

INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
FEBRUARY 28, 2024

President calls the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence.

ROLL CALL:

Peter Lanza, President – Northwest Area

John Adonizio, Vice-President – Pittston Area

Joseph Caffrey, Secretary – Wilkes Barre Area

Denise Thomas, Treasurer – Wilkes Barre Area

Rick Stevens – Hanover Area

T. Scott Walsh – Lake Lehman

Erika Jacobs– Greater Nanticoke Area

Lori Bennett -Tunkhannock Area

Edward Shemansky – Hazleton Area

Marla Campbell – Crestwood

Philip Campenni– Wyoming Area

Larry Schuler – Dallas

Timothy McGinley – Wyoming Valley West

ADMINISTRATION

Executive Director, Dr. Anthony Grieco

Assistant to the Executive Director for Student Services, Libby Krokos

Assistant to the Executive Director for District Services, Ty Yost

Solicitor to the Board, Michael Butera

Business Manager, John Gordon

Director of Administrative Services, Joseph DeLucca

Director of Personalized Academy of Learning, Ron Musto

Director of Provider 50, Jennifer Runquist

Director of Policy and Strategic Communications, Nicholas Audi

Director of Human Resources, Douglas Palmieri

SECRETARY'S REPORT – MR. CAFFREY

M_____ moves and M_____ seconds the motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of **January 24, 2024.**

TREASURER'S REPORT – MS. THOMAS

M_____ moves and M_____ seconds the following motions:

January 1, 2024 through January 31, 2024.

	BEGINNING BALANCES	TOTAL REVENUES	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	BALANCE FORWARD
Luzerne Intermediate Unit – General Fund	5,065,440.13	6,843,585.27	8,089,477.69	3,819,547.71
Nonpublic School Services Program				
Fund 11 – Act 89	1,936,386.72	5,143.33	58,494.54	1,883,035.51
Special Education Department				
Fund 23 – Special Education	291,085.01	4,440,705.81	2,007,319.28	2,724,471.54
Fund 24 – Transportation	75,320.76	2,723,943.28	353,286.06	2,445,977.98
School Lunch Program	7.86	-	-	7.86
Behavioral Health Program	2,284,518.70	1,347,976.93	748,013.80	2,884,481.83
Payroll Account	232,614.50	2,360,513.66	2,345,037.89	248,090.27
Accounts Payable	5,848.37	-	-	5,848.37

Federal and State Programs:

TOTAL IDEA -- 2, 3, 4	2,847,378.81	721,148.20	230,147.61	3,338,379.40
PCCD MENTAL HEALTH + SAFETY GRANT -- 9	(44,113.49)	8,762.00	492.00	(35,843.49)
UNITED WAY -- 17	(14,797.67)	-	5,081.04	(19,878.71)
OBERKOTTER -- 20	25,930.70	-	311.90	25,618.80
NONPUBLIC SAFETY GRANT IMMANUEL CHRISTIAN -- 25	(15,440.80)	-	104.38	(15,545.18)
STEM -- 27	106,113.73	-	335.09	105,778.64
PREK COUNTS -- 28	166,418.11	66,666.67	252.05	232,832.73
ELECT--37	80,843.62	-	22,202.38	58,641.24
STATEWIDE SYSTEM OF SUPPORT	294,408.91	-	3,600.00	290,808.91
ARP I ESSER HOMELESS - 50	(200,153.62)	-	3,306.72	(203,460.34)

HOMELESS--51	58,117.77	29,951.08	49,166.73	38,902.12
PA Smart K12 Advancing Grant -- 62	55,493.75	17,857.14	38,220.00	35,130.89
ACCESS--63	2,446,263.56	-	29,319.39	2,416,944.17
CSI -- 64	(4,720.00)	-	2,205.00	(6,925.00)
TITLE III---73	(24,278.26)	-	10,797.82	(35,076.08)
EANS II NONPUBLIC FUNDING - 87	605,470.76	-	53,518.48	551,952.28

THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS HAD NO EXPENDITURES FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2024:

TITLE I PART D DELINQUENT CHILDREN	96,622.88	-	-	96,622.88
ARP ESSER - 16	252,045.29	-	-	252,045.29
ARPII ESSER HOMELESS -- 52	34,942.17	3,383.92	-	38,326.09
PA DOH FUNDING - 72	99,964.77	-	-	99,964.77
TITLE I FOSTER CARE-- 80	62,763.64	-	-	62,763.64
EANS NONPUBLIC FUNDING -- 85	(302,556.25)	598,314.81	-	295,758.56

JANUARY FEDERAL AND STATE REVENUES

IDEA-B	721,148.20
HOMELESS CHILDREN & YOUTH	29,951.08
PA PRE-K COUNTS PROGRAM	66,666.67
PA-SMART	17,857.14
ARP ESSER HOMELESS CHILDREN & YOUTH	3,383.92
GEERS II EANS	598,314.81
TOTAL SUBSIDY	1,437,321.82

JANUARY 2024 REVENUES

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PATIENT SVCS	1,279.55	2023/2024 OUTPATIENT SERVICES
BID ON CHEVY IMPALA	2,560.00	CHEVY IMPALA BID
CIGNA HEALTHCARE	135.09	2023/2024 OUTPATIENT SERVICES
COMMONWEALTH OF PA	223.48	2023/2024 SBBH PROGRAMS
COMMONWEALTH OF PA	44.61	2023/2024 SBBH PROGRAMS
COMMONWEALTH OF PA	8.00	2023/2024 SBBH PROGRAMS
COMMUNITY CARE WIRE TRANSFER	218,625.00	2023/2024 SBBH PROGRAMS
CRESTWOOD	316.20	TRANSPERFECT
CRESTWOOD	66.50	GRAPHIC ARTS
CRESTWOOD	71,136.10	2023/2024 SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES
CRESTWOOD	19,833.34	2023/2024 DUAL DIAGNOSIS
DALLAS SD	185.00	CREDIT RECOVERY
FOREST CITY REGIONAL	8,179.44	2023/2024 DISCOVERY ED FINGERPRINTING
IDEMIA IDENTITY	1,581.00	REIMBURSEMENT
JHI AUTO CO	800.00	DREAM GREEN VAN
LIU EMPLOYEE	5,975.78	HEALTH INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT
LUZERNE COUNTY HEADSTART	39.10	TRANSPERFECT
MCIU	7,234.18	2023/2024 PROJECT AWARE
NBHCC WIRE TRANSFER	130,721.30	2023/2024 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
NORTHWEST AREA	20,208.30	2023/2024 SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES
NORTHWEST AREA	5,792.17	2023/2024 PARTIAL HOSPITALIZATION
NORTHWEST AREA	9,370.50	2023/2024 LIGHTHOUSE ACADEMY
NORTHWEST AREA	1,590.00	2023/2024 PAL PROGRAM
NORTHWEST AREA	4,067.00	2023/2024 THERAPEUTIC AUTISTIC SUPPORT
PITTSTON AREA SD	34,656.26	2023/2024 SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES
PITTSTON AREA SD	2,896.08	2023/2024 PARTIAL HOSPITALIZATION
PITTSTON AREA SD	3,123.50	2023/2024 LIGHTHOUSE ACADEMY
PITTSTON AREA SD	6,912.00	2023/2024 THERAPEUTIC AUTISTIC SUPPORT

