

INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
FEBRUARY 26, 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 **January 22, 2025**.

TREASURER'S REPORT – MS. THOMAS

M_____ moves and M_____ seconds the following motions:

January 1, 2025 through January 31, 2025.

	BEGINNING BALANCES	TOTAL REVENUES	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	BALANCE FORWARD
Luzerne Intermediate Unit – General Fund	6,030,687.13	7,327,991.07	5,794,738.52	7,563,939.68
Nonpublic School Services Program	-			
Fund 11 – Act 89	1,890,045.68	2,888.73	123,079.32	1,769,855.09
Special Education Department	-			
Fund 23 – Special Education	2,864,331.42	2,113,072.67	1,689,898.35	3,287,505.74
Fund 24 – Transportation	2,611,003.25			2,611,003.25
School Lunch Program	7.86	-		7.86
Behavioral Health Program	3,860,095.68	2,510,810.15	1,002,525.59	5,368,380.24
Payroll Account	51,662.23	2,762,124.72	2,657,732.10	156,054.85
Accounts Payable	5,848.37	-		5,848.37
Federal and State Programs:				
TOTAL IDEA	(542,342.58)	2,943,164.52	317,753.52	2,083,068.42
PCCD NONPUBLIC SAFETY GRANT - 6	(37,174.30)	-	29,275.00	(66,449.30)
UNITED WAY -- 17	(1,194.15)	5,872.00	7,847.88	(3,170.03)
OBERKOTTER -- 20	25,171.03	-	32.70	25,138.33
STEM -- 27	107,031.65	-	875.32	106,156.33
ELECT--37	73,839.97	-	32,920.35	40,919.62

STATEWIDE SYSTEM OF SUPPORT	(14,400.00)	107,590.00	3,600.00	89,590.00
ARP I ESSER HOMELESS - 50	(311,753.81)	-	1,010.84	(312,764.65)
HOMELESS--51	(48,816.21)	13,243.83	24,489.85	(60,062.23)
TITLE I PART D DELINQUENT CHILDREN -- 53	(9,852.77)	-	3,655.19	(13,507.96)
ACCESS--63	3,413,622.48	-	6,644.07	3,406,978.41
CSI -- 64	70,575.00	8,062.00	2,250.00	76,387.00
TITLE III---73	(18,776.60)	-	4,567.70	(23,344.30)
EANS II NONPUBLIC FUNDING - 87	(834,486.15)	1,275,831.95	441,345.80	(0.00)

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

PCCD SAFETY GRANT - 14	-	-	-	-
PREK COUNTS -- 28	210,713.00	66,666.67	-	277,379.67
ARPII ESSER HOMELESS -- 52	(7,436.37)	-	-	(7,436.37)
TITLE I FOSTER CARE-- 80	50,385.11	-	50,385.11	-

JANUARY FEDERAL AND STATE REVENUES

IDEA-B	2,943,164.52
SAFETY INITIATIVES	107,590.00
ARP EANS II	1,275,831.95
HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH	13,243.83
PREK COUNTS	66,666.67
TOTAL SUBSIDY	4,406,496.97

JANUARY 2025 REVENUES

COMMONWEALTH OF PA	194.84	2024-2025 SBBH PROGRAMS
COMMONWEALTH OF PA	68.68	2024/2025 LIU SBBH PROGRAMS
COMMONWELATH CHARTER ACADEMY	15,401.00	2023/2024 SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES
COMMUNITY CARE WIRE TRANSFER	251,424.00	2024/2025 SBBH PROGRAMS
CRESTWOOD	24,000.00	2023/2024 CRESTWOOD TRANSPORTATION

