

**INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**  
**JUNE 19, 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 **May 22, 2024**.

**TREASURER'S REPORT – MS. THOMAS**

M\_\_\_\_\_ moves and M\_\_\_\_\_ seconds the following motions:

**May 1, 2024 through May 31, 2024.**

	BEGINNING BALANCES	TOTAL REVENUES	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	BALANCE FORWARD
Luzerne Intermediate Unit – General Fund Nonpublic School Services Program	4,802,950.66	3,380,187.39	2,456,492.59	5,726,645.46
Fund 11 – Act 89 Special Education Department	1,768,398.44	4,457.03	48,885.98	1,723,969.49
Fund 23 – Special Education	2,720,112.26	1,121,545.25	1,277,809.92	2,563,847.59
Fund 24 – Transportation	1,115,939.58			1,115,939.58
School Lunch Program	7.86	-	-	7.86
Behavioral Health Program	3,373,267.51	1,082,202.02	593,345.36	3,862,124.17
Payroll Account	190,050.30	1,548,546.92	1,587,181.46	151,415.76
Accounts Payable	5,848.37	-	-	5,848.37
Federal and State Programs:				
TOTAL IDEA	3,673,723.44	721,148.20	1,029,961.17	3,364,910.47
UNITED WAY -- 17	(2,673.41)	5,872.00	5,081.04	(1,882.45)
STEM -- 27	121,196.16	-	3,534.58	117,661.58
PREK COUNTS -- 28	460,381.37	66,666.67	351.24	526,696.80
ELECT--37	(18,686.72)	-	29,537.02	(48,223.74)
STATEWIDE SYSTEM OF SUPPORT	320,883.91	140,783.32	275,017.23	186,650.00
ARP I ESSER HOMELESS - 50	(128,518.53)	-	11,554.66	(140,073.19)

HOMELESS--51	26,139.34	89,853.28	16,551.98	99,440.64
PA Smart K12 Advancing Grant -- 62	87,720.61	17,857.14	30,345.55	75,232.20
ACCESS--63	3,687,361.11	-	10,422.04	3,676,939.07
CSI -- 64	(13,675.00)	-	2,250.00	(15,925.00)
PA DOH FUNDING - 72	94,054.00	-	94,054.00	0.00
TITLE III---73	(25,291.04)	46,372.70	2,775.11	18,306.55
EANS II NONPUBLIC FUNDING - 87	428,088.69	-	16,321.75	411,766.94

The following programs had no expenditures for the month of May 2024:

TITLE I PART D DELINQUENT CHILDREN PCCD MENTAL HEALTH + SAFETY GRANT -- 9	33,597.88 37,503.49	75,595.23 12,594.00	- -	109,193.11 50,097.49
ARP ESSER - 16	137,050.00	-	-	137,050.00
OBERKOTTER -- 20 NONPUBLIC SAFETY GRANT IMMANUEL CHRISTIAN -- 25	25,618.80 (28,657.88)	- -	- -	25,618.80 (28,657.88)
ARPII ESSER HOMELESS -- 52	48,477.85	3,383.92	-	51,861.77
TITLE I FOSTER CARE-- 80	-	-	-	-

### **MAY FEDERAL AND STATE REVENUES**

TITLE III LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION	46,372.70
DELINQUENT CHILDREN	75,595.23
IDEA-B	721,148.20
HOMELESS CHILDREN & YOUTH	89,853.28
PA PRE-K COUNTS PROGRAM	66,666.67
EFFECTIVE STANDARDS BASED INSTRUCTION	49,050.00
PA-SMART	17,857.14
SAFETY INITIATIVES	91,733.32
ARP ESSER HOMELESS CHILDREN & YOUTH	3,383.92