SUNLIFE FINANCIAL	83.55	COMMON SHARE DIVIDEND
THIRD PARTY INSURANCE	10,170.44	2023/2024 OUTPATIENT SERVICES
UNITED HEALTHCARE SERVICES	92.03	2023/2024 OUTPATIENT SERVICES
UNITED HEALTHCARE SERVICES	20.36	2023/2024 OUTPATIENT SERVICES
UNITED HEALTHCARE SERVICES	58.45	2023/2024 OUTPATIENT SERVICES
UNITED HEALTHCARE SERVICES	148.25	2023/2024 OUTPATIENT SERVICES
UNITED HEALTHCARE SERVICES	114.68	2023/2024 OUTPATIENT SERVICES
UNITED HEALTHCARE SERVICES	175.12	2023/2024 OUTPATIENT SERVICES
UNITED HEALTHCARE SERVICES	118.60	2023/2024 OUTPATIENT SERVICES
UNITED HEALTHCARE SERVICES	163.95	2023/2024 OUTPATIENT SERVICES
UNITED HEALTHCARE SERVICES	49.30	2023/2024 OUTPATIENT SERVICES
UNITED HEATHCARE SERVICES	112.56	2023/2024 OUTPATIENT SERVICES
UPMC INSURANCE SERVICES	865.33	2023/2024 OUTPATIENT SERVICES
WILKES BARRE AREA	191,559.59	2023/2024 SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES
WILKES BARRE AREA	60,240.00	2023/2024 PAL PROGRAM
WILKES BARRE AREA	5,792.17	2023/2024 PARTIAL HOSPITALIZATION
WILKES BARRE AREA	118,693.00	2023/2024 LIGHTHOUSE ACADEMY
WILKES BARRE AREA	40,670.00	2023/2024 THERAPEUTIC AUTISTIC SUPPORT
WILKES BARRE AREA	29,750.00	2023/2024 DUAL DIAGNOSIS
WIRE TRANSFER	2,722,963.00	2023/2024 IU TRANSPORTATION
WIRE TRANSFER	2,173,775.00	2023/2024 IU SPECIAL ED CORE
WYOMING AREA	433.50	TRANSPERFECT
WYOMING AREA	66,815.45	2023/2024 SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES
WYOMING AREA	28,111.50	2023/2024 LIGHTHOUSE ACADEMY
WYOMING VALLEY WEST	2,021.30	TRANSPERFECT

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT – DR. ANTHONY GRIECO

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Board:

The **Dallas School District**, informed me that the Dallas School Board met on February 12, 2024 and approved our General Operating Budget by a vote of **8 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTAINING and 1 ABSENT**.

The **Wyoming Valley West School District**, informed me that the Wyoming Valley West School Board met on February 14, 2024 and approved our General Operating Budget by a vote of **9 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTAINING AND 0 ABSENT**.

The **Northwest School District**, informed me that the Northwest School Board met on February 15, 2024 and approved our General Operating Budget by a vote of **7 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTAINING and 2 ABSENT**.

The **Crestwood School District**, informed me that Crestwood School Board met on February 15, 2024 and approved our General Operating Budget by a vote of **9 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTAINING AND 0 ABSENT**.

The **Greater Nanticoke School District**, informed me that the Nanticoke School Board met on February 15, 2024 and approved our General Operating Budget by a vote of **8 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTAINING AND 1 ABSENT**.

M_____ moves and M_____ seconds the report of the Executive Director and that it be made part of the minutes.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE BUILDING AND GROUND COMMITTEE- JOHN ADONIZIO, CHAIRPERSON; RICK STEVENS AND LARRY SCHULER.

No report.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE – RICK STEVENS, CHAIRPERSON; LORI BENNETT AND TIM MCGINLEY

M. _____ moves and M _____ seconds the following motion:

1. **SPECIAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATION PROGRAM COURSE INSTRUCTORS**

The Board of Directors approves the following Special Education Certification Program Instructors to teach additional course sections of current offerings as dictated by increasing enrollment for the remainder of the 2024 academic year:

TARA BRUZA

CARA DEVINE

CHRISTINA GELSO

JESSICA JACOBS

SUSAN KUHL

ELIZABETH KROKOS

DEANNA MENNIG

JOANN PEPSIN

STACY RAIJSKI

ANDREW RIVERA

LYNN ZILLER

RECOMMENDATION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE-DENISE THOMAS, CHAIRPERSON; MARLA CAMPBELL AND TIM MCGINLEY

M_____ moves and M_____ seconds the following motions:

1. AGREEMENTS

A. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into an agreement for the Intermediate Unit to provide Transportation Department Administrative Services: effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 at a cost of \$2000.00 per month.

