

INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
SEPTEMBER 24, 2025

President calls for the swearing in of newly appointed member to the LIU Board of Directors, Peter Butera representative from Wyoming Area School District. The board term expires on June 30, 2028.

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

Larry Schuler, Secretary – Dallas

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

Peter Butera – Wyoming Area

Joe Caffrey – Wilkes Barre Area

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 Provider 50, Jennifer Runquist

Director of Human Resources and Policy, Nicholas Audi

Public Comments:

SECRETARY'S REPORT – MR. SCHULER

M_____ moves and M_____ seconds the motion to approve the minutes from the Reorganization Meeting of August 6, 2025 and the Regular Meeting of August 6, 2025.

TREASURER'S REPORT – MS. THOMAS

M_____ moves and M_____ seconds the following motions:

July 1, 2025 through August 31, 2025.

	BEGINNING BALANCES	TOTAL REVENUES	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	BALANCE FORWARD
Luzerne Intermediate Unit – General Fund Nonpublic School Services Program	6,678,940.58	1,086,192.19	1,590,955.73	6,174,177.04
Fund 11 – Act 89 Special Education Department	995,636.76	4,109.84	196,174.73	803,571.87
Fund 23 – Special Education	799,781.38	1,344,940.31	2,101,108.40	43,613.29
Fund 24 – Transportation	113,167.16	501,439.48	266,811.54	347,795.10
School Lunch Program	7.86	-	-	7.86
Behavioral Health Program	11,023,711.86	1,144,458.41	3,033,766.65	9,134,403.62
Payroll Account	111,484.74	5,005,776.50	5,051,829.78	65,431.46
Federal and State Programs:				
TOTAL IDEA - 2, 3, 4	3,270,320.80	-	1,669,724.04	1,600,596.76
MOSES TAYLOR NURSING GRANT -- 5	(8,358.00)	-	2,200.00	(10,558.00)
PCCD NONPUBLIC SAFETY GRANT - 6	(10,985.57)	-	3,193.48	(14,179.05)
PCCD SECURITY GRANT -- 9	(25,569.00)	-	3,423.00	(28,992.00)
PCCD MENTAL HEALTH & SAFETY GRANT - 14	-	-	10,750.00	(10,750.00)
UNITED WAY -- 17	30.48	2,211.64	14,474.67	(12,232.55)
STEM -- 27	127,629.84	-	13,387.33	114,242.51
PREK COUNTS -- 28	106,468.05	-	106,468.05	-
ELECT--37	1,426.96	-	54,898.42	(53,471.46)

STATEWIDE SYSTEM OF SUPPORT	350,819.91	-	350,819.91	-
HOMELESS--51	24,393.08	-	43,156.47	(18,763.39)
TITLE I PART D DELINQUENT CHILDREN -- 53	152,953.04	-	5,488.18	147,464.86
ACCESS--63	3,782,186.73	-	84,162.38	3,698,024.35
CSI -- 64	89,591.18	-	7,065.00	82,526.18

The following programs had no expenditures for the months of July and August 2025:

LUZ COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH GRANT -- 12	(2,874.22)	-	-	(2,874.22)
OBERKOTTER -- 20	-	-	-	-
PCCD PACTT GRANT NESTU -- 24	(25,000.00)	25,000.00	-	-
PA SMART GRANT -- 62	15,000.00	-	-	15,000.00
TITLE III---73	467.65	-	-	467.65
TITLE I FOSTER CARE-- 80	-	-	-	-

**JULY & AUGUST FEDERAL AND STATE
REVENUES**

TOTAL SUBSIDY -

JULY & AUGUST 2025 REVENUES

ABINGTON HEIGHTS	11,988.60	2024/2025 NEPA WAN
AETNA	292.05	OUTPATIENT PROGRAM
AETNA	97.35	OUTPATIENT PROGRAM
ALLEGHENY IU	6,500.00	REMAKE LEARNING
AMERICAN FIDELITY	408.92	REFUND
BEAR CREEK CHARTER SCHOOL	37.40	TRANSPERFECT
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PATIENT SVCS	30.00	OUTPATIENT PROGRAM
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PATIENT SVCS	60.00	OUTPATIENT PROGRAM
CARBONDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT	10,182.53	2024/2025 NEPA WAN
CAREER TECH CENTER OF LACK COUNTY	10,718.88	2024/2025 NEPA WAN
CHILDRENS SVC CENTER	370.00	CREDIT RECOVERY
COMCAST BUSINESS	158.06	REFUND
COMMUNITY CARE WIRE TRANSFER	251,424.00	2025/2026 JULY SBBH APA