CRESTWOOD	13,115.74	2023/2024 ESL
CRESTWOOD	75,715.30	2024/2025 SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES
CRESTWOOD	19,833.34	2024/2025 DUAL DIAGNOSIS
ELK LAKE	29,828.11	2023/2024 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES
GREATER NANTICOKE AREA SD	6,001.00	2023/2024 TITLE I READING
GREATER NANTICOKE AREA SD	184,582.00	2023/2024 PAL PROGRAM
GREATER NANTICOKE AREA SD	180,035.45	2023/2024 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES
GREATER NANTICOKE AREA SD	37,748.86	2024/2025 SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES
GREATER NANTICOKE AREA SD	17,700.00	2024/2025 PAL PROGRAM
GREATER NANTICOKE AREA SD	2,896.08	2024/2025 PARTIAL HOSPITALIZATION
GREATER NANTICOKE AREA SD	37,482.01	2024/2025 LIGHTHOUSE ACADEMY
GREATER NANTICOKE AREA SD	37,748.86	2024/2025 SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES
GREATER NANTICOKE AREA SD	17,700.00	2024/2025 PAL PROGRAM
GREATER NANTICOKE AREA SD	2,896.09	2024/2025 PARTIAL HOSPITALIZATION
GREATER NANTICOKE AREA SD	37,482.00	2024/2025 LIGHTHOUSE
HANOVER AREA	302,888.60	2023/2024 SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES
HANOVER AREA	2,068.83	2023/2024 TITLE I READING
HANOVER AREA	42,562.00	2023/2024 PAL PROGRAM
HANOVER AREA	293,459.23	2023/2024 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES
HANOVER AREA	44,907.84	2024/2025 SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES
HANOVER AREA	4,770.00	2024/2025 PAL PROGRAM
HANOVER AREA	15,617.50	2024/2025 LIGHTHOUSE ACADEMY
HANOVER AREA	8,134.00	2024/2025 THERAPEUTIC AUTISTIC SUPPORT
HANOVER AREA	280.00	GRAPHIC ARTS
HANOVER AREA	477.70	TRANSPERFECT
HANOVER AREA	44,907.84	2024/2025 SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES
HANOVER AREA	4,770.00	2024/2025 PAL PROGRAM
HANOVER AREA	15,617.50	2024/2025 LIGHTHOUSE
HANOVER AREA	8,134.00	2024/2025 THERAPEUTIC AUTISTIC SUPPORT
HAZLETON AREA	153.00	TRANSPERFECT
IDEMIA	1,561.00	FINGERPRINTING REIMBURSEMENT
INTERMEDIATE UNIT 1	5,000.00	2024/2025 TEAMOLOGY
LAKE LEHMAN	38,849.03	2024/2025 SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES
LAKE LEHMAN	8,460.00	2024/2025 PAL PROGRAM
LAKE LEHMAN	3,123.50	2024/2025 LIGHTHOUSE ACADEMY
LAKE LEHMAN	3,123.50	2024/2025 MEHOOPANY LIGHTHOUSE
LAKE LEHMAN	8,134.00	2024/2025 THERAPEUTIC AUTISTIC SUPPORT
LINK IT	181.50	PRINCIPALS MEETING REIMBURSEMENT
LIU RETIREES	15,660.12	RETIREE HEALTHCARE
MCIU	8,062.00	2024/2025 CSO
MEDIANEWS GROUP	603.74	REFUND
MID VALLEY	38,746.06	2023/2024 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES
MMI PREPATORY	750.00	2024/2025 DISCOVERY EDUCATION

