

INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
JANUARY 22, 2025

President calls the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence.

ROLL CALL:

John Adonizio, President – Pittston Area

Peter Lanza, Vice - President – Northwest 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

Paula Eckert -Tunkhannock Area

Ellen McBride – 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, Tara Pisano

Director of Administrative Services, Joseph DeLucca

Director of Personalized Academy of Learning, Ron Musto

Director of Provider 50, Jennifer Runquist

Director of Human Resources and Policy, Nicholas Audi

Public Comments:

SECRETARY'S REPORT – MR. CAFFREY

M_____ moves and M_____ seconds the motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of **December 18, 2024.**

TREASURER'S REPORT – MS. THOMAS

M_____ moves and M_____ seconds the following motions:

December 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

	BEGINNING BALANCES	TOTAL REVENUES	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	BALANCE FORWARD
Luzerne Intermediate Unit – General Fund	6,396,116.50	1,760,602.18	2,126,031.55	6,030,687.13
Nonpublic School Services Program	-			
Fund 11 – Act 89	1,995,716.03	3,754.76	109,425.11	1,890,045.68
Special Education Department	-			
Fund 23 – Special Education	2,024,295.77	2,724,340.20	1,884,304.55	2,864,331.42
Fund 24 – Transportation	3,064,998.23	7,285.16	461,280.14	2,611,003.25
School Lunch Program	7.86	-	-	7.86
Behavioral Health Program	3,920,916.89	965,795.46	1,026,616.67	3,860,095.68
Payroll Account	110,698.74	3,402,353.99	3,461,390.50	51,662.23
Accounts Payable	5,848.37	-	-	5,848.37
Federal and State Programs:				
TOTAL IDEA -- 2, 3 ,4	(339,010.80)	-	203,331.78	(542,342.58)
PCCD NONPUBLIC SAFETY GRANT - 6	(30,233.71)	-	6,940.59	(37,174.30)
UNITED WAY -- 17	(1,834.23)	5,872.00	5,231.92	(1,194.15)
OBERKOTTER -- 20	25,618.80	-	447.77	25,171.03
STEM -- 27	108,063.94	-	1,032.29	107,031.65
PREK COUNTS -- 28	144,046.38	66,666.67	0.05	210,713.00
ELECT--37	22,685.29	73,108.00	21,953.32	73,839.97

STATEWIDE SYSTEM OF SUPPORT	(10,800.00)	-	3,600.00	(14,400.00)
ARP I ESSER HOMELESS - 50	(303,436.81)	-	8,317.00	(311,753.81)
HOMELESS--51	(7,926.09)	13,243.83	54,133.95	(48,816.21)
ARPII ESSER HOMELESS -- 52	29,013.07	-	36,449.44	(7,436.37)
TITLE I PART D DELINQUENT CHILDREN -- 53	(2,390.95)	-	7,461.82	(9,852.77)
ACCESS--63	3,418,051.85	-	4,429.37	3,413,622.48
CSI -- 64	72,825.00	-	2,250.00	70,575.00
TITLE III---73	(22,196.44)	4,042.00	622.16	(18,776.60)
EANS II NONPUBLIC FUNDING - 87	(662,837.27)	-	171,648.88	(834,486.15)

The following programs had no expenditures for
December 2024:

PCCD SAFETY GRANT - 14	(4,350.00)	4,350.00	-	-
TITLE I FOSTER CARE-- 80	8,000.00	42,385.11	-	50,385.11

**DECEMBER FEDERAL AND
STATE REVENUES**

TITLE III LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION	4,042.00
TITLE I IMPROVING BASIC PROGRAMS	42,385.11
HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH	13,243.83
PREK COUNTS	66,666.67
TOTAL SUBSIDY	126,337.61

DECEMBER 2024 REVENUES

AGORA CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL	950.00	SETT FACILITATION
ALLEGHENY IU	87,500.00	2023/2024 CSI
BEAR CREEK CHARTER SCHOOL	12,490.00	2023/2024 SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES
CAPITAL AREA IU	21,838.00	PA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH GRANT FINAL INVOICE
CARBONDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT	9,672.00	2022/2023 PAL

CARBONDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT	14,149.33	2022/2023 PARTIAL HOSPITALIZATION
COMMUNITY CARE WIRE TRANSFER	251,424.00	2024/2025 SBBH PROGRAMS
CRESTWOOD	37,857.65	2024/2025 SPECIAL EDUCATION CONT SVC
CRESTWOOD	9,916.67	2024/2025 DUAL DIAGNOSIS
CRESTWOOD SD	127,818.00	2023/2024 SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES
GREATER NANTICOKE AREA SD	21,645.00	SUMMER SCHOOL CREDIT RECOVERY
GREATER NANTICOKE AREA SD	37,748.86	2024/2025 SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES
GREATER NANTICOKE AREA SD	2,896.08	2024/2025 PARTIAL HOSPITALITZATION
GREATER NANTICOKE AREA SD	37,482.00	2024/2025 LIGHTHOUSE ACADEMY
GREATER NANTICOKE AREA SD	17,700.00	2024/2025 PAL
HANOVER AREA SD	834.70	2024/2025 GRAPHIC ARTS
HANOVER AREA SD	44,907.84	2024/2025 SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES
HANOVER AREA SD	15,617.50	2024/2025 LIGHTHOUSE ACADEMY
HANOVER AREA SD	4,770.00	2024/2025 PAL
HANOVER AREA SD	8,134.00	2024/2025 THERAPEUTIC AUTISTIC SUPPORT
LAKE LEHMAN	115,011.00	2023/2024 SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES
LIU RETIREES	4,181.06	RETIREE HEALTHCARE
LUZERNE COUNTY	9.68	JURY DUTY REFUND
MCIU	7,168.86	2024/2025 PROJECT AWARE
NBHCC WIRE TRANSFER	180,122.19	2024/2025 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS
NORTHWEST	20,742.30	2024/2025 SPECIAL EDUCATION CONT SVC
NORTHWEST	2,896.08	2024/2025 PARTIAL HOSPITALIZATION
NORTHWEST	15,617.50	2024/2025 LIGHTHOUSE ACADEMY
PA LEADERSHIP CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL	5,116.00	2023/2024 SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES
ANONYMOUS DONOR	900.00	CSBBH HOLIDAY PARTY DONATION
THIRD PARTY INSURANCE	12,669.59	2024/2025 OUTPATIENT REVENUE
TUNKHANNOCK	21,863.60	2024/2025 SPECIAL EDUCATION CONT SVCS
TUNKHANNOCK	6,247.00	2024/2025 PARTIAL HOSPITALIZATION - MEHOOPANY
TUNKHANNOCK	15,617.50	2024/2025 LIGHTHOUSE MEHOOPANY
TUNKHANNOCK	16,268.00	2024/2025 THERAPEUTIC AUTISTIC SUPPORT - MEHOOPANY
WILKES BARRE AREA	231,672.25	2024/2025 SPECIAL EDUCATION CONT SVC
WILKES BARRE AREA	69,390.00	2024/2025 PAL PROGRAM
WILKES BARRE AREA	8,688.25	2024/2025 PARTIAL HOSPITALIZATION
WILKES BARRE AREA	68,717.00	2024/2025 LIGHTHOUSE ACADEMY
WILKES BARRE AREA	40,670.00	2024/2025 THERAPEUTIC AUTISTIC SUPPORT
WILKES BARRE AREA	14,875.00	2024/2025 DUAL DIAGNOSIS
WILKES BARRE AREA	6,833.33	2024/2025 MENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST
WIRE TRANSFER	986,762.13	2024-2025 RETIREMENT
WIRE TRANSFER	284,506.00	2024-2025 IU OPERATING BUDGET
WYOMING AREA	72,106.06	2024/2025 SPECIAL EDUCATION CONT SVC
WYOMING AREA	4,380.00	2024/2025 PAL PROGRAM
WYOMING AREA	6,247.00	2024/2025 LIGHTHOUSE ACADEMY

WYOMING AREA	4,958.33	2024/2025 DUAL DIAGNOSIS
WYOMING AREA	72,106.06	2024/2025 SPECIAL EDUCATION CONT SVC
WYOMING AREA	4,380.00	2024/2025 PAL PROGRAM
WYOMING AREA	6,247.00	2024/2025 LIGHTHOUSE ACADEMY
WYOMING AREA	4,958.33	2024/2025 DUAL DIAGNOSIS
WYOMING AREA	76.50	TRANSPERFECT
WYOMING VALLEY WEST	143,055.15	2024/2025 SPECIAL EDUCATION CONT SVC
WYOMING VALLEY WEST	6,120.00	2024/2025 PAL
WYOMING VALLEY WEST	2,896.08	2024/2025 PARTIAL HOSPITALIZATION
WYOMING VALLEY WEST	34,358.50	2024/2025 LIGHTHOUSE ACADEMY
WYOMING VALLEY WEST	4,067.00	2024/2025 THERAPEUTIC AUTISTIC SUPPORT 2023/2024 SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES FINAL
WYOMING VALLEY WEST	4,536.08	INVOICE PAYMENT

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; PAULA ECKERT AND TIM MCGINLEY

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

1. PERMISSION TO OFFER SPECIAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATION PROGRAM COURSES

A. That the Board of Directors approves the following 3 credit, 90-hour courses for the Paraeducator with Associate Degree to Special Education Certification Program.