TOTAL SUBSIDY 1,161,660.46

**MAY 2024 REVENUES**

ALLEGHENY IU	1,000.00	REMAKE LEARNING
BEAR CREEK CHARTER SCHOOL	25.50	TRANSPERFECT
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PATIENT SVCS	225.00	2023/2024 OUTPATIENT SERVICES
COMMONWEALTH OF PA	331.72	2023/2024 SBBH PROGRAMS
COMMUNITY CARE WIRE TRANSFER	251,424.00	2023/2024 SBBH PROGRAMS
CRESTWOOD	9,916.67	2023/2024 DUAL DIAGNOSIS
CRESTWOOD	35,568.06	2023/2024 SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES
CRESTWOOD	9,916.67	2023/2024 DUAL DIAGNOSIS
DALLAS SD	5.10	TRANSPERFECT
DELAWARE UNIVERSITY	11,475.75	2023/2024 ROOM RENTAL
HANOVER AREA	41,291.40	2023/2024 SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES
HANOVER AREA	1,590.00	2023/2024 PAL PROGRAM
HANOVER AREA	9,370.50	2023/2024 LIGHTHOUSE ACADEMY 2023/2024 THERAPEUTIC AUTISTIC
HANOVER AREA	8,134.00	SUPPORT
HANOVER AREA	982.60	TRANSPERFECT
IDEMIA IDENTITY	1,131.00	FINGERPRINTING REIMBURSEMENT
INNOVAMAT EDUCATION	306.39	MATH FLUENCY DEVELOPMENT
LAKE LEHMAN	25,397.91	2023/2024 SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES
LAKE LEHMAN	3,780.00	2023/2024 PAL PROGRAM
LAKE LEHMAN	2,172.06	2023/2024 PARTIAL HOSPITALIZATION
LAKE LEHMAN	6,247.00	2023/2024 LIGHTHOUSE ACADEMY 2023/2024 THERAPEUTIC AUTISTIC
LAKE LEHMAN	8,134.00	SUPPORT
LAKE LEHMAN	3,876.53	2023/2024 ESL 2023/2024 HEALTH INSURANCE
LIU EMPLOYEES	9,500.55	REIMBURSEMENT
LUZERNE COUNTY HEADSTART	176.80	TRANSPERFECT
MCGRAW HILL	504.01	REFUND
MCIU	12,949.80	2023/2024 PROJECT AWARE
NANTICOKE AREA	1,729.81	2023/2024 SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES
NANTICOKE AREA	13,530.00	2023/2024 PAL PROGRAM
NANTICOKE AREA	40,605.50	2023/2024 LIGHTHOUSE ACADEMY
NANTICOKE AREA	4,958.33	2023/2024 DUAL DIAGNOSIS
NANTICOKE AREA	1,514.70	TRANSPERFECT
NAPA TRANSPORTATION	122.93	2023/2024 OUTPATIENT SERVICES
NAPA TRANSPORTATION	85.66	2023/2024 OUTPATIENT SERVICES
NBHCC WIRE TRANSFER	294,059.40	2023/2024 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
NORTHWEST AREA	20,208.30	2023/2024 SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES
NORTHWEST AREA	1,590.00	2023/2024 PAL PROGRAM

NORTHWEST AREA	5,792.17	2023/2024 PARTIAL HOSPITALIZATION
NORTHWEST AREA	9,370.50	2023/2024 LIGHTHOUSE ACADEMY 2023/2024 THERAPEUTIC AUTISTIC SUPPORT
NORTHWEST AREA	4,067.00	SUPPORT
PITTSTON AREA SD	37,501.31	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 2023/2024 THERAPEUTIC AUTISTIC SUPPORT
PITTSTON AREA SD	4,067.00	SUPPORT
PITTSTON AREA SD	54.40	TRANSPERFECT
PITTSTON AREA SD	45.90	TRANSPERFECT
PITTSTON AREA SD	5.70	TRANSPERFECT
SOURCE 4 SOLUTIONS	469.00	REFUND
THIRD PARTY INSURANCE	15,972.44	2023/2024 OUTPATIENT SERVICES
TUNKHANNOCK	21,073.84	2023/2024 SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES
TUNKHANNOCK	24,988.00	2023/2024 MEHOOPANY LIGHTHOUSE
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TUNKHANNOCK	24,988.00	2023/2024 MEHOOPANY LIGHTHOUSE
UNITED HEALTHCARE SERVICES	211.16	2023/2024 OUTPATIENT SERVICES
UNITED HEALTHCARE SERVICES	117.14	2023/2024 OUTPATIENT SERVICES
UNITED HEALTHCARE SERVICES	537.83	2023/2024 OUTPATIENT SERVICES
UNITED HEALTHCARE SERVICES	54.65	2023/2024 OUTPATIENT SERVICES
UNITED HEALTHCARE SERVICES	1,076.64	2023/2024 OUTPATIENT SERVICES
UNITED HEALTHCARE SERVICES	43.72	2023/2024 OUTPATIENT SERVICES
UNITED HEALTHCARE SERVICES	102.17	2023/2024 OUTPATIENT 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 2023/2024 THERAPEUTIC AUTISTIC SUPPORT
WILKES BARRE AREA	40,670.00	SUPPORT
WILKES BARRE AREA	29,750.00	2023/2024 DUAL DIAGNOSIS
WILKES BARRE AREA	6,833.33	2023/2024 MENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST
WILKES BARRE AREA	1,764.60	TRANSPERFECT
WIRE TRANSFER	1,715,855.90	2023/2024 IU TRANSPORTATION
WIRE TRANSFER	187,169.68	2023/2024 SOCIAL SECURITY
WIRE TRANSFER	147,586.70	2023/2024 IU SPECIAL ED CORE
WIRE TRANSFER	12,594.20	2023/2024 PCCD GRANT
WYOMING AREA	66,815.45	2023/2024 SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES
WYOMING AREA	28,111.50	2023/2024 LIGHTHOUSE ACADEMY
WYOMING AREA	168.30	TRANSPERFECT
WYOMING AREA	66,815.45	2023/2024 SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES
WYOMING AREA	28,111.50	2023/2024 LIGHTHOUSE ACADEMY
WYOMING AREA	175.10	TRANSPERFECT
WYOMING VALLEY WEST	162,049.82	2023/2024 SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

