Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORT

OCTOBER 2026

The CSIU Board of Directors conducted its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 21 at the CSIU central office.

SPOTLIGHT SEGMENT

Shileste Overton Morris, chief programs officer, introduced **Leah Galkowski**, Safe Schools managing coordinator, and **Korinne Day**, Safe Schools coordinator, who shared information with directors regarding the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program (OBPP). The worldwide initiative is designed to prevent and reduce bullying while improving school climate. It has been implemented in more than a dozen countries and thousands of schools across the United States.

BUDGET AND FINANCE MATTERS

Directors approved monthly financial reports and approved payment requests for September.

TECHNOLOGY/MARKETPLACE MATTERS

Directors approved Keystone Purchasing Network contract extensions through Dec. 31, 2027.

HUMAN RESOURCES MATTERS

Directors approved five new staff members:

- **Mary Golden Bias**, as reading specialist/math interventionist;
- **Kira A. Calderon**, as Early Head Start senior family partner/home visitor;
- **Jessep P. Caravella**, as instructional support program assistant;
- **Montanna A. Tate**, as behavior intervention assistant; and
- **Kelsi A. Wayne**, as Head Start assistant.

Directors also approved:

the following position transfers:

- **Abigail A. Crossley**, from classroom assistant to classroom associate;
- **Erin Demcher**, from special education program coordinator to special education program supervisor;
- **Michael G. Lord**, from educational consultant to Corrections Education teacher; and
- **Angela K. Welcomer**, from classroom associate to instructional support program assistant.

the following change in start date:

- **Pamela B. Hardie**, Early Intervention instructional support program assistant, from Sept. 8, 2026 to Sept. 14, 2026.

the following resignations:

- **Christine J. Bredbenner**, as Head Start assistant; and
- **Heather A. Krebs**, as reading resource teacher.

the following retirements:

- **Colleen M. Epler-Ruths**, as educational consultant;
- **Kristin L. Robatin**, as Early Intervention teacher; and
- **Lisa J. Springer**, as Early Intervention instructional assistant.

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Directors also approved:

- employment of one part-time, non-instructional employee: **Gustavo Cabrera**, as recruitment specialist;
- a change in start date for one part-time employee: **Emma Cromley**, nutrition aide/custodian, from Aug. 27, 2026 to Sept. 9, 2026; and
- employment of one classroom monitor and four CSIU employees approved as substitute teachers for the 2026-27 school year.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM MATTERS

Directors approved the Head Start/Early Head Start monthly report for August 2026 and the purchase of three Spot Vision Screeners from School Health, Rolling Meadows, Ill., for use in the Head Start and Early Head Start programs.

Directors also approved the purchase of 1,500 Kits for Kidz from School Specialty for use in the Migrant Education and Refugee School Impact programs.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Directors approved the appointment of **Dr. Alan J. Hack** as executive director of the CSIU upon the retirement of Dr. John Kurelja, effective Sept. 1, 2027, pending his acceptance of a contract for employment.

Directors also approved agreements with Next Century, Inc., Milton, for staffing and consulting services in the 2026-27 school year.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for Wednesday, **November 18, at 7 p.m.**

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