“ELL’s in the Special Education Classroom” taught by Jessica Jacobs from March 10, 2025 to April 24, 2025

“Curriculum and Instruction for Low Incidence Disabilities” taught by Tina Gelso from March 10, 2025 to April 24, 2025.

B. That the Board of Directors approves the following 3 credit, 90 hour Special Education Certification Program Courses:

“Introduction to Curriculum and Instruction” taught by Ty Yost from January 14, 2025 to February 25, 2025.

“Curriculum and Instruction for Students with Low Incidence Disabilities” taught by Cara Devine from March 10, 2025 to April 21, 2025.

“Early Intervention” taught by Tara Bruza from March 13, 2025 to April 24, 2025.

“Curriculum and Instruction for Students with High Incidence Disabilities” taught by Cara Devine from May 13, 2025, to June 24, 2025.

“Introduction to Special Education II” taught by Andrew Rivera from May 14, 2025 to June 25, 2025.

“Instructional Planning” taught by Susan Kuhl from May 12, 2025 to June 23 2025.

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 organization. The Luzerne Intermediate Unit requests that the organization promote the Remake Learning Days Career Ready Backpack Challenge, provide two events that qualify for the Challenge, and assist the Luzerne Intermediate Unit in attaining participation data from event attendees. The sum total of funding awarded to the organization from the Luzerne Intermediate Unit shall not exceed \$1,000.

SCRANTON/WILKES-BARRE RAILRIDERS

B. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the following to receive a grant for the purchase of equipment to benefit the Lighthouse Academy at Mehoopany.

COMMISSION ON ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY (CEO)

C. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the following for hall rental reserved for June 3, 2025 for the Luzerne Intermediate Unit Programs Graduation event.

HOLIDAY INN WILKES-BARRE EAST MOUNTAIN

D. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the following for photo booth services at the LIU programs' Prom event, effective May 9, 2025.

SIMPLEST EXPRESSION PHOTO BOOTH

E. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the following to provide coursework for the Paraeducators Pathway Program.

LUZERNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

F. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the following to provide Educational Wellness and Suicide Prevention Services to Luzerne and Wyoming County schools. The term of the agreement is January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025, with a budget allocation of \$48,000.00.

LUZERNE/WYOMING MENTAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

2. AFFILIATION AGREEMENTS

That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into an affiliation agreement with the following universities to provide fieldwork experience for one year:

CAIRN UNIVERSITY- effective December 20, 2024 – December 20, 2025

DELAWARE STATE UNIVERSITY- effective for 1 year from date of signature

3. APPROVAL OF CONTRACTED SERVICES

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

Lake Lehman, in the amount of \$466,628.40

4. 2025 RATE CHANGES

That the Board of Directors approves the following.

A. Standard mileage rate for reimbursement of all business miles driven during the calendar year 2025 is \$0.70 cents per mile, as announced by the Internal Revenue Service.

B. Hourly rate for Certificated Professional Staff is \$35.84 per hour: effective February 1, 2025.

5. 2025-2026 GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET

That the Board of Directors approves the **2025-2026** LIU General Operating Budget. The total budget amount is \$3,230,257 and this represents a decrease of \$70,205 from the 2024-2025 amount of \$3,330,462. Member school district curriculum contributions are decreased to \$100,000 from prior year contributions by \$184,506.

6. PA MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM IN SCHOOLS (PA HELPS)

That the Board of Directors approves the payment of stipend over five equal payments from January through May 2025 through PA HELPS to the following individuals:

Patrick Dougherty – School Psychologist \$12,500

Sarah Kreidler – School Social Worker \$5,000

Lara Zluchowski – School Social Worker \$5,000

7. SPECIAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATION PROGRAM PARTNERSHIP PAYMENTS

That The Board of Directors authorizes payment to the following Intermediate Units pursuant to the Special Education Certification Program Partnership Agreement for the Fall 2024 Term:

Intermediate Unit 1 in the amount of \$875.00

Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit 16 in the amount of \$975.00