WYOMING VALLEY WEST	5,970.00	2023/2024 PAL PROGRAM
WYOMING VALLEY WEST	2,896.08	2023/2024 PARTIAL HOSPITALIZATION
WYOMING VALLEY WEST	43,729.00	2023/2024 LIGHTHOUSE ACADEMY
WYOMING VALLEY WEST	9,916.67	2023/2024 DUAL DIAGNOSIS
WYOMING VALLEY WEST	6,833.34	2023/2024 MENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST
WYOMING VALLEY WEST	1,521.50	TRANSPERFECT
WYOMING VALLEY WEST	659.60	TRANSPERFECT



**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – DR. ANTHONY GRIECO**

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Board:

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**

**No report.**

**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 with the following for the hosting and support of the Intermediate Unit website at an annual amount of \$2,000.00.

**BLaST INTERMEDIATE UNIT 17**

B. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the following vendor for SentinelOne Cybersecurity Solution for Intermediate Unit workstations and computers. Pricing is per the PAIU statewide consortium negotiated rate.

**CAPITAL AREA INTERMEDIATE UNIT 15**

C. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the following for an additional 10 hours per month at the rate of \$45.00 an hour in programmatic support to Hazleton Area Freeland Elementary/Middle School and Wilkes Barre Area Solomon Plains Middle School through the Comprehensive School Improvement model for the 2024-2025 school year.

**B3 CONSULTING**

D. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the following to provide related services for the 2024-2025 School Year.

**COMMONWEALTH CHARTER ACADEMY SCHOOL**

E. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the following for a Joint Leadership Conference with Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18, Intermediate Unit #1 and Intermediate Unit #19: effective dates October 20, 2024 to October 22, 2024.

**THE HOTEL HERSHEY**

**2. AFFILIATION AGREEMENT**

That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into an affiliation agreement with the following university to provide educational experience in the area of clinical mental health/ school counseling; placement effective one year from the date of signature.

**WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY****3. CONTRACTS**

A. That the Board of Directors approves the following contract with the following for the monthly screening of Behavioral Health employees under LEIE, SAM, and Pennsylvania Medichex list to determine if they have been excluded from participation in any federal health care program.

**OIG COMPLIANCE NOW, LLC**

B. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a contract with the following to provide armed School Resource Officer (SRO) at a rate of \$36.00 per hour: effective the 2024-2025 School Year.

**PAT CURLEY DETECTIVE AGENCY****4. APPROVAL OF CONTRACTED SERVICES**

The following school districts approved the Special Education Contracted Professional Services for the 2024-2025 school year.

**Bear Creek**, in the amount of **\$13,623.86**

**Wyoming Area**, in the amount of **\$869,472.68**

**5. INSURANCE COVERAGE**

That the Board of Directors approves the Insurance Proposal for the Luzerne Intermediate Unit fiscal year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, as proposed by Joyce, Jackman and Bell, **subject to change upon review by solicitor.**

**6. BUDGET RENEW APPLICATION**

That the Board of Directors approves the Federal Contract Application for the IDEA grant in the amount of \$11,036,867.00 for the Individuals with Disabilities Act for Local Education and Chapter I Handicapped. This project will run from the July 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025. This budget application has been approved by our member district superintendents by show of their signatures on the appropriate pages.

