

INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
JUNE 18, 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 **May 21, 2025.**

TREASURER'S REPORT – MS. THOMAS

M_____ moves and M_____seconds the following motions:

May 1, 2025 through May 31, 2025.

	BEGINNING BALANCES	TOTAL REVENUES	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	BALANCE FORWARD
Luzerne Intermediate Unit – General Fund	5,834,228.46	3,865,808.55	3,750,169.35	5,949,867.66
Nonpublic School Services Program				
Fund 11 – Act 89	1,719,471.31	2,976.35	74,661.81	1,647,785.85
Special Education Department				
Fund 23 – Special Education	2,387,659.89	1,562,040.16	1,363,294.31	2,586,405.74
Fund 24 – Transportation	1,473,108.04	1,481,381.88	627,296.56	2,327,193.36
School Lunch Program	7.86	-	-	7.86
Behavioral Health Program	6,109,593.71	863,340.45	753,677.24	6,219,256.92
Payroll Account	55,220.31	2,181,539.17	2,144,887.32	91,872.16
Accounts Payable	5,848.37	-	-	5,848.37
Federal and State Programs:				
IDEA -- 2, 3 ,4	3,623,436.74	735,791.13	226,397.56	4,132,830.31
MOSES TAYLOR NURSING GRANT -- 5	(5,000.00)	-	503.00	(5,503.00)
PCCD NONPUBLIC SAFETY GRANT - 6	(118,044.86)	118,044.86	10,535.57	(10,535.57)
PCCD SECURITY GRANT -- 9	(36,398.00)	25,472.00	9,639.00	(20,565.00)
LUZ COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH GRANT -- 12	(375.15)	-	1,703.54	(2,078.69)
UNITED WAY -- 17	(1,249.79)	5,872.00	5,231.92	(609.71)
STEM -- 27	101,181.85	-	6,073.44	95,108.41
PREK COUNTS -- 28	(45,123.69)	76,666.66	1,009.90	30,533.07

ELECT--37	(32,629.85)	83,010.00	23,607.03	26,773.12
STATEWIDE SYSTEM OF SUPPORT	202,182.50	118,265.00	3,600.00	316,847.50
HOMELESS--51	33,107.44	13,243.83	17,328.84	29,022.43
ACCESS--63	3,946,328.43	-	15,164.83	3,931,163.59
CSI -- 64	(5,908.82)	-	2,250.00	(8,158.82)
TITLE III---73	(6,780.17)	7,332.00	5,247.00	(4,695.17)

The following programs had no expenditures for the month of May 2025:

PCCD MENTAL HEALTH & SAFETY GRANT

- 14	(7,500.00)	7,500.00	-	-
OBERKOTTER -- 20	25,138.33	-	-	25,138.33
ARP I ESSER HOMELESS - 50	(330,024.25)	330,024.25	-	(0.00)
ARPII ESSER HOMELESS -- 52	(33,928.60)	33,928.60	-	(0.00)
TITLE I PART D DELINQUENT CHILDREN -- 53	32,290.52	103,458.00	-	135,748.52
TITLE I FOSTER CARE-- 80	-	-	-	-

MAY FEDERAL AND STATE REVENUES

TITLE III LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION	7,332.00
IDEA-B	735,791.13
DELINQUENT CHILDREN	103,458.00
SAFETY INITIATIVES	107,590.03
HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH	13,243.83
STANDARD BASED INSTRUCTION	10,675.00
ARP ESSER HOMELESS	33,928.60
PREK COUNTS	76,666.66

TOTAL SUBSIDY	1,088,685.25
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MAY 2025 REVENUES