COMMUNITY CARE WIRE TRANSFER	75,427.20	SBBH RECONCILIATION
COMMUNITY CARE WIRE TRANSFER	251,424.00	2025/2026 AUGUST SBBH APA
CRESTWOOD	25,741.44	2024/2025 ESL SERVICES
CRESTWOOD	105.00	DOCUMENT DESTRUCTION DEPOT
CRESTWOOD	9,916.67	2024/2025 DUAL DIAGNOSIS
CRESTWOOD	37,857.65	2024/2025 SPECIAL ED SERVICES
CURRICULUM SERVICES	945.00	CPE COURSES
CURRICULUM SERVICES	2,035.00	CREDIT RECOVERY
CURRICULUM SERVICES	950.00	GUEST TEACHER
CURRICULUM SERVICES	975.00	SPECIAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATION PROGRAM
DALLAS SD	240.00	DOCUMENT DESTRUCTION DEPOT
DALLAS SD	90,468.43	2024/2025 ESL SERVICES
DALLAS SD	100,000.00	2023/2024 CONTRACTED SERVICES
DUNMORE SCHOOL DISTRICT	17,753.42	2024/2025 NEPA WAN
FOREST CITY REGIONAL	6,909.72	2024/2025 NEPA WAN
HANOVER AREA	8,668.36	2024/2025 NEPA WAN
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
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
HAZLETON AREA	122.40	TRANSPERFECT
HEADSTART	9,350.00	2024-2025 PKC EVALUATIONS
HILLROM	1,500.00	REBATE
IDEMIA	2,126.00	FINGERPRINTING REIMBURSEMENT
IDEMIA	1,310.00	FINGERPRINTING REIMBURSEMENT
IMAGINE 360	286.98	2024/2025 OUTPATIENT
IMAGINE 360	397.15	2024/2025 OUTPATIENT
KALAHARI	109.00	REFUND
KIDCO LTD	3,300.00	PRE-K EVALUTATION
KING'S COLLEGE	10,925.00	PARTNERSHIP COURSES
LAKE LEHMAN	49,416.92	2025/2026 SPECIAL ED SERVICES
LAKE LEHMAN	14,588.48	2024/2025 ESL SERVICES
LIU EMPLOYEE	384.27	HEALTHCARE REIMBURSEMENT
LIU EMPLOYEE	456.25	TUITION REIMBURSEMENT
LIU EMPLOYEE	375.00	HEALTHCARE REIMBURSEMENT
LIU EMPLOYEE	912.50	TUITION REIMBURSEMENT
LIU RETIREES	22,580.11	RETIREE HEALTHCARE
MCIU	36,175.22	2024/2025 PROJECT AWARE
MCIU	37,749.92	PROJECT AWARE

MNP FORTY-FORT	3,189.13	REIMBURSEMENT
MONTROSE AREA SD	8,668.36	2024/2025 NEPA WAN
MOUNTAIN VIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT	9,449.16	2024/2025 NEPA WAN
NANTICOKE AREA	22,117.48	2024/2025 NEPA WAN
NBHCC WIRE TRANSFER	102,381.85	2025/2026 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
NBHCC WIRE TRANSFER	70,624.07	2025/2026 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
NEIU 19	14,725.07	2024/2025 NEPA WAN
NORTH POCONO	11,696.71	2024/2025 NEPA WAN
NORTHWEST AREA	12,123.87	2024/2025 ESL SERVICES
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
RIVERSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT	8,668.36	2024/2025 NEPA WAN
SHERWIN WILLIAMS	560.70	REFUND
SUNLIFE FINANCIAL	92.76	COMMON SHARE DIVIDEND
SUSQUEHANNA COMMUNITY	8,179.44	2024/2025 NEPA WAN
THIRD PARTY INSURANCE	5,317.28	2025/2026 OUTPATIENT PROGRAM
THIRD PARTY INSURANCE	9,181.70	2025/2026 OUTPATIENT PROGRAM
TUNKHANNOCK	11,696.71	2024/2025 NEPA WAN
TUNKHANNOCK	40,628.64	2024/2025 ESL SERVICES
TUNKHANNOCK	22,570.52	2025/2026 SPECIAL ED SERVICES
TUNKHANNOCK	22,570.52	2025/2026 SPECIAL ED SERVICES
UNITED WAY	2,211.64	2024/2025 UNITED WAY GRANT
UPMC INSURANCE SERVICES	1,813.55	OUTPATIENT PROGRAM
UPMC INSURANCE SERVICES	524.06	OUTPATIENT PROGRAM
US TREASURY	1,538.68	2024/2025 ERATE
VALLEY VIEW	11,696.71	2024/2025 NEPA WAN
WALLENPAUPACK AREA	8,668.36	2024/2025 NEPA WAN
WESTERN WAYNE	9,296.71	2024/2025 NEPA WAN
WILKES BARRE AREA	1,956.70	TRANSPERFECT
WIRE TRANSFER	25,000.00	PCCD GRANT
WYOMING AREA	72,106.00	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 AREA	80,858.50	2024/2025 BCBA & BHT SERVICES
WYOMING AREA	236.30	TRANSPERFECT
WYOMING AREA	80.50	GRAPHIC ARTS
WYOMING AREA	7,477.96	2024/2025 NEPA WAN
WYOMING AREA	50,860.94	2025/2026 SPECIAL ED SERVICES