**7. 2023-2024 SPECIAL EDUCATION BUDGET**

That the Board of Directors approves a budget of **\$12,671,080.00** as set forth in the LIU Instructional Program Budget PDE-2087 for the programs and services for exceptional children for the school year 2024-2025 and certify that the amount of advance payments is to be expended in accordance with the school laws of Pennsylvania applicable to such payments. This budget consists of contracted services from districts plus \$2,173,775.00, which is a State allocation for

Special Education administrative services (**subject to change upon receipt of final PDE allocation**).

**8. TRANSPORTATION BUDGET**

That the Board of Directors approves a budget of \$4,955,171.00 as set forth in the 2024/2025 LIU Transportation Budget PDE-2095.

**9. IDEA – Part B: Use of Component II Funds**

That the Board of Directors approves the request to PDE to use up to 10% of the 2024-2025 IDEA-Part B allocation to provide Component 2 services to its constituent LEAs.

**10. PAYMENT OF BILLS**

That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to approve the payment of bills for the month of July.

**11. LIU SAFETY AND SECURITY REPORT**

That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to approve the **LIU 18 Safety and Security Report** for 2023-2024 as presented by the Safety & Security Coordinator in Executive Session.

**12. PAYMENT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATION PROGRAM COURSES**

The Board of Directors approves compensation for Special Education Certification Program faculty at the following rates:

“Curriculum and Instruction with Students with High Incidence Disabilities” taught by Cara Devine, a 3-credit course. Payment in the amount of \$2400 for 23 students.

“Introduction to Special Education Part II” taught by Andrew Rivera, a 3-credit course. Payment in the amount of \$2400 for 32 students.

“Instructional Planning” taught by Sue Kuhl, a 3-credit course. Payment in the amount of \$2400 for 15 students.

**13. EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR (ESY) PROFESSIONAL STAFF HOURLY RATES**

That the Board of Directors approves the following Professional Staff rates for the 2024 ESY Program:

**Professional Staff (Permanent Certifications- Types 61, 31, 86 and licensed professionals) – \$38.40 per hour**

**Professional Staff (Emergency Certifications- Types 01, 04, 06 and Local Certificates and Contracted Staff) – \$31.16 per hour**

**14. ENVIRONMENTAL LITERACY PROGRAM**

That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to reimburse the following entities for substitute costs incurred due to their teacher’s participation in an Environmental Literacy training series. Funding is provided through a previously approved STEM in PA agreement with the Riverview Intermediate Unit. Reimbursement shall not exceed \$100 per educator per day of training attendance.

**BEAR CREEK COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL**  
**HAZLETON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**LAKE-LEHMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**PITSTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**WILKES-BARRE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**WYOMING AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**15. NEPA HEALTH TRUST**

A. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to send correspondence to the **NEPA School District Health Trust** rescinding its letter of intent to withdraw dated June 22, 2023.

B. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to serve notice to the **NEPA School District Health Trust** of the intent to withdraw from the trust, effective June 30, 2025.

**16. ADMINISTRATIVE CALENDAR**

That the Board of Directors approves the Luzerne Intermediate Unit Administrative Calendar for the fiscal year July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. (Copy to each director)

**17. SCHOLARSHIP CONTRACT-TEACHER OF THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED**

That the Board of Directors approves a Teacher of the Visually Impaired Scholarship Contract awarded to **EMILY RAMSEUR**. The Scholarship is contingent on adherence to the terms of the contract. Scholarship money shall be awarded from the Luzerne Intermediate Unit General Fund.

**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.

**SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION 2023-2024**

**NOVEMBER 2023**

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

**CI-ROUTE-4**-Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$96.71** effective **November 6, 2023**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

**CI-ROUTE-6**-Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$231.14** effective **November 6, 2023**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area and Wyoming Area School Districts.

**CI-ROUTE-8**-Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$73.24** effective **November 1, 2023**; student added, mileage increased; then adjusted to **\$166.85** effective **November 28, 2023**, student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

**APRIL 2024**

**AGZ TRANSPORTATION, LLC – 1099 HANOVER COURT, HAZLE TWP, PA 18202**

**AGZ-ROUTE-1**–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$425.70** effective **April 1, 2024**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

**AGZ-ROUTE-3**–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$242.34** effective **April 1, 2024**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

**AGZ-ROUTE-4**–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$208.56** effective **April 1, 2024**; student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.