AETNA	479.28	2024/2025 OUTPATIENT REVENUE
ALLEGHENY IU	4,750.00	REMAKE LEARNING

ALLEGHENY IU	1,250.00	REMAKE LEARNING
BEAR CREEK CHARTER SCHOOL	11.90	TRANSPERFECT
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PATIENT SVCS	20.00	2024/2025 OUTPATIENT REVENUE
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PATIENT SVCS	10.00	2024/2025 OUTPATIENT REVENUE
COMMONWEALTH OF PA	97.40	2024/2025 SBBH PROGRAMS
COMMUNITY CARE WIRE TRANSFER	251,424.00	2024/2025 SBBH APA PAYMENT
CRESTWOOD	37,847.65	2024/2025 SPECIAL ED SERVICES
CRESTWOOD	9,916.67	2024/2025 DUAL DIAGNOSIS
CRESTWOOD	37,857.65	2024/2025 SPECIAL ED SERVICES
CRESTWOOD	9,916.67	2024/2025 DUAL DIAGNOSIS
CURRICULUM SERVICES	1,230.00	SPECIAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATION PROGRAM
DALLAS SD	100,000.00	2023/2024 SPECIAL ED SERVICES
HANOVER AREA	44,907.84	2024/2025 SPECIAL ED 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
IDEMIA	1,171.00	FINGERPRINTING REIMBURSEMENT
LAKE LEHMAN	38,349.03	2024/2025 SPECIAL ED SERVICES
LAKE LEHMAN	8,460.00	2024/2025 PAL PROGRAM
LAKE LEHMAN	6,247.00	2024/2025 LIGHTHOUSE ACADEMY
LAKE LEHMAN	8,134.00	2024/2025 THERAPEUTIC AUTISTIC SUPPORT
LANDS AT HILLSIDE FARMS	382.00	DREAM GREEN
LIGHTHOUSE REIMBURSEMENT	202.00	REIMBURSEMENT
LIU RETIREES	11,454.93	HEALTHCARE REIMBURSEMENT
MCIU	51,441.08	2024/2025 PROJECT AWARE
NANTICOKE AREA	37,748.86	2024/2025 SPECIAL ED SERVICES
NANTICOKE AREA	17,700.00	2024/2025 PAL PROGRAM
NANTICOKE AREA	2,896.08	2024/2025 PARTIAL HOSPITALIZATION
NANTICOKE AREA	37,482.00	2024/2025 LIGHTHOUSE ACADEMY
NANTICOKE AREA	202.30	TRANSPERFECT
NBHCC WIRE TRANSFER	193,506.22	2024/2025 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS
NORTHWEST	20,742.30	2024/2025 SPECIAL ED SERVICES
NORTHWEST	2,896.08	2024/2025 PARTIAL HOSPITALIZATION
NORTHWEST	15,617.50	2024/2025 LIGHTHOUSE ACADEMY
NORTHWEST AREA	250.00	REMAKE LEARNING
PITTSTON AREA SD	34,959.94	2024/2025 SPECIAL ED 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
REVERSE INCLUSION SERVICES	3,618.13	2024/2025 TUITION
THIRD PARTY INSURANCE	14,321.23	2024/2025 OUTPATIENT REVENUE
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	150.00	TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

TUNKHANNOCK	21,863.60	2024/2025 SPECIAL ED SERVICES
TUNKHANNOCK	6,247.00	2024/2025 MEHOOPANY PARTIAL
TUNKHANNOCK	15,617.50	2024/2025 MEHOOPANY LIGHTHOUSE
TUNKHANNOCK	16,268.00	2024/2025 THERAPEUTIC AUTISTIC SUPPORT
TUNKHANNOCK	32,960.98	2024/2025 ESL SERVICES
WILKES BARRE AREA	56,511.66	2024/2025 ESL SERVICES
WILKES BARRE AREA	143,936.25	2024/2025 SPECIAL ED 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 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	6,833.34	2024/2025 MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL
WIRE TRANSFER	196,294.46	2024/2025 SOCIAL SECURITY
WIRE TRANSFER	1,478,932.48	2024/2025 IU TRANSPORTATION SUBSIDY
WIRE TRANSFER	151,308.01	2024/2025 IU SPECIAL ED CORE
WIRE TRANSFER	25,472.00	2024/2025 PCCD GRANT
WIRE TRANSFER	7,500.00	2024/2025 PCCD GRANT
WIRE TRANSFER	118,044.86	2024/2025 PCCD GRANT
WIRE TRANSFER	83,010.00	2024/2025 ELECT PROGRAM
WIRE TRANSFER	82,981.75	HOMELESS SETTLEMENT
WYOMING AREA	72,106.06	2024/2025 SPECIAL ED SERVICES
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 VALLEY WEST	143,055.15	2024/2025 SPECIAL ED 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:

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
GROUNDS COMMITTEE- JOHN ADONIZIO, CHAIRPERSON; RICK STEVENS AND
LARRY SCHULER.**

M._____ moves and M_____ seconds the following motion:

1. MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING

That the Board of Directors authorizes the Memorandums of Understanding by and between the Luzerne Intermediate Unit as the school entity and the following Law Enforcement Authorities effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027:

PA STATE POLICE, TUNKHANNOCK
PLAINS TOWNSHIP
PITTSTON TOWNSHIP

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 to Special Education Certification Program.

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

“Literacy Foundations” taught by Loriann Hoffman from July 8, 2025 to August 19, 2025.

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

“Literacy Foundations” taught by Mark Umphred from July 10, 2025 to August 21, 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 school improvement services for the 2025 – 2026 school year at the rate of \$45 an hour not to exceed 30 hours per month as needed- effective: July 1, 2025.

PHIL LATELLA

B. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the following for 50 hours per month at the rate of \$45.00 an hour in programmatic support to Hazleton Area Freeland Elementary/Middle School, McAdoo Elementary/Middle School, and Wilkes Barre Area Solomon Plains Middle School through the Comprehensive School Improvement model for the 2025-2026 school year.

B³ SOLUTIONS

C. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a linkage agreement with the following agency as required for licensure for that agency.

CHILDREN'S SERVICE CENTER OF WYOMING VALLEY

D. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the following to provide clinical field experience, effective for one year from date of last signature.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

E. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the following for contracted educational consulting services, effective date July 1, 2025, at a rate of \$60.00/hour.

POPSON EDUCATIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC

F. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the following for in school nursing services: effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

BAYADA HOME HEALTH CARE INC.

2. AGREEMENT RENEWALS

A. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to renew an agreement for E-Rate consulting services for E-rate applications and compliance requirements during the term of the 2025-2026 school year. Services rendered will be for the E-rate Funding Years 2024, 2025, and 2026 for the Northeastern PA RWAN Consortium.

CSM CONSULTING INC.

B. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to renew an agreement for E-Rate consulting services for E-rate applications and compliance requirements during the term of the 2025-2026 school year. Services rendered will be for the E-rate Funding Years 2024, 2025, and 2026 for the Luzerne Intermediate Unit.

CSM CONSULTING INC.

3. CONTRACTS

A. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a contract with the following for the 2025-2026 school year.

PRO ABA PEDIATRIC SERVICES

B. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a contract with the following School District for the Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 to provide ABA Services for the 2025-2026 school year:

WYOMING AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

C. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the following School District for the Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 to provide a Mental Health Specialist for the 2025-2026 school year:

WESTSIDE CTC

D. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to approve the following 2-year contract for psychiatric services within the Behavioral Health Program. **2025-2026:** \$190 per hour not to exceed 30 hours per week including 72 hours of paid time off. **2026-2027:** \$195 per hour not to exceed 30 hours a week including 78 hours of paid time off: effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027.

DR. KHALID MAMHOOD

4. LIU SAFETY AND SECURITY REPORT

That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to approve the LIU 18 Safety and Security Report for 2024-2025 as presented by the Safety & Security Coordinator in Executive Session.

5. **LIU 18 EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN**

That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to approve updates to the LIU 18 Emergency Operations Plan as submitted.

6. **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 20, 2024

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.

7. **INSURANCE COVERAGE**

That the Board of Directors approves the Insurance Proposal for the Luzerne Intermediate Unit fiscal year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, as proposed by Risk Strategies/Joyce, Jackman and Bell, **subject to change upon review by solicitor.**

8. **BUDGET RENEW APPLICATION**

That the Board of Directors approves the Federal Contract Application for the IDEA grant in the amount of \$11,124,404.00 for the Individuals with Disabilities Act for Local Education and Chapter I Handicapped. This project will run from the July 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026. This budget application will be approved by our member district superintendents by show of their signatures on the appropriate pages (**subject to change upon receipt of final PDE allocation**).