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 motion:

1. PERMISSION TO OFFER SPECIAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATION PROGRAM COURSES

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

“Introduction to Special Education I” taught by James Geiger from January 5, 2026 to February 16, 2026.

“Introduction to Curriculum and Instruction” taught by Ty Yost from January 6, 2026 to February 17, 2026.

“Assessment” taught by Andrew Rivera from January 8, 2026 to February 19, 2026.

“Curriculum and Instruction for students with Low Incidence Disabilities” taught by Cara Devine from March 2, 2026 to April 13, 2026.

“Early Intervention” taught by Suzanne McCabe from March 5, 2026 to April 16, 2026.

“Curriculum and Instruction for students with High Incidence Disabilities” taught by Cara Devine from May 5, 2026 to June 16, 2026.

“Instructional Planning” taught by Sue Kuhl from May 7, 2026 to June 18, 2026.

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 Intermediate Unit. This agreement authorizes the Luzerne Intermediate Unit to receive funding to provide services as the Chief Science Officer (CSO) Cabinet Coordinator to Luzerne Intermediate Unit regional schools. The Luzerne Intermediate Unit will receive funding based on the following allocations: \$7,000 for Cabinet Coordinator time and effort, and \$9,125 for operational expenses. The terms of this agreement are to conclude on June 30, 2026.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT

B. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into an agreement for a Certification Program Integration Consultant at the rate of \$50.00 an hour not to exceed 80 hours per month as needed: effective October 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

DAVID TOSH

C. The board of directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with following organization to participate in the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program for the FFY2024 for eligible cybersecurity products and services.

PENNSYLVANIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

D. 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.

SENECA HIGHLANDS INTERMEDIATE UNIT 9

E. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the following in the amount of \$86,993.80 to support a School Based Community Navigator at GAR Middle School in the Wilkes Barre Area School District: effective the 2025-2026 school year.

THE UNITED WAY OF WYOMING VALLEY

F. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the following for Pre-K Teacher evaluator services for Pre-K Counts teachers, at the rate of \$550.00 per evaluation, effective for the 2025-2026 school year.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL OF NEPA

G. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the following to facilitate goals of the Project AWARE grant: effective September 30, 2025 to September 29, 2026.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT 23

2. AGREEMENT ADDENDUM

That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to amend Exhibit A with the following for services of Substitute Teachers and Staff: effective September 1, 2025.

ESS NORTHEAST, LLC

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 tri-weekly basis at the **PAL Program**. Monthly rate shall be three hundred and fifty dollars and eighteen cents (\$350.18) 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 for removal of Non-Hazardous Waste on a weekly basis at the **REAL Academy**. Monthly rate shall be eighty-eight dollars and seven cents (\$88.07) for the term of three (3) years.

WASTE MANAGEMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA, INC.

C. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a contract with the following for removal of Non-Hazardous Waste on a weekly basis at the **Autism Center**. Monthly rate shall be one hundred and six dollars and fifty-eight cents (\$106.58) for the term of three (3) years.

WASTE MANAGEMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA, INC.

D. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a contract with the following for Fire Alarm System monitoring and maintenance at the **Autism Center**. Monthly rate shall be thirty nine dollars and ninety five cents (\$39.95) for the term of three (3) years.

HILLMAN SECURITY & FIRE TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

E. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a contract with the following school district for the 2025-2026 school year for Partial Hospitalization Therapeutic services at a rate of \$112.44 per day:

CRESTWOOD

DALLAS

ELK LAKE

HANOVER AREA

HAZLETON AREA

LAKE LEHMAN

NORTHWEST AREA

PITTSTON AREA

WILKES-BARRE AREA

WYOMING VALLEY WEST

F. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a contract with the following school district for the 2025-2026 school year to provide Dual Diagnosis Therapeutic services, at a rate of \$155.00 per day:

PITTSTON AREA

CRESTWOOD

G. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a contract with the following for Exterior Building Cleaning Services at the Tioga Administration Building for \$1,560.00 and the Lighthouse Academy for \$2,080.00.