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

**KV-ROUTE-2**–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$744.97** effective **April 2, 2024**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area and Crestwood School Districts.

**KV-ROUTE-3**–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$216.36** effective **April 2, 2024**; student dropped, mileage decreased; then adjusted to **\$322.94** effective **April 3, 2024**; student added, mileage increased; then adjusted to **\$297.84** effective **April 5, 2024**; student dropped, mileage decreased; then adjusted to **\$450.16** effective **April 8, 2024**; student added, mileage increased; then adjusted to **\$330.55** effective **April 9, 2024**; student dropped, mileage decreased; then adjusted to **\$403.34** effective **April 12, 2024**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

**KV-ROUTE-5**–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$325.19** effective **April 2, 2024**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

**KV-ROUTE-10**–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$314.25** effective **April 2, 2024**; student added, mileage increased; then adjusted to **\$394.19** effective **April 26, 2024**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

**KV-ROUTE-11**–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$296.38** effective **April 8, 2024**; student added, mileage increased; then adjusted to **\$357.23** effective **April 29, 2024**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

**KV-ROUTE-12**–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$242.24** effective **April 3, 2024**; student dropped, mileage decreased; then adjusted to **\$171.08** effective **April 5, 2024**; student dropped, mileage decreased; then adjusted to **\$379.86** effective **April 17, 2024**; student added, mileage increased; then adjusted to **\$463.55** effective **April 18, 2024**; student added, mileage increased; then adjusted to **\$292.23** effective **April 19, 2024**; student dropped, mileage decreased; then adjusted to **\$381.04** effective **April 22, 2024**; student added, mileage increased; then adjusted to **\$473.55** effective **April 23, 2024**; student added, mileage increased; then adjusted to **\$298.53** effective **April 26, 2024**; student dropped, mileage decreased This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area and Dallas School Districts.

**KV-ROUTE-16**–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$352.14** effective **April 2, 2024**; student dropped, mileage decreased; then adjusted to **\$296.73** effective **April 15, 2024**; student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

**KV-ROUTE-17**–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$373.42** effective **April 23, 2024**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

**KV-ROUTE-19**–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$406.10** effective **April 8, 2024**; student dropped, mileage decreased; then adjusted to **\$420.65** effective **April 17, 2024**; student added, mileage

increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area and Hanover Area School Districts.

**KV-ROUTE-24**–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$453.32** effective **April 4, 2024**; student added, mileage increased; then adjusted to **\$467.70** effective **April 15, 2024**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

**KV-ROUTE-31**–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$433.85** effective **April 2, 2024**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

**RELIABLE INC. 45 TEDRICK STREET, PITTSTON, PA 18640**

**RT-ROUTE-9**–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$235.83** effective **April 16, 2024**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area, Wyoming Valley West and Hanover Area School Districts.

**RT-ROUTE-11**–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$209.69** effective **April 2, 2024**; student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

**RT-ROUTE-12**–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$159.62** effective **April 2, 2024**; student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

**RT-ROUTE-16**–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$173.00** effective **April 2, 2024**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

**RT-ROUTE-24**–Awarded at the daily rate of **\$37.93** effective **April 22, 2024**. This route transports students from the Hanover Area School District.

**STI HAZLETON TRANSPORTATION LLC-P.O. BOX 2438-HAZLETON, PA 18201**

**STI-ROUTE-1**–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$261.37** effective **April 1, 2024**; student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

**STI-ROUTE-2**–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$110.04** effective **April 1, 2024**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

**STI-ROUTE-3**–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$141.86** effective **April 1, 2024**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

**THE WRIGHT TRANSPORTATION – 62 WILLOW ST, PLYMOUTH, PA 18651**

**TW-ROUTE-1**–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$255.72** effective **April 1 2024**; student dropped, mileage decreased; then adjusted to **\$242.08** effective **April 12, 2024**; student dropped, mileage decreased; ; then adjusted to **\$259.13** effective **April 16, 2024**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

**HOMELESS/PDE 2023-2024****APRIL 2024****MICHAEL SHUSTA-462 SECOND ST-PLYMOUTH, PA 18651**

**MS-PDE-ROUTE-1**-Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$82.95** effective **April 9, 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-PDE-ROUTE-2**-Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$154.41** effective **April 5, 2024**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

**RT-PDE-ROUTE-3**-Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$78.66** effective **April 4, 2024**; student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Wyoming Area School District.