9. **2025-2026 SPECIAL EDUCATION BUDGET**

That the Board of Directors approves a budget of \$13,295,829.00 as set forth in the LIU Instructional Program Budget PDE-2087 for the programs and services for exceptional children for the school year 2025-2026 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 \$2,515,685.00, which is a State allocation for Special Education administrative services (**subject to change upon receipt of final PDE allocation**).

10. **TRANSPORTATION BUDGET**

That the Board of Directors approves a budget of \$5,266,392.00 as set forth in the 2025/2026 LIU Transportation Budget PDE-2095.

11. **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to approve the payment of bills for the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2025) and for the month of July 2025.

12. 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 2025-2026 IDEA-Part B allocation to provide Component 2 services to its constituent LEAs.

13. SPECIAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATION PROGRAM COMPENSATION

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

“Curriculum and Instruction for High Incidence Disabilities” taught by Cara Devine a 3-credit course. Payment in the amount of \$2400 for 12 students.

“Early Intervention” taught by JoAnn Pepsin, a 3-credit course. Payment in the amount of \$2400 for 11 students.

14. 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:

“Curriculum and Instruction for Students with High Incidence Disabilities” taught by Cara Devine, a 3-credit course. Payment in the amount of \$2400 for 12 students.

“Curriculum and Instruction for Students with High Incidence Disabilities” taught by Brittany Kalinay, a 3-credit course. Payment in the amount of \$2400 for 14 students.

“Introduction to Special Education II” taught by Andrew Rivera, a 3-credit course. Payment in the amount of \$2400 for 23 students.

“Introduction to Special Education II” taught by Elizabeth Krokos, a 3-credit course. Payment in the amount of \$2400 for 12 students.

“Instructional Planning” taught by Sue Kuhl, a 3-credit course. Payment in the amount of \$2400 for 17 students.

15. ADMINISTRATIVE CALENDAR

That the Board of Directors approves the Luzerne Intermediate Unit Administrative Calendar for the fiscal year July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

16. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Act 93 Group: effective June 18, 2025 through August 31, 2025.

17. LEASE AGREEMENT

That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a lease agreement, with the following, for the Real Academy, located 111-112 Gateway Shopping Center, Edwardsville: effective August 30, 2025 through August 31, 2030. Pending solicitor review and approval.

MUSTO & DAUGHTER REAL ESTATE

**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

APRIL 2025

PACE TRANSPORTATION-PO BOX 1015-PITTSTON, PA 18640

PT-ROUTE-7—Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$351.24** effective **April 15, 2025**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area and Wyoming Area School Districts.

PT-ROUTE-13—Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$295.19** effective **April 16, 2025**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area and Wyoming Area School Districts.

PT-ROUTE-14—Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$373.89** effective **April 9, 2025**; 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-ROUTE-1—Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$214.03** effective **April 28, 2025**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

STI-ROUTE-4—Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$92.18** effective **April 2, 2025**; student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Pittston Area School District.

STI-ROUTE-6—Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$183.52** effective **April 1, 2025**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

STI-ROUTE-13–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$70.41** effective **April 1, 2025**; student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

STI-ROUTE-16–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$117.66** effective **April 1, 2025**; student dropped, mileage decreased; then adjusted to **\$149.40** effective **April 22, 2025**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

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

AGZ-ROUTE-3–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$215.94** effective **May 1, 2025**; student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

AGZ-ROUTE-4–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$229.30** effective **May 1, 2025**; student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

AGZ-ROUTE-6–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$232.85** effective **May 7, 2025**; student added, mileage increased. 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 **\$215.94** effective **May 1, 2025**; 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 **\$337.59** effective **May 1, 2025**; 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-3–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$375.32** effective **May 21, 2025**; student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

KV-ROUTE-4–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$521.47** effective **May 5, 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 **May 1, 2025**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

KV-ROUTE-16–Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$372.64** effective **May 1, 2025**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

KV-ROUTE-24—Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$565.66** effective **May 1, 2025**; student added, mileage increased; then adjusted to **\$314.16** effective **May 5, 2025**; student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area and Pittston Area School Districts.