CRESTWOOD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

B. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the following for hall rental reserved for May 10, 2024 for the Luzerne Intermediate Unit Programs Prom Event.

HOLIDAY INN WILKES-BARRE EAST MOUNTAIN

C. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the following for photo booth services, effective date May 10, 2024.

SIMPLEST EXPRESSION PHOTO BOOTH

D. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into an agreement to provide **Title 1 Services at Good Shepherd Academy, Kingston PA:** on behalf of the following: effective the 2023/2024 school year.

WYOMING VALLEY WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT

E. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the following university to provide a Clinical Mental Health Counseling practicum/internship placement effective one year from the date of signature.

COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA/ LOCK HAVEN

F. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the following Intermediate Unit. This agreement authorizes the Luzerne Intermediate Unit to receive funding for provision of services as the Chief Science Officer (CSO) Cabinet Coordinator to Luzerne Intermediate Unit regional schools. The Luzerne Intermediate Unit will receive funding based on the following allocations: \$7,000 for Cabinet Coordinator time and effort and \$9,125 to reimburse both the Luzerne Intermediate Unit and participating school expenses. The terms of this agreement are to conclude on June 30, 2024.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT

G. That the Luzerne Intermediate Unit Board of Directors authorizes the agreement for mat cleaning services at the Lighthouse Academy for \$102.00 per week with the following provider.

CINTAS

H. The Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into agreement to purchase a new SonicWall NSa 6700 Network Security/Firewall Appliance with a cost not to exceed \$49,800.00. Pricing is per COSTARS Statewide Purchasing Contract.

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2. AFFILIATION AGREEMENTS

A. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into an affiliation agreement with the following university to provide cooperative administration of an education experience for students enrolled in the **University's Speech and Language Pathology Curriculum**, effective from date of signature for a term of one year.

LONGWOOD UNIVERSITY

B. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into an affiliation agreement with the following university to provide a clinical education experience for students enrolled in the **University's Speech and Language Pathology Curriculum**, effective from date of signature for a term of one year.

MISERICORDIA UNIVERSITY

C. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into an affiliation agreement with the following College to provide **practicum or student teaching** for students enrolled in the College's Bachelor's Degree or Post-Graduate work in Education programs, effective from date of signature for a term of one year

KING'S COLLEGE

D. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into an affiliation agreement with the following school districts to provide LIU Special Education Certification Program student teaching placements for the 2023-2024 School Year.

LAKE LEHMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

3. APPROVAL OF CONTRACTED SERVICES

The following school districts approved the Special Education Contracted Professional Services for the 2023-2024 school year.

Lake Lehman School District, in the amount of \$304,774.92
Greater Nanticoke School District, in the amount of \$372,571.77

4. FLEET VEHICLE PURCHASE

That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to purchase a 2024 Ford Transit Cargo Van in the amount of \$49,280.00, for LIU 18 Fleet Transportation from the following:

COCCIA FORD

5. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN APPROVAL

That the Board of Directors approves the Public Review of the **LIU Comprehensive Plan** to be submitted to the Department of Education by March 31st, 2024 with the following effective term of implementation from 2024 to 2027.

6. TUITION REIMBURSEMENTS

A. That the Board of Directors authorizes the reimbursements of tuition in accordance with the Education Association Collective Bargaining Agreement, in the total amount of **\$3,196.80**.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

PATRICK FORLENZA

Misericordia University
3 Graduate Credits at the lessor of 40% credit cost or \$250.00 per credit.
\$360.00 reimbursable

CHRISTINE BOTTGER

King's College
3 Graduate Credits at the lessor of 40% credit cost or \$250.00 per credit.
\$364.80 reimbursable

NESTU

LOGAN FITZSIMMONS

Marywood University
12 Graduate Credits at the lessor of 40% credit cost or \$250.00 per credit.
\$2,472.00 reimbursable

B. That the Board of Directors authorizes the reimbursements of tuition in accordance with the Act 93 Agreement, in the total amount of **\$2726.40**.