NBHCC WIRE TRANSFER	128,686.87	2024/2025 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS
NORTHWEST AREA	20,742.30	2024/2025 SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES
NORTHWEST AREA	2,896.08	2024/2025 PARTIAL HOSPITALIZATION
NORTHWEST AREA	15,617.50	2024/2025 LIGHTHOUSE ACADEMY
NORTHWEST AREA	117,868.74	2023/2024 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES
NORTHWEST AREA	23,917.19	2023/2024 SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES
NORTHWEST AREA	20,742.30	2024/2025 SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES
NORTHWEST AREA	2,896.08	2024/2025 PARTIAL HOSPITALIZATION
NORTHWEST AREA	15,617.50	2024/2025 LIGHTHOUSE
PA DISTANCE LEARNING	290.00	ROOM RENTAL
PITTSTON AREA SD	39.10	TRANSPERFECT- 051 INV
PITTSTON AREA SD	24,791.68	2024/2025 DUAL DIAGNOSIS
PITTSTON AREA SD	126,769.14	2024/2025 CYBER REVENUE
PITTSTON AREA SD	34,959.94	2024/2025 SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES
PITTSTON AREA SD	3,180.00	2024/2025 PAL PROGRAM
PITTSTON AREA SD	2,896.08	2024/2025 PARTIAL HOSPITALIZATION
PITTSTON AREA SD	12,494.00	2024/2025 LIGHTHOUSE ACADEMY
PITTSTON AREA SD	4,067.00	2024/2025 THERAPEUTIC AUTISTIC SUPPORT
PITTSTON AREA SD	200,628.08	2023/2024 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES
PITTSTON AREA SD	34,774.00	2023/2024 PAL PROGRAM
PITTSTON AREA SD	39.10	TRANSPERFECT
RIVERSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT	103,521.00	2023/2024 SPECIAL ED SERVICES
RIVERSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT	1,314.00	2023/2024 PAL PROGRAM
RIVERSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT	304,659.06	2023/2024 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES
SCRANTON SCHOOL DISTRICT	93,958.48	2022/2023 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
SCRANTON SCHOOL DISTRICT	19,902.94	2023/2024 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES
SUNLIFE FINANCIAL	86.94	COMMON SHARE DIVIDEND
THIRD PARTY INSURANCE	679.51	2024/2025 OUTPATIENT REVENUE
TUNKHANNOCK	21,863.60	2024/2025 SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES
TUNKHANNOCK	6,247.00	2024/2025 PARTIAL (DEC)
TUNKHANNOCK	15,617.50	2024/2025 MEHOOPANY LIGHTHOUSE (DEC)
TUNKHANNOCK	16,268.00	2024/2025 THERAPEUTIC AUTISTIC SUPPORT (DEC)
TUNKHANNOCK	225,638.19	2023/2024 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES
TUNKHANNOCK	21,863.60	2024/2025 SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES
TUNKHANNOCK	6,247.00	2024/2025 PARTIAL HOSPITALIZATION
TUNKHANNOCK	15,617.50	2024/2025 MEHOOPANY
TUNKHANNOCK	16,268.00	2024/2025 THERAPEUTIC AUTISTIC SUPPORT
VALLEY VIEW	1,521.00	2023/2024 SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES
WESTERN WAYNE	8,963.00	2023/2024 SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES
WESTERN WAYNE	30,997.67	2023/2024 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES
WILKES BARRE AREA	143,936.25	2024/2025 SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES
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
WILKES BARRE AREA	40,670.00	2024/2025 THERAPEUTIC AUTISTIC SUPPORT
WILKES BARRE AREA	14,875.00	2024/2025 DUAL DIAGNOSIS
WILKES BARRE AREA	6,833.34	2024/2025 MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL
WILKES BARRE AREA	2,888.30	TRANSPERFECT
WIRE TRANSFER	1,437,215.00	IU TRANSPORTATION
WIRE TRANSFER	173,164.33	IU ACT 89 NONPUBLIC
WYOMING AREA	72,106.06	2024/2025 SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES
WYOMING AREA	4,380.00	2024/2025 PAL PROGRAM
WYOMING AREA	6,247.00	2024/2025 LIGHTHOUSE
WYOMING AREA	4,958.33	2024/2025 DUAL DIAGNOSIS
WYOMING AREA	234.60	2024/2025 TRANSPERFECT
WYOMING AREA	3,000.00	2024/2025 DISCOVERY EDUCATION
WYOMING VALLEY WEST	1,531.70	TRANSPERFECT- 056 INV
WYOMING VALLEY WEST	53,590.50	TITLE I - CHEDER MENACHEM (GIRLS)
WYOMING VALLEY WEST	55,093.00	TITLE I - CHEDER MENACHEM (BOYS)
WYOMING VALLEY WEST	3,038.50	TITLE I - GOOD SHEPHERD ACADEMY
WYOMING VALLEY WEST	143,055.15	2024/2025 SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES
WYOMING VALLEY WEST	6,120.00	2024/2025 PAL PROGRAM
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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT – DR. ANTHONY GRIECO

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Board:

The **Wyoming Valley West School District**, informed me that the Wyoming Valley West School Board met on February 5, 2025 and approved our General Operating Budget by a vote of **9 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTAINING AND 0 ABSENT**.

The **Hanover Area School District**, informed me that the Hanover Area School Board met on February 11, 2025 and approved our General Operating Budget by a vote of **8 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTAINING AND 1 ABSENT**.

The **Greater Nanticoke Area School District**, informed me that the Greater Nanticoke School Board met on February 13, 2025 and approved our General Operating Budget by a vote of **6 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTAINING AND 3 ABSENT**.

The **Tunkhannock Area School District**, informed me that the Tunkhannock Area School Board met on February 20, 2025 and approved our General Operating Budget by a vote of **8 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTAINING AND 1 ABSENT**.