**STI HAZLETON TRANSPORTATION LLC-P.O. BOX 2438-HAZLETON, PA 18201**

**STI-PDE-ROUTE-3**-Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$63.58** effective **April 1, 2024**; student dropped, mileage decreased. 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 authorize the Executive Director to reappoint the following Behavioral Health employees for the 2024/2025 school year, as part-time Behavioral Health Technicians.

- ANTONIA CAMERA**
- CHANDRA DANIELS**
- REBEKAH LEVA**
- SARAH LOVE**
- MICHELLE BANKES**
- JUDY HARTIGAN**
- KAYLA BUCZEK**
- KELLY GIBERSON**
- DIANA KUBINETZ**
- DARIELIS DUARTE**
- KRISTEN MURRAY**
- ELLEN BEDNAREK**
- JODIE SHULTZ**
- MICHELLE WATERS**
- VALERIE ROSPIGLIOSI**
- MADISON MULLEN**
- KAREN ADAMSKI**
- ANGELINA PENETZER**
- LYNN SZAFRAN**
- NICOLE HOLENA**
- MEAGAN MANZELLA**
- JESSICA O'DONNELL**

B. That the Board of Directors authorize the Executive Director to reappoint the following Behavioral Health employees for the 2024/2025 school year, as part-time Behavioral Consultants (BC).

- GINA DOMULEVICZ**
- KATHLEEN STAPLETON**

C. That the board of Directors authorize the Executive Director to reappoint the following Behavioral Health employees for the 2024/2025 school year as part-time Mental Health Professional.

**ALEXIS LEONARD**  
**CHERYL BAYO**  
**JESSICA ZABORNY**  
**ROB WERNER**  
**MALANE GALLAGHER**  
**TINA MAGOWAN**  
**NOELLE SERAFIN**  
**ALEX BRENAM**  
**TASHYA HUBER**  
**ROBERT FRENCH**  
**MINDY JENKINS**  
**REBECCA BARBER**

D. That the board of Directors authorize the Executive Director to reappoint the following Behavioral Health employees for the 2024/2025 school year as part-time Mental Health Worker, pending completed training hours.

**MACKENZIE SUTTON**  
**TONI POWELL**  
**HALEY ERB**  
**APRIL AGOSTINI**  
**LINDSAY BRODE**  
**LONI PICARELLA**

E. That the Board of Directors reappoints the following Part-Time Clinical Psychologist for the Community and School Based Behavioral Health Teams, Dual Diagnosed Classrooms and Intensive Behavioral Health Services Individual/ ABA at a rate of \$62.50 per hour: effective July 1, 2024.

**BERNARDINE SUPPA**

F. That the Board of Directors reappoints the following Art Therapist at the rate of \$31.16 per hour not to exceed 25 per week, for the 2024/2025 school year.

**MELISSA PEALER**

G. That the Board of Directors reappoints the following Part-Time Physician Assistant in Psychiatry at the hourly rate of \$65.00: not to exceed 29 hours a week.

**MELISSA LATONA**

H. That the Board of Directors approves the following job reclassification and title change from Billing Specialist to Clinical Quality Analyst for the following Full Time Act 93 Behavioral Health employee: effective June 19, 2024 with a salary of \$40,000.

**SARA PERRY**

I. That the Board of Directors approves the following School Psychologist to work up to 40 hours for the summer of 2024 to support the Project AWARE grant at an hourly professional rate of \$31.16: beginning June 24, 2024.

**AMANDA GERNHART**

J. That the Board of Directors approves the following part-time appointment to the Behavioral Health Department as a Mental Health Professional (MHP); at an hourly rate of \$31.16: effective date May 19, 2024.

**MARIA CINTI**

K. That the Board of Directors approves the following part-time appointment to the Behavioral Health Department as a Licensed Mental Health Professional (MHP); at an hourly rate of \$35.00: effective date to be determined. All appointments are made pending receipt of all state mandated clearances and human resource paperwork:

**PAMELA WEST**

L. That the Board of Directors approves the following student from Wake Forest University for a Clinical Mental Health/School Counseling Practicum within the Behavioral Health Department from August 6, 2024 through December 15, 2024.