BLaST Intermediate Unit 17 in the amount of \$1625.00

Montgomery County Intermediate Unit 23 in the amount of \$875.00

RECOMMENDATION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE; ELLEN MCBRIDE, 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 2024-2025 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 2024-2025

NOVEMBER 2024

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

AGZ-ROUTE-4–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$225.33** effective **November 3, 2024**; student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

AGZ-ROUTE-5–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$169.89** effective **November 3, 2024**; student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

D&J BROS LOGISTICS – 328 EAST WALNUT ST-HAZLETON, PA 18201

DJ-ROUTE-3–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$105.34** effective **November 5, 2024**; student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

JARE SERVICES, LLC – 2137 STATE ROUTE 940, FRFEELAND, PA 18224

JS-ROUTE-1–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$216.69** effective **November 1, 2024**; student added, mileage increased, then adjusted to **\$262.03** effective **November 25, 2024**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

KEYSTONE VALLEY TRANSPORT, LLC-839 WEST 8TH STREET, WEST WYOMING, PA 18644

KV-ROUTE-1–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$464.23** effective **November 20, 2024**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

KV-ROUTE-3–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$318.03** effective **November 12, 2024**; student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

KV-ROUTE-9–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$384.81** effective **November 12, 2024**; student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

KV-ROUTE-18–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$283.23** effective **November 1, 2024**; student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

KV-ROUTE-20–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$256.52** effective **November 4, 2024**; student added, mileage increased; then adjusted to **\$422.09** effective **November 8, 2024**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Pittston Area and Wilkes Barre Area School Districts.

MICHAEL SHUSTA-462 SECOND ST-PLYMOUTH, PA 18651

MS-ROUTE-1–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$191.52** effective **November 25, 2024**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

MS-ROUTE-3–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$215.72** effective **November 13, 2024**; student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

PACE TRANSPORTATION-PO BOX 1015-PITTSTON, PA 18640

PT-ROUTE-1–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$387.95** effective **November 12, 2024**; student added, mileage increased; then adjusted to **\$297.91** effective **November 13, 2024**; student dropped, mileage decreased; then adjusted to **\$495.47** effective **November 14, 2024**; student added, mileage increased; then adjusted to **\$389.99** effective **November 15, 2024**; student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area, Wyoming Area and Greater Nanticoke Area School Districts.

PT-ROUTE-7–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$300.05** effective **November 4, 2024**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

PT-ROUTE-17—Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$350.00** effective **November 6, 2024**; student dropped, mileage decreased; then adjusted to **\$325.00** effective **November 7, 2024**; student dropped, mileage decreased; then adjusted to **\$400.00** effective **November 25, 2024**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area, Pittston Area and Wyoming Area School Districts.

PT-ROUTE-19—Awarded at the daily rate of **\$57.92** effective **November 25, 2024**. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

PT-ROUTE-20—Awarded at the daily rate of **\$76.13** effective **November 25, 2024**. This route transports students from the Dallas School District.

RELIABLE INC. 45 TEDRICK STREET, PITTSTON, PA 18640

RT-ROUTE-3—Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$159.34** effective **November 1, 2024**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area, Wyoming Area and Pittston Area School Districts.

RT-ROUTE-4—Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$200.09** effective **November 25, 2024**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wyoming Area and Wilkes Barre Area School Districts.

RT-ROUTE-8—Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$55.44** effective **November 20, 2024**; student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

RT-ROUTE-11—Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$194.63** effective **November 1, 2024**; student added, mileage increased; then adjusted to **\$198.62** effective **November 20, 2024**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

RT-ROUTE-12—Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$174.03** effective **November 1, 2024**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

RT-ROUTE-14—Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$150.54** effective **November 1, 2024**; student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

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

STI-ROUTE-2—Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$99.54** effective **November 1, 2024**; student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

STI-ROUTE-4-Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$100.34** effective **November 1, 2024**; student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Pittston Area and Wilkes Barre Area School Districts.

STI-ROUTE-7-Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$182.61** effective **November 10, 2024**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

STI-ROUTE-11-Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$158.53** effective **November 1, 2024**; student added, mileage increased; then adjusted to **\$163.21** effective **November 10, 2024**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

STI-ROUTE-13-Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$74.60** effective **November 1, 2024**; student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

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PT-ROUTE-13-Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$180.40** effective **December 10, 2024**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

PT-ROUTE-15-Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$195.02** effective **December 9, 2024**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

PT-ROUTE-17-Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$350.00** effective **December 6, 2024**; student dropped, mileage decreased; then adjusted to **\$385.00** effective **December 11, 2024**; student added, mileage increased; then adjusted to **\$400.00** effective **December 17, 2024**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area, Pittston Area, Hanover Area and Wyoming Area School Districts.