The **Hazleton Area School District**, informed me that the Hazleton Area School Board met on February 20, 2025 and approved our General Operating Budget by a vote of **9 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTAINING AND 0 ABSENT**

The **Pittston Area School District**, informed me that the Pittston Area School Board met on February 18, 2025 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; 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 Special Education Certification Program Courses:

“Curriculum and Instruction with High Incidence Disabilities” taught by Stephanie Paolucci from Intermediate Unit 1 from March 10th, 2025 to April 21st, 2025

“Special Ed Law” taught by Tina Gelso from July 8th, 2025 to August 19th, 2025.

“Educational Psychology” taught by Sue Kuhl from July 9th, 2025 to August 20th, 2025.

“Literacy Foundations” taught by Loriann Hoffman from July 10th, 2025 to August 21st, 2025.

“ELL”s in the Special Education Classroom” taught by Jessica Jacobs from September 2nd, 2025 to October 16th, 2025.

“Home, School and Community Relations” taught by Deanna Mennig from September 3rd, 2025 to October 17th, 2025.

“Classroom Management and Positive Behavior Support” taught by Lynn Ziller from September 4th, 2025, to October 18th, 2025.

“Emotional Disturbance” taught by Cara Devine from November 4th, 2025, to December 16th, 2025.

“Math Instruction” taught by Richard Mackrell from November 5th, 2025 to December 17th, 2025.

B. That the Board of Directors approves the following 2 credit, 60-hour Special Education Certification Program Courses:

“Educational Psychology” taught by Sue Kuhl from July 9th, 2025 to August 20th, 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 for use/lease of school facilities reserved for May 15, 2025 for Luzerne Intermediate Unit's Annual Field Day event.

WILKES BARRE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

B. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the following Intermediate Unit Partners to provide the Special Education Certification Program within their region. Partner Intermediate Units will receive a revenue share of course tuition as outlined in the Partnership Agreement.

APPALACHIA INTERMEDIATE UNIT 8

C. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to amend the joint agreement with the following vendor for Regional Wide Area Network Services for the Luzerne Intermediate Unit and the Northeastern Educational Intermediate Unit #19 on behalf of NEPAWAN members for expanded network transmission bandwidth for the Mountain View School District.

ADAMS CABLE

D. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the following organization to provide facilities usage for a student Chief Science Officer event to be held on March 10, 2025. This project is grant-funded, and the Luzerne Intermediate Unit will incur no costs for the services.

SCRANTON/WILKES-BARRE RAILRIDERS

E. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to approve the master agreement with the following staffing agencies.

SUNBELT STAFFING, LLC
SUPPLEMENTAL HEALTH CARE

F. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the following university to provide fieldwork experience, effective from date of signing for a period of one year.

WILKES UNIVERSITY

G. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the following university to provide fieldwork experience, effective from date of signing for a period of one year.

MISERICORDIA UNIVERSITY

H. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the following for school improvement services for the 2024 – 2025 school year at the rate of \$45 an hour not to exceed 30 hours per month as needed: effective March 1, 2025.

PHIL LAELLA

I. 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, 2025 through June 30, 2026 at a cost of \$2000.00 per month.

CRESTWOOD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

2. AFFILIATION AGREEMENT

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 2024-2025 School Year.

ALL SAINTS ACADEMY
FOREST CITY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

3. CONTRACTS

A. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a contract with the following for removal of Non-Hazardous and Recyclable Waste on a bi-weekly basis at the **PAL Program, 33 West Carey Street, Plains, PA 18705**. Monthly rate shall be four hundred eighty four dollars and eighty-four cents (\$484.84) for the term of three (3) years.

WASTE MANAGEMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA, INC.

B. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a contract with the following school district for the 2024-2025 school year for Partial Hospitalization Therapeutic services at a rate of \$112.44 per day.

RIVERSIDE
NORTHWEST AREA

C. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a contract with the following school district for the 2024-2025 school year for Board Certified Behavior Analytic (BCBA) services at a rate of \$120.60 per hour.

TUNKHANNOCK AREA

4. LEASE AGREEMENTS

A. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a 60 month COSTARS lease at a total monthly cost of \$182.65 for a Canon 5225C001AA Booklet Trimmer-G1 with the following.

GOLDEN BUSINESS MACHINES, INC.

B. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to renew a five (5) year lease agreement with the following for **seven (7) copiers** at a cost of **\$44.14** per month each and a cost of **\$0.007** per copy.

JAY'S BUSINESS SYSTEMS, INC.

5. EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to purchase a POWIS Fastback 20 Binding Machine from the following at a cost of \$4,143.75.

GOLDEN BUSINESS MACHINES, INC.

6. PAYMENT FOR CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION CREDIT COURSES

That the Board of Directors authorizes payment for the following **3 credit, 90 hour continuing Professional Education Credit Courses**:

“Project-Based & Challenge-Based Learning” this course was taught by Jill Brooks from November 4 to November 30, 2024. Payment to Jill Brooks in the amount of \$100 for 1 student.

“A+ Ideas for Every Student Success” this course was taught by Colleen Anzio from February 4 to March 4, 2025. Payment to Colleen Anzio in the amount of \$200 for 2 students.

“A-Z Guide on Positive Discipline” this course was taught by Colleen Anzio from February 6 to March 6, 2025. Payment to Colleen Anzio in the amount of \$800 for 8 students.

7. SPECIAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATION PROGRAM COMPENSATION

That the Board of Directors authorizes compensation for the Special Education Certification Program upon completion of the course and submission of grades to the following faculty at the following rates:

“**Special Education I**” taught by Elizabeth Krokos a 3 credit course. Payment in the amount of \$2400 for 17 students.

“**Introduction to Curriculum and Instruction**” taught by Ty Yost a 3-credit course. Payment in the amount of \$2400 for 10 students.

“**Assessment**” taught by Suzanne McCabe a 3-credit course. Payment in the amount of \$2400 for 15 students.

8. EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR (ESY) PROFESSIONAL STAFF HOURLY RATES

That the Board of Directors approves the following Professional Staff rates for the 2025 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

9. EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR (ESY) PARAPROFESSIONAL STAFF HOURLY RATE

That the Board of Directors approves the hourly rate of \$13.00 for Paraprofessionals working in the **2025 Summer Extended School Year Program**: not to exceed 80 hours.

10. LEASE TERMINATION

That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to approve the lease termination agreement with the following.

MNP FORTY FORT, LLC

11. SCHOLARSHIP AGREEMENT

That the Board of Directors approves the terms and conditions contained in the following:

PARA-TO-TEACHER PATHWAY SCHOLARSHIP AGREEMENT

12. PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACT

That the Board of Directors approves the following full-time appointment to the Business Office for an Assistant Business Manager under a Personal Services Contract at an annual salary of \$75,000.00: effective February 27, 2025.

ANNALEIGH FUSCO

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

DECEMBER 2024

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

AGZ-ROUTE-4–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$228.31** effective **December 1, 2024**; student dropped, mileage decreased. 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 **\$449.00** effective **December 3, 2024**; student added, mileage increased; then adjusted to **\$498.86** effective **December 11, 2024**; student added, mileage increased; then adjusted to **\$32.09** effective **December 23, 2024**, student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

KV-ROUTE-3–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$402.70** effective **December 3, 2024**; student added, mileage increased; then adjusted to **\$409.23** effective **December 6, 2024**; student added, mileage increased; then adjusted to **\$35.84** effective **December 23, 2024**, student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

KV-ROUTE-7–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$363.81** effective **December 3, 2024**; student added, mileage increased; then adjusted to **\$480.40** effective **December 6, 2024**; student added, mileage increased; then adjusted to **\$120.86** effective **December 23, 2024**, student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

KV-ROUTE-8–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$463.77** effective **December 3, 2024**; student added, mileage increased; then adjusted to **\$444.37** effective **December 5, 2024**; student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

KV-ROUTE-10–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$371.82** effective **December 3, 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 **\$443.26** effective **December 3, 2024**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area and Wyoming Area School Districts.

KV-ROUTE-12–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$380.76** effective **December 18, 2024**; student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

KV-ROUTE-13–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$315.76** effective **December 3, 2024**; student dropped, mileage decreased; then adjusted to **\$384.21** effective **December 17, 2024**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

KV-ROUTE-20–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$503.59** effective **December 5, 2024**; student added, mileage increased; then adjusted to **\$64.44** effective **December 23, 2024**; student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Pittston Area, Western Wayne and Wilkes Barre Area School Districts.