PACE TRANSPORTATION-PO BOX 1015-PITTSTON, PA 18640

PT-ROUTE-10—Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$184.14** effective **May 19, 2025**; 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-ROUTE-4—Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$151.07** effective **May 15, 2025**; student added, mileage increased; then adjusted to **\$130.16** effective **May 28, 2025**; student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Pittston Area School District.

STI-ROUTE-7—Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$83.02** effective **May 1, 2025**; student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

HOMELESS/PDE 2024-2025

APRIL 2025

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

STI-PDE-ROUTE-8—Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$114.64** effective **April 1, 2025**; 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. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

That the Board of Directors rescind the following motion of April 23, 2025:

That the Board of Directors authorizes the hourly rate of \$10.00 for the following employee for work beyond the contracted day outlined in the LIU ESP Collective Bargaining Agreement: effective April 4, 2025.

MICHAEL SANTOR

2. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

A. That the Board of Directors approves the following School Psychologist to work up to 26 hours for the summer of 2025 to support the Project AWARE grant at the contracted per diem rate, effective date June 19, 2025.

AMANDA GERNHART

B. That the Board of Directors approves the following full-time appointment in the Behavioral Health Department for Mobile Therapist within the Community and School-Based Behavioral Health Team, under the Act 93 contract, at a yearly salary of \$44,000. Effective date pending approval of IBHS Mobile Therapist Waiver. All appointments are made pending receipt of all state mandated clearances and human resource paperwork.

KORREN HICKS

C. That the Board of Directors approves the following full-time Behavioral Health Technicians (BHT), per the Intermediate Unit Education Association for Behavioral Health contract. Effective date to be determined. All appointments are made pending receipt of all state mandated clearances and human resource paperwork:

MARLEY MYERS
EDWARD BURDULIS

D. That the Board of Directors approves the following part-time Behavioral Consultant (BC), per the Intermediate Unit Education Association for Behavioral Health contract. Effective date July 1, 2025. All appointments are made pending receipt of all state mandated clearances and human resource paperwork:

ASHLEY MOONEY

E. That the Board of Directors approves the following part-time Mobile Therapist (MT), per the Intermediate Unit Education Association for Behavioral Health contract. Effective date July 1, 2025. All appointments are made pending receipt of all state mandated clearances and human resource paperwork:

ASHLEY MOONEY

F. That the Board of Directors approves the following part-time Behavioral Health Technicians (BHT), per the Intermediate Unit Education Association for Behavioral Health contract. Effective date July 1, 2025. All appointments are made pending receipt of all state mandated clearances and human resource paperwork:

DEREK WHITESELL
GENA MCCLEMON

G. That the Board of Directors approves the following employees to work as a nurse within the Behavioral Health Programs from June 23, 2025 through August 13, 2025: at the professional rate of \$35.84, not to exceed 12 hours per week for summer of 2025:

SUSAN FLYNN
CHRISTINE BOTTGER

H. That the Board of Directors accepts, with regrets, the position refusals of the following Behavioral Health employee:

MARYLILLIAN STEPANSKI – Full-time Mobile Therapist

I. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to reappoint the following Behavioral Health employees as part-time Behavioral Health Technicians:

ANTONIA CAMERA
CHANDRA DANIELS
REBEKAH LEVA
SARAH LOVE
JUDY HARTIGAN
KRISTEN MURRAY
JODIE SHULTZ
VALERIE ROSPIGLIOSI
LYNN SZAFRAN

J. That the board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to reappoint the following Behavioral Health employees as part-time Mental Health Professionals:

CHERYL BAYO
ROB WERNER
MALANE GALLAGHER

NOELLE SERAFIN
ALEX BRANAM
ROBERT FRENCH

K. That the board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to reappoint the following Behavioral Health employees as part-time Mental Health Workers:

TONI POWELL
APRIL AGOSTINI
LONI PICARELLA

L. That the Board of Directors accepts, with regrets, the resignations of the following Behavioral Health employees:

REBECCA BARBER – Part-time Mental Health Professional, effective June 10, 2025
MEGAN BRITTAIN – Full-time Behavioral Health Technician, effective June 11, 2025
NANCY HICKOK – Full-time Mobile Therapist, effective June 13, 2025
MELISSA PEALER – Part-time Art Therapist, effective August 14, 2025
LESLIE SOSA – Part-time Behavioral Health Technician, effective June 11, 2025

3. OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

A. That the Board of Directors approves the rehiring of the following part-time English as a Second Language (ESL) teacher(s) for the 2025-26 school year, at the hourly rate of \$31.16, for a maximum of 29.5 hours per week, without benefits pending receipt of all required paperwork and state mandated clearances.

JAMIE PITCAVAGE
RYLEE MAROTTO
LAURA PLISHKA
AUDREY VOYTON
BAILEY LOYACK
ALEXIS CLARK
ALLIE PILEGGI
KARA VESEK
IRELYN JANNUZZI

B. That the Board of Directors approves the following appointment to the Guest Teacher Program for 2025/2026 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:

SAMANTHA CHRISTIAN

4. PERSONALIZED ACADEMY OF LEARNING

That the Board of Directors accepts, with regret, the retirement of the following Director of Personalized Academy of Learning: effective August 31, 2025.

RONALD MUSTO

5. SPECIAL EDUCATION

A. APPOINTMENTS – EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR 2025

That the Board of Directors approves the following professional appointments to the **2025 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 human resources paperwork.

CLASSROOM TEACHERS

ABBY BONCZEWSKI**

SHERADYN BORIS

RILEY COON

DIONNE FISHER

MEGAN HUGHES

MARIAH JENSEN

CRYSTAL KANE**

JACKIE LOWE-PAUPST

DANIEL LUCE II

ANDREW NOVROCKI**

ERIN SCIANDRA

SUZANNE SERINO

RACHEL SHOOK

JUDY SIMON-LONG**

MIA SNYDER**

SCHOOL NURSE

CHRISTINE BOTTGER**

SUSAN FLYNN**

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST

DEANNA SHIMKO

AUDREY ROCCOGRANDI

TEACHER OF THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED

PETER FERDINAND**

**WORKED ESY 2024

B. ESY CLASSROOM TEACHERS

That the Board of Directors approves the following professional appointments to the **2025 Extended School Year Program**, not to exceed 80 hours, at the hourly rate of \$31.16, and that all placements and locations are provisional pending student population and receipt of all state mandated clearances and human resources paperwork.

CLASSROOM TEACHERS

PATRICK NELSON

KYLEE GALE

MELENY PEREZ-ABREU**

ERIKA SUTLIF

WORKED ESY 2024

C. **SUPPORT STAFF**

That the Board of Directors approves the following support staff appointments to the **2025 Extended School Year Program**, not to exceed 80 hours, at the hourly rate of \$13.00, and that all placements and locations are provisional pending student population and receipt of all state mandated clearances and human resources paperwork.

PATTI AUFIERE

HATTIE CARUSO

MAIA COSTAGLIOLA

GISELLA DAUCHERT

DREW DELUCCA

BRANDON EGENSKI

SARAH MAY FISHER

JILLIAN GUSTIN

JOSEPH JACOBS

LILY KASA

MAYA KASA

REGINA LAWTON.

ISABEL MIDDLETON**

ERICA ORTEGA

SANTINO ZAFFUTO

**WORKED ESY 2024

D. That the Board of Directors approves the following **Job-Coaches** to the **2025 Extended School Year Program**, not to exceed 80 hours, at an hourly rate of \$24.00, and that all placements are provisional pending student population and receipt of all state mandated clearances:

JACK BRADY

JULIE BRYK-CONWAY

SARAH STREDNEY

E. That the Board of Directors accepts, with regret, the following position refusal for the **2025 Extended School Year Program**:

MARGARET BALARA- Teacher
SANDY CASTERLIN- Paraprofessional
JENNIFER MITKOWSKI – Paraprofessional
SHAMAR MOSS – Paraprofessional
AMY RAU- Teacher
LARA ZLUCHOWSKI – School Social Worker

F. That the Board of Directors amends the following motion from May 21, 2025:

That the Board of Directors approves the following professional appointments to the **2025 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 human resources paperwork.