ACT 93

ANGELO DEPRIMO

Pennsylvania Western University

6 Graduate credits at 80% credit cost.

\$2726.40 reimbursable

RECOMMENDATION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE; ED SHEMANSKY, CHAIRPERSON; MARLA CAMPBELL AND ERIKA JACOBS

M _____ moves and M _____ seconds the following motions:

TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTS ADJUSTMENTS

That the following negotiated transportation routes for the 2023-2024 Luzerne Intermediate Unit Transportation Program be approved as reviewed and recommended by the Executive Director and Administrative Services Director. The Luzerne Intermediate Unit reserves the right to renegotiate the award in the event that any students are to be added, dropped, addresses changed, or locations changed. The Pennsylvania State Transportation Formula determines the amounts and the Transportation Department has checked mileage. A payment of \$32.00 per day is included in the contracted amount for all aides, and \$40.00 per day is included in the contract amount for routes requiring vans with lifts.

ESY 2023

JULY 2023

CHIVERELLA, INC.-479 S. MOUNTAIN BLVD.-MOUNTAIN TOP, PA 18707

CI-ESY-ROUTE-3-Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$176.16** effective **July 3, 2023**; student dropped, mileage decreased, then adjusted to **\$300.22** effective **July 11, 2023**; student added, mileage increased; then adjusted to **\$240.31** effective **July 26, 2023**; student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Hazleton Area School District.

CI-ESY-ROUTE-4-Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$174.96** effective **July 3, 2023**; student dropped, mileage decreased, then adjusted to **\$261.78** effective **July 11, 2023**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Hazleton Area School District.

CI-ESY-ROUTE-5-Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$306.17** effective **July 11, 2023**; student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Hazleton Area School District.

CI-ESY-ROUTE-6-Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$137.37** effective **July 10, 2023**; student dropped, mileage decreased, then adjusted to **\$204.97** effective **July 12, 2023**; student added, mileage increased; then adjusted to **\$137.37** effective **July 14, 2023**; student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Hazleton Area School District.

CI-ESY-ROUTE-13-Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$281.03** effective **July 11, 2023**; student added, mileage increased, then adjusted to **\$225.13** effective **July 27, 2023**; student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Crestwood School District.

CI-ESY-ROUTE-14-Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$241.11** effective **July 11, 2023**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Crestwood and Wilkes Barre Area School Districts.

CI-ESY-ROUTE-15-Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$165.81** effective **July 11, 2023**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Crestwood and Wilkes Barre Area School Districts.

CI-ESY-ROUTE-16-Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$138.53** effective **July 11, 2023**; student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Hazleton Area School District.

AUGUST 2023

CHIVERELLA, INC.-479 S. MOUNTAIN BLVD.-MOUNTAIN TOP, PA 18707

CI-ESY-ROUTE-1-Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$206.34** effective **August 9, 2023**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Hazleton Area School District.

CI-ESY-ROUTE-3-Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$163.11** effective **August 8, 2023**; student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Hazleton Area School District.

CI-ESY-ROUTE-4-Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$174.76** effective **August 8, 2023**; student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Hazleton Area School District.

CI-ESY-ROUTE-13-Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$261.18** effective **August 1, 2023**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Crestwood School District.

CI-ESY-ROUTE-14-Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$184.91** effective **August 1, 2023**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Crestwood and Wilkes Barre Area School Districts.

SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION 2023-2024

DECEMBER 2023

KEYSTONE VALLEY TRANSPORT, LLC-7 PETHICK ST, WILKES BARRE, PA 18702

KV-ROUTE-3-Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$190.79** effective **December 4, 2023**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

KV-ROUTE-5–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$2595.66** effective **December 18, 2023**; student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

KV-ROUTE-6–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$460.33** effective **December 4, 2023**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area, Wyoming Area and Pittston Area School Districts.