KV-ROUTE-21–Awarded at the daily rate of **\$57.82** effective **December 3, 2024**; then adjusted to **\$423.19** effective **December 10, 2024**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area, Hanover Area and Greater Nanticoke Area School Districts.

MICHAEL SHUSTA-462 SECOND ST-PLYMOUTH, PA 18651

MS-ROUTE-3–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$185.09** effective **December 16, 2024**; student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

RE TRANSPORTATION – 483 BLACKMAN ST-WILKES BARRE, PA 18702

RE-ROUTE-1–Adjusted to the daily rate at **\$207.52** effective **December 15, 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-2—Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$221.36** effective **December 11, 2024**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area and Wyoming Area School Districts.

RT-ROUTE-9—Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$190.44** effective **December 1, 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 **\$160.86** effective **December 1, 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 **\$179.61** effective **December 16, 2024**; student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

RT-ROUTE-17—Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$215.82** effective **December 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-1—Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$143.99** effective **December 2, 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 **\$88.81** effective **December 2, 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 **\$95.41** effective **December 2, 2024**; student dropped, mileage decreased; then adjusted to **\$130.16** effective **December 11, 2024**, student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Pittston Area School District.

STI-ROUTE-5—Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$140.14** effective **December 2, 2024**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

STI-ROUTE-6—Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$198.60** effective **December 2, 2024**; student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

STI-ROUTE-11—Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$201.24** effective **December 2, 2024**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

STI-ROUTE-16-Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$42.72** effective **December 2, 2024**; student dropped, mileage decreased. 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 **\$253.85** effective **December 2, 2024**; student dropped, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

WVW TRANSPORT – REAR 148 CHERRY STREET, PLYMOUTH, PA 18651

WVW-ROUTE 1-Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$107.47** effective **December 15, 2024**; student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

WVW-ROUTE 2-Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$68.66** effective **December 11, 2024**; student dropped, mileage decreased; then adjusted to **\$192.95** effective **December 12, 2024**, student added, mileage increased; then adjusted to **\$115.84** effective **December 16, 2024**, student dropped, mileage decreased; then adjusted to **\$105.05** effective **December 17, 2024**, student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

WVW-ROUTE 3-Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$155.49** effective **December 9, 2024**; student added, mileage increased; then adjusted to **\$101.87** effective **December 11, 2024**, student dropped, mileage decreased; then adjusted to **\$171.58** effective **December 17, 2024**, student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

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AVIT TRANSPORT LLC – 159 BEADE ST-PLYMOUTH, PA 18651

AT-ROUTE-1-Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$273.12** effective **January 15, 2025**; student added, mileage increased; then adjusted to **\$265.86** effective **January 29, 2025**, student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

CONSTANCE KOZO-O'BRIEN – 11 MEMORIAL ST.- EXETER, PA 18643

CO-ROUTE-1-Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$268.53** effective **January 28, 2025**; student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

FRANK CIAVARELLA – 326 LEE PARK AVE, HANOVER TWP, PA 18706

FJ-ROUTE-1-Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$31.15** effective **January 6, 2025**; student dropped, mileage decreased; then adjusted to **\$152.60** effective **January 13, 2025**,

student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area and Dallas School Districts.

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

KV-ROUTE-1–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$502.67** effective **January 13, 2025**; student added, mileage increased; then adjusted to **\$452.26** effective **January 27, 2025**; student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

KV-ROUTE-3–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$327.46** effective **January 23, 2025**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

KV-ROUTE-4–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$479.42** effective **January 13, 2025**; student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

KV-ROUTE-7–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$459.82** effective **January 2, 2025**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

KV-ROUTE-9–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$349.27** effective **January 2, 2025**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

KV-ROUTE-14–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$399.32** effective **January 3, 2025**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

KV-ROUTE-15–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$436.49** effective **January 27, 2025**; student dropped, mileage decreased; then adjusted to **\$464.95** effective **January 29, 2025**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

KV-ROUTE-18–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$336.38** effective **January 13, 2025**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

KV-ROUTE-20–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$521.16** effective **January 2, 2025**; student added, mileage increased; then adjusted to **\$499.15** effective **January 6, 2025**; student dropped, mileage decreased; then adjusted to **\$520.44** effective **January 23, 2025**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Pittston Area and Wilkes Barre Area School Districts.