CLASSROOM TEACHER
LINDSEY GRUVER**

The amended motion will read:

That the Board of Directors approves the following professional appointments to the **2025 Extended School Year Program**, not to exceed 80 hours, at the hourly rate of \$31.16, and that all placements and locations are provisional pending student population and receipt of all state mandated clearances and human resources paperwork.

CLASSROOM TEACHER
LINDSEY GRUVER**

G. That the Board of Directors approves the following appointment(s) as **Special Education Teachers**, per the LIU Education Association Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective date the beginning of the 2025-2026 School Year. All appointments are made pending receipt of all state mandated clearances and human resources paperwork.

JANINE KRAVITSKY
ANN MALO

H. That the Board of Directors approves the following appointment to **School Psychologist** position, under the Professional Contract; effective date the beginning of the 2025-2026 School Year. All appointments are made pending receipt of all state mandated clearances and human resource paperwork.

PATRICK DOUGHERTY

I. That the Board of Directors approves the following appointment to **School Social Worker** position, under the Professional Contract: effective the 2025-2026 School Year. All appointments are made pending receipt of all state mandated clearances and human resource paperwork.

JESSICA LOHMANN

J. That the Board of Directors appoints the following **Special Education Para-Educator**, as per the LIU Educational Support Professionals Association Agreement: effective date 2025-2026 school year. All appointments are made pending receipt of all state mandated clearances and human resource paperwork.

JULIE FRUSHON

K. That the Board of Directors accepts, with regret, the following Special Education position refusal:

LARA ZLUCHOWSKI – School Social Worker

L. That the Board of Directors approves the following appointment to the Office Assistant position at a rate 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.

MORGAN SERPICO

M. That the Board of Directors accepts, with regrets, the retirement of the following Special Education Teacher: effective end of 2025-2026 school year.

MILLARD GALAT

N. That the Board of Directors accepts, with regrets, the resignation of the following Supervisor of Special Education: effective June 30, 2025.

JOANN PEPSIN

6. REQUESTS FOR UNPAID LEAVES OF ABSENCE

That the Board of Directors approves the following requests for an unpaid leave of absence for the following employees:

EMPLOYEE #2061 – 1 Day

EMPLOYEE #2973 – .5 Days

EMPLOYEE #2409 – 1 Day

EMPLOYEE #3001 – 1 Day

EMPLOYEE #1993 – 1.5 Days

EMPLOYEE #2672 – 2.5 Days
EMPLOYEE #2410 – 1.25 Days
EMPLOYEE #1487 – 1.5 Days
EMPLOYEE #2793 – 1 Day
EMPLOYEE #2370 – 12.75 Days
EMPLOYEE #3144 – 3 Days
EMPLOYEE #2791 - .75 days

7. REQUEST FOR MILITARY LEAVE

That the Board of Directors approves the request for Military Leave, from September 9, 2025 to October 17, 2025, for the following employee:

EMPLOYEE #2556

8. BOARD POLICY REVISIONS

That the Board of Directors approves the **second reading** of the following board policy revisions.

POLICY 417 - CONDUCT/DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES
POLICY 417.1 - EDUCATOR MISCONDUCT
POLICY 320 - FREEDOM OF SPEECH BY EMPLOYEES
POLICY 420 – FREEDOM OF SPEECH BY EMPLOYEES

9. REQUEST FOR JURY DUTY LEAVE

That the Board of Directors approves the following request for Jury Duty leave beginning June 23, 2025 and that she be compensated her daily rate less the amount received for jury duty.

KATHRYN KOSTROBALA

10. SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY COORDINATOR

That the Board of Directors authorizes the following as ACT 44 School Safety and Security Coordinator: effective July 1, 2025.

JOSEPH DELUCCA

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 **AUGUST 6, 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