**NANCY HICKOK**

M. That the Board of Directors accepts, with regret, the resignations of the following part-time Behavioral Health employees:

**AMY BORIS** – Behavioral Health Technician: effective June 7, 2024

**MACKENZIE COLLERAN** – Behavioral Health Technician: effective June 14, 2024

**JESSICA HARTMAN** – Mental Health Worker: effective June 14, 2024

**MADISON MULLEN** – Behavioral Health Technician: effective May 9, 2024

**CHRIS PAGAN** – Behavioral Health Technician: effective May 3, 2024

**MORGAN SIMMS** – Mental Health Professional: June 28, 2024

N. That the Board of Directors accepts, with regret, the resignations of the following full-time Behavioral Health employees:

**MORGAN SIMMS**- Acting Treatment Coordinator: effective June 28, 2024

**HEATHER SLATER** – Mental Health Worker: effective June 7, 2024

O. That the Board of Directors approves the following appointment to the Behavioral Health Department as an Administrative Assistant at a rate to be determined by the LIU Educational Support Professionals Association Contract. Effective Date to be determined. All appointments are made pending receipt of all state mandated clearances and human resource paperwork:

**PATRICK DEANGELO**

P. That the Board of Directors approves the following appointment to the Behavioral Health Department Outpatient Services as an Office Assistant at a rate to be determined by the LIU Educational Support Professionals Association Contract. Effective Date to be determined. All appointments are made pending receipt of all state mandated clearances and human resource paperwork.

**2. BUSINESS OFFICE**

A. That the Board of Directors approves the Act 93 appointment of the following as a business office staff accountant at an annual salary of \$40,000: effective June 24, 2024.

**BRANDY HAMILTON**

B. That the Board of Directors approves the appointment of the following as a business office administrative assistant at an annual salary of \$22,328: effective June 24, 2024. All appointments are made pending receipt of all state mandated clearances and human resource paperwork.

**COURTNEY COSTELLO****3. FEDERAL AND STATE PROGRAMS**

That the Board of Directors approves the summer hours for PA's Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness Program's Regional Coordinator, at the approved contractual rate, without benefits, not to exceed 20 hours per week, effective June 3, 2024, through August 14, 2024, subject to available funding:

**JEFF ZIMMERMAN****4. OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING**

A. 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:

**LINDSEY GRUVER****MIRIAM LATALLADI**

B. That the Board of Directors approves the following appointment to the Guest Teacher Program for **2024/2025** 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:

**CHRISTOPHER GRABOSKY**

**LINDSEY GRUVER**

**IRELYN JANNUZZI**

**MIRIAM LATALLADI**

**JAMIE PITCAVAGE**

**LISA WOODRUFF**

## **5. SPECIAL EDUCATION**

### **A. APPOINTMENTS – 2024 EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR PROGRAM**

#### **1. PROFESSIONAL STAFF**

That the Board of Directors approves the following professional appointments to **2024 Extended School Year Program**, not to exceed 80 hours, at the hourly rate of \$38.40, and that all placements and locations are provisional pending student population and receipt of all state mandated clearances and paperwork.

#### **CLASSROOM TEACHERS**

**CINDY BERRY\*\***

**MICHAEL COE**

**AMANDA MERRICK-TOMPKINS**

**JORDAN POWERS\*\***

**CAITLIN WOOD**

**JOSEPH DELUCCA JR.**

#### **SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER**

**SEHARA WESSNER**

#### **SPEECH AND LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST**

**AUDREY ROCCOGRANDI\*\***

#### **TEACHER OF THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING**

**MARIA REVAK\*\***

#### **TEACHER OF THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED**

**PETE FERDINAND**

**\*\*WORKED ESY 2023**

#### **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.

EDWARD APPNEL  
NATALIE ASIKAINEN\*\*  
MITCHELL GLECO  
JENNA GRIECO  
JACK LONG  
MELISSA SOBECK  
KRISTEN SWETZ  
SUSANA WEISS\*\*

\*\*WORKED ESY 2023

B. That the Board of Directors accepts, with regret, the following **ESY Teacher position refusals:**

**JOSEPH BRYAN**  
**EMILY BYLOTAS**  
**RALPH PIONTKOWSKI**

C. That the Board of Directors accepts, with regret, the following **ESY Paraprofessional position refusals:**

**AMANDA DEMELFI**  
**QUINN TAYLOR**

D. That the Board of Directors approves the following School Psychologists to work a maximum of 7 hours at the hourly rate of \$31.16 on August 1, 2024, for training purposes.