KV-ROUTE-12–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$56.10** effective **December 7, 2023**; student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

KV-ROUTE-16–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$327.94** effective **December 1, 2023**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

KV-ROUTE-17–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$162.92** effective **December 7, 2023**; student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

KV-ROUTE-18–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$249.26** effective **December 6, 2023**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

KV-ROUTE-24–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$377.74** effective **December 14, 2023**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

KV-ROUTE-28–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$316.48** effective **December 12, 2023**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

KV-ROUTE-30–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$352.39** effective **December 1, 2023**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from Wilkes Barre Area School District.

RELIABLE INC. 45 TEDRICK STREET, PITTSTON, PA 18640

RT-ROUTE-9–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$165.66** effective **December 4, 2023**; student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

RT-ROUTE-12–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$165.10** effective **December 1, 2023**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

RT-ROUTE-13-Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$222.52** effective **December 1, 2023**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

RT-ROUTE-15-Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$185.73** effective **December 5, 2023**; student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

RT-ROUTE-16-Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$166.33** effective **December 1, 2023**; student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

RT-ROUTE-17-Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$117.93** effective **December 1, 2023**; student dropped, mileage decreased; then adjusted to **\$130.60** effective **December 11, 2023**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

RT-ROUTE-18-Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$153.59** effective **December 1, 2023**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

PACE TRANSPORTATION-PO BOX 1015-PITTSTON, PA 18640

PT-ROUTE-5-Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$406.85** effective **December 18, 2023**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

PT-ROUTE-15-Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$390.59** effective **December 13, 2023**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

JANUARY 2024

JOE CASTRIGNANO – 22 LEE PARK AVE, HANOVER TWP, PA 18706

JC-ROUTE-1 –Adjusted to the daily rate at **\$54.12** effective **January 3, 2024**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

MICHAEL SHUSTA-462 SECOND ST-PLYMOUTH, PA 18651

MS-ROUTE-1-Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$270.20** effective **January 17, 2024**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

PACE TRANSPORTATION-PO BOX 1015-PITTSTON, PA 18640

PT-ROUTE-4-Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$275.25** effective **January 2, 2024**; student added, mileage increased, then adjusted to **\$338.22** effective **January 29, 2024**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area and Hanover Area School Districts.

PT-ROUTE-15-Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$375.15** effective **January 2, 2024**; student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

RELIABLE INC. 45 TEDRICK STREET, PITTSTON, PA 18640

RT-ROUTE-17-Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$138.38** effective **January 8, 2024**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

RT-ROUTE-20-Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$174.43** effective **January 30, 2024**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

HOMELESS/PDE 2023-2024

DECEMBER 2023

RELIABLE INC. 45 TEDRICK STREET, PITTSTON, PA 18640

RT-PDE-ROUTE-4-Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$75.02** effective **December 1, 2023**; student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Wyoming Area School District.

PACE TRANSPORTATION-PO BOX 1015-PITTSTON, PA 18640

PT-PDE-ROUTE-1-Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$203.99** effective **December 6, 2023**; student added, mileage increased; then adjusted to **\$245.39** effective **December 13, 2023**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

JANUARY 2024

LEGGIERI TRANSPORTATION, LLC-12 WEST LIBERTY ST, HANOVER TWP, PA 18706

BL-PDE-ROUTE-1-Awarded at the daily rate of **\$38.15** effective **January 11, 2024**. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

PACE TRANSPORTATION-PO BOX 1015-PITTSTON, PA 18640

PT-PDE-ROUTE-1-Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$286.20** effective **January 2, 2024**; student added, mileage increased; then adjusted to **\$299.34** effective **January 29, 2024**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE-PETER LANZA, CHAIRPERSON; PHILIP CAMPENNI AND DENISE THOMAS.

