS

Benton Area:

William Pasukinis

Berwick Area:

Toni Phillips

Bloomsburg Area:

Jonathan Jones

Central Columbia:

Bruce E. Rhoads,
President

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John (Jove) Graham

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Secretary

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Milton Area:

Amy Waldron

Mount Carmel Area:

Daniel Renno

Selinsgrove Area:

David Hess

Shamokin Area:

Jeffrey Kashner

Shikellamy:

Slade Shreck,
Vice President

Southern Columbia Area:

Cynthia Brassington

Warrior Run:

Robert Hormell

SPOTLIGHT SEGMENT

Assistant Executive Director/Chief Academic Officer **Alan Hack** introduced **Tanya Dynda**, instructional technology support and STEM specialist, who shared highlights from the CSIU's Girls STEM Camp 2026. The camp was open to girls entering sixth through eighth grades for the 2026-27 school year and offered hands-on experiments, engineering and circuitry projects, and mentorship from women in STEM careers. Students explored science, technology, engineering, art and math. Two students from Southern Columbia Area School District and one student from Commonwealth Charter Academy shared their experiences with directors.

BUDGET AND FINANCE MATTERS

CSIU directors accepted monthly financial reports and approved payment requests for August. Directors also approved 2025-26 program transfers to close out expired programs and a resolution authorizing the CSIU to make contributions to the PA OPEB Trust to cover the cost of future other post-employment benefits (OPEB) costs and reduce the CSIU's OPEB liability.

HUMAN RESOURCES MATTERS

Directors approved 5 new staff members:

- **Ashley Austin**, as Head Start floater instructor;
- **Michelle R. Faust**, as software solutions administrative assistant;
- **Kathryn Gillin**, as career counselor specialist;
- **Pamela B. Hardie**, as Early Intervention instructional support program assistant; and
- **Caitlyn Snyder**, as Head Start senior assistant.

Directors approved:

the following position transfers:

- **Lori B. Dyer**, from client support financial business systems analyst I to software solutions quality assurance manager;
- **Abbe R. Heath**, from special education teacher to teacher of visually impaired;
- **Elizabeth A. Weaver-Ronk**, from Migrant Education Statewide technology support manager to Migrant Education Statewide program and technology support manager; and
- **Honesti L. Yeagle**, from practical nursing program instructor (part-time) to practical nursing program instructor (full-time).

the following salary adjustment:

- **Tehani Grenell**, transition work experience job coach, due to obtaining her bachelor's degree.

the following changes in start date:

- **Haylee Carl**, special education teacher, from Aug. 20, 2026 to Aug. 31, 2026; and
- **Alessia G. Eisloeffel**, special education teacher, from Aug. 4, 2026 to Aug. 24, 2026.

the following title change:

- **Sydney R. Hartzell**, from Corrections Education–language arts teacher to Corrections Education teacher.



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the following resignation:

- **Kayla Reinard**, as instructional support program assistant.

the following retirement:

- **Dr. John M. Kurelja**, as executive director.

Directors also approved:

- employment of two substitute teachers, one classroom monitor and 12 CSIU employees as substitute teachers; and
- a cumulative list of employees who have attained tenure in 2026.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE MATTERS

Directors approved a contract change order with HUNT Engineers, Architects & Surveyors, Towanda, to provide changes to the scope of work for the additional professional services at the Watsontown Children's Center; a contract with Fast Signs, Mechanicsburg, to provide an internally lit monument sign at Watsontown Children's Center; and the purchase of two 2027 Ford Transit AWD 10-passenger vans from PFVT Motors, LLC, Peoria, Ariz., to be used to support the Migrant Education program.

POLICY COMMITTEE MATTERS

Directors adopted, at second and final reading, the following revised policies and attachments:

- 102 Academic Standards
- 105 Curriculum
- 122 Equal Access
- 218.1 Weapons
- 221 Dress and Grooming (Students)
- 236.1 Threat Assessment
- 317.1 Educator Misconduct
- 320 Freedom of Speech by Employees
- 325 Dress and Grooming (Employees)
- 332 Working Periods
- 619 Intermediate Unit Audit
- 716 Integrated Pest Management
- 805 Emergency Preparedness and Response
- 805 Attachment – Safe2Say Something Procedures
- 805.1 Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies
- 805.2 School Security Personnel
- 904 Public Attendance at Intermediate Unit Events
- 904 Attachment – Public Behavior at Intermediate Unit Events

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM MATTERS

Directors approved the Head Start/Early Head Start monthly report for July 2026; an Eligibility Rating Scale; Information Memorandum; and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Reducing Federal Burden for Head Start Programs.

Directors also approved school bus and van drivers for the CSIU's student transportation programs for the 2026-27 school year.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for **Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2026**, at 7 p.m. at the CSIU central office.