HOMELESS/PDE 2024-2025

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KEYSTONE VALLEY TRANSPORT, LLC-839 WEST 8TH STREET, WEST WYOMING, PA 18644

KV-PDE-ROUTE-2-Awarded at the daily rate of **\$148.01** effective **November 1, 2024**. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

RELIABLE INC. 45 TEDRICK STREET, PITTSTON, PA 18640

RT-PDE-ROUTE-4-Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$112.60** effective **November 1, 2024**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

RT-PDE-ROUTE-5-Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$114.65** effective **November 1, 2024**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

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

STI-PDE-ROUTE-8-Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$34.36** effective **November 1, 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 accepts, with regret, the resignation of the following Behavioral Health employees:

TAYLOR WOODS- part-time BHT: effective January 3, 2025

MACKENZIE SUTTON- part-time MHW: effective January 24, 2025

B. That the Board of Directors approves the following unpaid intern from Misericordia University for the Partial Hospitalization Program: effective date to be determined. All appointments are made pending receipt of all state mandated clearances.

BETHANY WIENCHES

C. That the Board of Directors approves the following unpaid intern from Walden University for the Outpatient Program: effective March 1, 2025 to May 11, 2025. All appointments are made pending receipt of all state mandated clearances.

AMY DITOTO

D. That the Board of Directors approves the following intern from Delaware State University for the Community and School Based Behavioral Health (CSBBH) Program: effective date to be determined. All appointments are made pending receipt of all state mandated clearances.

JESSICA ROC

E. That the Board of Directors approves the following part-time Mental Health Professional (MHP) for the Outpatient Program at an hourly rate of \$31.16: effective date to be determined. All appointments are made pending receipt of all state mandated clearances and human resources paperwork.

AMANDA WILSON

2. OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

A. That the Board of Directors accepts, with regret, the retirement of the following Administrative Assistant: effective January 31, 2025.

KARA VENESKY

B. 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 for the 2024/2025 school year 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.

JULIA JONELUNAS

LISA JONES

3. SPECIAL EDUCATION

A. That the Board of Directors approves the following appointments to the **Speech and Language Pathologist** position under the Professional Contract: effective date to be determined. All appointments are made pending receipt of all state mandated clearances and human resources paperwork.

EMILY CHESKIEWICZ

MARLA KOVATCH

B. That the Board of Directors approves the following appointments as **Special Education Teacher**, per the LIU Education Association Collective Bargaining Agreement: effective date to be determined. All appointments are made pending receipt of all state mandated clearances and human resources paperwork.

DAVID HINES

SAMANTHA IDE

JANINE STARINSKY

C. That the Board of Directors appoints the following **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.

JILLIAN VITO

D. That the Board of Directors accepts, with regret, the resignation of the following Special Education employees.

SAMANTHA DERMODY – Paraprofessional: effective December 23, 2024

TAMEE MITCHELL – Paraprofessional: effective January 6, 2025

HANARAE SLUSSER – Speech and Language Pathologist: effective January 24, 2025

4. REQUESTS FOR JURY DUTY LEAVE

That the Board of Directors approves the following requests for jury duty and that they be compensated their daily rate less the amount received for jury duty.

ELIZABETH KROKOS- effective January 24, 2025

CHRISTINA J. GELSO – effective February 10, 2025
TARA PISANO- effective February 18, 2025

5. REQUESTS FOR LEAVES OF ABSENCE

That the Board of Directors approves an Intermittent Family and Medical Leave (FMLA) effective for the 2024-2025 School Year for up to 12 weeks for the following employees.

EMPLOYEE #3003
EMPLOYEE #2672

6. REQUESTS FOR UNPAID LEAVES OF ABSENCE

That the Board of Directors approves the request for unpaid leave of absences for the following employees.

EMPLOYEE #1993 – 3.5 Days
EMPLOYEE #2973 – 4.5 Days

7. BOARD POLICIES

That the Board of Directors approves the **first reading** of the following Board Policy revisions:

POLICIES 308, 408 AND 508- EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS
POLICY 610 - PURCHASES SUBJECT TO BID QUOTATION
POLICY 611 – PURCHASES BUDGETED
POLICY 823- OPIOID ANTAGONIST

RECOMMENDATION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE- PAULA ECKERT, CHAIRPERSON; ELLEN MCBRIDE 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 **FEBRUARY 26, 2025 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