M_____ moves and M_____ seconds the following motions:

1. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

A. That the Board of Directors approves the following full-time appointments in the Behavioral Health Department for a Behavioral Health Technician (BHT) for the Community and School-Based Behavioral Health Teams, under the agreement between Luzerne Intermediate Unit and the Intermediate Unit Education Association for Behavioral Health, at a yearly rate to be determined by the contract. Effective date to be determined. All appointments are made pending receipt of all state mandated clearances and human resource paperwork.

JANELLE MOSER
JESSICA ELLEN O'DONNELL
KELLIE BOWER
TARA GRIGAS
DAVID HINES

B. That the Board of Directors approves the following full-time appointment in the Behavioral Health Department for a Mental Health Worker (MHW) for the Partial Hospitalization Program, under the agreement between Luzerne Intermediate Unit and the Intermediate Unit Education Association for Behavioral Health, at a yearly rate to be determined by the contract: effective date to be determined. All appointments are made pending receipt of all state mandated clearances and human resource paperwork:

KELSEY LORA

C. That the Board of Directors approves the following part-time appointments to the Behavioral Health Department as a Behavioral Health Technician (BHT); at an hourly rate of \$17.50: effective date to be determined. All appointments are made pending receipt of all state mandated clearances and human resource paperwork:

LYDIA BUGELHOLL
LORENA MORGAN
SHELBEY KING
MEAGAN MANZELLA

D. That the Board of Directors approves the following student from Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania/ Lock Haven for a Clinical Mental Health Counseling Practicum/Internship within the Behavioral Health Department from May 20, 2024 through December 12, 2024. All appointments are pending receipt of all state mandated clearances and human resource documentation.

LYDIA BUGELHOLL

E. That the Board of Directors accepts the following Mental Health Professional (MHP) position refusal.

EVELYN BURNETT

F. That the Board of Directors accepts, with regret, the resignation of the following full-time Mobile Therapist (MT) for Community and School Based Behavioral Health Team (CSBBH), effective February 23, 2024.

ZURI PLACENCIA

G. That the Board of Directors accepts, with regret, the resignation of the following full-time Behavioral Health Technician (BHT): effective February 19, 2024.

DARLENE PEREZ

H. That the Board of Directors accepts, with regret, the resignation of the following part-time Mental Health Worker: effective February 22, 2024.

ELIZABETH ALAPIC

I. That the Board of Directors accepts, with regret, the resignation of the following Behavioral Health Technician (BHT): effective February 15, 2024.

MARY ELLEN KENNEDY

2. OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

That the Board of Directors approves the following appointment to the Guest Teacher Program for **2023/2024** school year with a daily rate applicable to the district in which they are assigned, and that all placements and locations are provisional pending receipt of all required paperwork and state mandated clearances:

SUSAN VOSIK PEKALA

3. SPECIAL EDUCATION

A. That the Board of Directors approves the following appointments as **Special Education Para-Educator**, as per the LIU Educational Support Professionals Association Agreement: effective date to be determined. All appointments are made pending receipt of all state mandated clearances and human resource paperwork:

RASHUMBA BRAKE
ISABEL MIDDLETON

GABRIELLE WIEBEL

B. That the Board of Directors approves the following appointment as **Special Education Teacher**, per the LIU Education Association Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year. All appointments are made pending receipt of all state mandated clearances and human resource paperwork.

MARGARET FARRELL

C. That the Board of Directors approves the following student from Longwood University to complete their **fieldwork placement** with an LIU Speech and Language Pathologist, at the discretion of LIU supervisors and pending receipt of all state mandated clearances and paperwork.

STUDENT: MICHELLE FRAZIER
SPEECH THERAPIST: SHARON CHASE

D. That the Board of Directors approves the following student from Misericordia University to complete their **fieldwork placement** with an LIU Speech and Language Pathologist, at the discretion of LIU supervisors and pending receipt of all state mandated clearances and paperwork.