**MEGHAN CLEMONS**  
**AMANDA GERNHART**  
**NATASHA TULLO**

E. That the Board of Directors approves the following Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing to complete an Early Intervention Evaluation, effective date June 3, 2024, evaluation will be reimbursed through the Hazleton Area School District

**KIRA BRILL**

F. That the Board of Directors appoints the following **Special Education Para-Educators**, as per the LIU Educational Support Professionals Association Agreement: effective date 2024-2025 school year. All appointments are made pending receipt of all state mandated clearances and human resource paperwork.

**ELIZABETH KUDER**

**CHRISTINE RUEHL**

G. That the Board of Directors accepts, with regret, the resignation of the following Special Education Teacher, effective date June 14, 2024.

**ANDREA PEGARELLA**

H. 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 2024-2025 school year. All appointments are made pending the receipt of all state mandated clearances and human resource paperwork.

**ROSALIND BINGMAN**

I. That the Board of Directors approves the following appointment as **Teacher of the Visually Impaired**, per the LIU Education Association Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year. All appointments are made pending the receipt of all state mandated clearances and human resource paperwork.

**EMILY RAMSEUR****6. REQUEST FOR ASSOCIATION DAYS**

That the Board of Directors approves the Association Days for the following members of the LIU Professional Employee Association:

**KERRIE BASARA** – May 31, 2024 – Full Day and June 10, 2024 – Full Day

**NICOLE DANIELS** – May 31, 2024 -Full Day

**AUDREY ROCCOGRANDI** – May 31, 2024 – Full Day

**MARIA MORREALE** – May 31, 2024 – Full Day

**7. REQUEST FOR JURY DUTY LEAVE**

That the Board of Directors approves the following request for Federal Jury Duty leave for July 2024, as on call basis, and that he be compensated his daily rate less the amount received for jury duty.

**PAUL RICHARDS****8. REQUEST FOR UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCES**

**EMPLOYEE #1993** – 4.75 Days

**EMPLOYEE #2550** – 1 Day

**EMPLOYEE #2410** – 1 Day

**EMPLOYEE #2409** – 2.5 Days

**EMPLOYEE #2973** – 1 Day

9. **REQUEST FOR MILITARY LEAVE**

That the Board of Directors approves the request for a Military Leave of Absence from 6/3/2024 through 6/14/2024.

**EMPLOYEE #2556**

10. **REQUEST FOR INTERMITTENT FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE**

That the Board of Directors approves the request for Intermittent Family and Medical Leave (FMLA) beginning on 6/7/2024.

**EMPLOYEE #1527**

11. **REQUEST FOR SICK BANK DAYS**

That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director and the ESP Support Professionals Association to grant the following employee the designated days from the sick leave bank, once all of their accumulated time has been exhausted. Any unused time will be returned to the sick leave bank upon their return.

**EMPLOYEE #1527** – 10 Days

12. **BOARD POLICY REVISIONS**

A. That the Board of Directors approves the following board policy **third reading**:

**POLICY #800- RECORDS MANAGEMENT**

B. That the Board of Directors approves the following board policy **second readings**:

**POLICY #222 – TOBACCO AND VAPING PRODUCTS**

**POLICY #227 – CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES/PARAHERNALIA**

**POLICY #323 – TOBACCO AND VAPING PRODUCTS**

**POLICY #351 – CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE ABUSE**

**POLICY #423 – TOBACCO AND VAPING PRODUCTS**

**POLICY #451 – CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE ABUSE**

**POLICY #523 – TOBACCO AND VAPING PRODUCTS**

**POLICY #551 - CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE ABUSE**

**POLICY #707 – USE OF INTERMEDIATE UNIT FACILITIES**

13. **TERMINATION**

A. That the Board of Directors approves the termination of Educational Support **EMPLOYEE #3032** for a cause: effective 6/20/2024.

B. That the Board of Directors approves the termination of part-time Behavioral Health **EMPLOYEE #3030** for cause: effective 6/20/2024.

**14. HUMAN RESOURCES**

That the Board of Directors approves the appointment of the following as the Acting Director of Human Resources for the 2024-2025 School Year, with an additional \$5,000.00 Stipend effective July 1, 2024.

**DOUGLAS PALMIERI**

**15.** That the Board of Directors acknowledges and accepts, the resignation of the following due to her passing on March 11, 2024.

**RAMONA MERA**

**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 **August 7, 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.

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Joseph Caffrey, Secretary