PATRICIA KAMOR-702 SUSQUEHANNA AVE-EXETER, PA 18643

PK-ROUTE-1–Adjusted to a daily rate of **\$65.98** effective **January 9, 2025**; student dropped, mileage decreased. 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 **\$232.70** effective **January 8, 2025**; student dropped, mileage increased; then adjusted to **\$213.31** effective **January 29, 2025**, student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

HOMELESS/PDE 2024-2025**DECEMBER 2024****STI HAZLETON TRANSPORTATION LLC-P.O. BOX 2438-HAZLETON, PA 18201**

STI-PDE-ROUTE-2-Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$61.25** effective **December 2, 2024**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

STI-PDE-ROUTE-9-Awarded at the daily rate of **\$42.72** effective **December 2, 2024**. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

JANUARY 2025**MICHAEL SHUSTA-462 SECOND ST-PLYMOUTH, PA 18651**

MS-PDE-ROUTE-3-Awarded at the daily rate of **\$85.77** effective **January 15, 2025**. 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. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

That the Board of Directors approves the following stipend of \$300/week: effective July 1, 2025 for after hours Transportation Administrative Services to the Crestwood Area School District.

DAVE SIMONOVICH

2. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

A. That the Board of Directors approves the following part-time Licensed Mental Health Professional (MHP) to serve as an Outpatient therapist; at a starting 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.

OLIVIA GATTO

B. That the Board of Directors approves the following full-time 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 February 27, 2025.

ELIZABETH KUDER

C. That the Board of Directors approves the following part-time Mental Health Worker (MHW) for the Outpatient program; at an hourly rate of \$25.00 per hour: effective date to be determined. All appointments are made pending receipt of all state mandated clearances and human resource paperwork.

SARA CASTÍLLO

D. That the Board of Directors approves the following practicum student from Misericordia University for the Behavioral Health program, effective date to be determined; all appointments are made pending receipt of all state mandated clearances.

JENNA HESS

E. That the Board of Directors approves the following intern from Cairn University; effective: January 13, 2025 to May 8, 2025.

HAYLEY BUSH

F. That the Board of Directors accepts, with regret, the position refusals of the following Behavioral Health employees.

AMANDA WILSON – Mental Health Professional (MHP)

JENNIFER HUDOCK – Licensed Mental Health Professional (MHP)

G. That the Board of Directors accepts, with regret, the resignations of the following Behavioral Health employee:

OLIVIA GATTO – Full-time MT: effective February 21, 2025

LYNN RAVE– Full-time BHT-ABA: effective March 7, 2025

3. **OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING**

A. 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:

RICHARD BONOMO

B. That the Board of Directors accepts, with regret, the resignation of the following Office of Professional Learning employee:

TARA BRUZA-Act 93: effective date to be determined

4. **SPECIAL EDUCATION**

A. That the Board of Directors accepts, with regret, the following position refusals.

MARLA KOVATCH – Speech and Language Pathologist

EMILY CHESKIEWICZ – Speech and Language Pathologist

B. That the Board of Directors approves the following appointment as **Reading Specialist**, 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 resource paperwork.

KATRINA ROSATO

C. That the Board of Directors approves the following appointment 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.

KARA LUKACHINSKY

D. That the Board of Directors approves the following teachers to deliver **GED preparation/credit recovery** as needed, not to exceed 5 hours per week at an hourly rate determined by the contract, effective the 2024-2025 school year, located at the Northeast Secure Treatment Unit.

DAVID COOPER
CHESTER DUDICK
LOGAN FITZSIMMONS
AMANDA LLOYD
CHERI SHAVER

E. That the Board of Directors accepts, with regret, the resignation of the following Special Education employee:

ELIZABETH KUDER – Paraprofessional: effective February 27, 2025

5. **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 – February 5, 2025 – Half Day
NICOLE DANIELS – February 5, 2025 – Half Day
MARIA MORREALE – February 5, 2025 – Half Day

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 – 1.5 Days
EMPLOYEE #2973 – 4.75 Days
EMPLOYEE #1143 – 1 Day
EMPLOYEE #1829 – 29 Days

7. **BOARD POLICIES REVISIONS**

A. That the Board of Directors approves the **second 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

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

POLICY 103- DISCRIMINATION/TITLE IX SEXUAL HARASSMENT AFFECTING STUDENTS

POLICY 104- DISCRIMINATION/ TITLE IX SEXUAL HARASSMENT AFFECTING STAFF

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 **MARCH 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