STUDENT: ANNABELLE FRY
SPEECH THERAPIST: OLIVIA SCARNULIS

E. **APPOINTMENTS – 2024 EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR PROGRAM**

1. **PROFESSIONAL STAFF**

That the Board of Directors approves the following professional appointments to the **2024 Extended School Year Program**, not to exceed 80 hours, at the hourly rate of \$31.16, and that all placements and locations are provisional pending student population and receipt of all state mandated clearances and paperwork.

CLASSROOM TEACHERS**MARGARET FARRELL****CHARLES HAMPTON******MARY JOYCE STEFANOWICZ******EDWARD CLARKE******MORGAN FULTON******SPEECH AND LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST****LAURIE BLAUM******OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST**

LINDA WALSH

SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER

KIMBERLY HESS

2. PARAPROFESSIONALS

That the Board of Directors approves the following support staff appointments to the **2024 Extended School Year Program**, not to exceed 80 hours, at the hourly rate of \$12.00, and that all placements and locations are provisional pending student population and receipt of all state mandated clearances and paperwork.

CATHARINE FAHEY

VALERIE JOHNSON

SARAH ZAMBITO**

LYNN BRICE**

3. EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM

That the Board of Directors approves the following appointment for Early Intervention for the **Extended Summer Early Intervention Program, 2024** at an hourly rate of \$31.16 and that all placements and locations are provisional pending student population and receipt of all state mandated clearances:

HEARING THERAPIST

KIRA BRILL**

That the Board of Directors approves the following appointment for Early Intervention for the **Extended Summer Early Intervention Program, 2024**, at an hourly rate of \$12.00 and that all placements and locations are provisional pending student population and receipt of all state mandated clearances:

PARAPROFESSIONAL

PATRICIA NORRIS**

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F. That the Board of Directors accepts, with regret, the resignation of the following **Paraprofessional**: effective February 16, 2024.

QUATAVIA BLAKE

G. That the Luzerne Intermediate Unit Board of Directors authorizes the following to serve as a Classroom Monitor at the discretion of the IU administration effective through June 30, 2024: at a rate of \$50.00 per day in addition to their regular salary, or at a rate of \$25.00 per half day in addition to their regular salary.

KIMBERLY HAVARD
ANNA LAMOREUX

H. That the Board of Directors accepts, with regret, the resignation of the following Administrative Assistant: effective March 1, 2024.

WENDY WICKHAM

I. That the Board of Directors accepts, with regret, the retirement of the following **Paraprofessional**: effective June 28, 2024.

PAUL FAZIO

4. **REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCES**

That the Board of Directors approves the request for Unpaid Leave of Absences for 8.25 days.

EMPLOYEE #1993

5. **BOARD POLICY REVISION 201 – ADMISSION OF STUDENT – SECOND READING**

That the Board of Directors approves the **second reading** of board policy #201 related to Admission of Students.

6. **BOARD POLICY REVISION 610 – PURCHASES SUBMIT TO BID – SECOND READING**

That the Board of Directors approves the **second reading** of board policy #610 related to Purchases Subject to Bid.

7. **BOARD POLICY REVISION 611 – PURCHASES BUDGETED – SECOND READING**

That the Board of Directors approves the **second reading** of board policy #611 related to Purchases Budgeted

8. **BOARD POLICY REVISION 903- PUBLIC COMMENT IN BOARD MEETINGS- FIRST READING**

That the Board of Directors approves the **first reading** of board policy #903 related to Public Comment in Board Meetings.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE- LORI BENNETT, CHAIRPERSON; ED SHEMANSKY AND JOSEPH CAFFREY.

No report.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

M_____ moves and M_____ seconds the motion that the next meeting of the Luzerne Intermediate Unit Board of Directors be held on **MARCH 27, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.** in the Auditorium of the Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18, 368 Tioga Avenue, Kingston, PA.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

M_____ moves and M_____ seconds the motion to adjourn.

Joseph Caffrey, Secretary