WEST SIDE WINDOW CLEANING CO., INC.

H. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a contract with the following for Custodial Services at the Lighthouse Mehoopany, at a monthly rate of \$2,345.60.

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4. MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING

A. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the following for the provision of **Title I services at Good Shepherd Academy, Kingston, PA**, effective for the 2025-2028 school years.

GREATER NANTICOKE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

WILKES-BARRE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

WYOMING VALLEY WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT

B. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the following for the provision of **Title I services at Wyoming Valley Montessori, Kingston, PA**, effective for the 2025-2028 school years.

WYOMING VALLEY WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT

C. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the following for the provision of **Title I services at Cheder Menachem Boys and Girls School, Kingston, PA and Wilkes-Barre, PA**, effective for the 2025-2028 school years.

WYOMING VALLEY WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT

D. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the following for the provision of **Title I services at Wilkes-Barre Academy, Wilkes-Barre, PA**, effective for the 2025-2028 school years.

PITTSTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
WILKES-BARRE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
WYOMING VALLEY WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT

E. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the following for the provision of **Title I services at Holy Rosary School, Durvea, PA**, effective for the 2025-2028 school years.

PITTSTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

F. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the following for the provision of **Title I services at Wyoming Area Catholic, Exeter, PA**, effective for the 2025-2028 school years.

PITTSTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

5. FILING OF FINAL EXPENDITURE REPORTS

That the Board of Directors authorizes the Secretary to file the PDE-2099 **Pupil Transportation Fiscal Report** for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, with the Pennsylvania Department of Education - Bureau of Budget and Management, Division of Subsidy Data and Administration, Pupil Transportation Section.

6. AFFORDABLE CARE ACT COMPLIANCE PROPOSAL

That the Board of Directors approves the proposal as presented by Conrad Siegel Actuaries for Compliance with Section 6055 & 6056 Employer Reporting Mandate under the Affordable Care Act. The fee for the proposed consulting services is \$7,300.00.

7. 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:

“Home, School, and Community Relations” taught by Deanna Mennig, a 3-credit course. Payment in the amount of \$2400 for 15 students.

“Classroom Management and Positive Behavior Support” taught by Stacey Rajjski, a 3-credit course. Payment in the amount of \$2400 for 14 students.

8. 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:

“ELL’s in the Special Ed Classroom” taught by Mark Umphred a 3-credit course. Payment in the amount of \$2400 for 21 students.

“Home, School and Community Relations” taught by Ty Yost a 3-credit course. Payment in the amount of \$2400 for 30 students.

“Classroom Management and Positive Behavior Support” taught by Sue Kuhl a 3-credit course. Payment in the amount of \$2400 for 27 students.

9. PROFESSIONAL SALARY RECLASSIFICATION

That the Luzerne Intermediate Unit Board of Directors authorizes the following salary reclassifications for the 2025/2026 school year, as per the Luzerne Intermediate Unit Education Association Collective Bargaining Agreement.

KATHLEEN BONNING
NATASHA DEANGELO
DANIEL FARRELL
MARGARET FARRELL
JENNIFER GOSCIEWSKI
CHARLES HAMPTON
DAVID HINES
SAMANTHA IDE
KARA LUKACHINSKY
BRITTANY O’NEILL
DIANE ORLOSKI
BETHANY PALMETER
BREANNA PAULSON

STACEY RAIJSKI
LITA VINCAVAGE

10. TUITION REIMBURSEMENTS

A. That the Board of Directors authorizes the reimbursement of tuition in accordance with the Education Association Collective Bargaining Agreement, in the total amount of **\$2,311.20**.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

CHARLES HAMPTON

Wilkes University

6 Graduate Credits at the lessor of 40% credit cost or \$250.00 per credit

\$900.00 reimbursable

KATHLEEN BONNING

Wilkes University

6 Graduate Credits at the lessor of 40% credit cost or \$250.00 per credit

\$1411.20 reimbursable

B. That the Board of Directors authorizes the reimbursement of tuition in accordance with the Act 93 Agreement, in the total amount of **\$1,411.20**.

ACT 93

THERESA KINGETER

Wilkes University

3 Graduate Credits at 80% credit cost.

\$1411.20 reimbursable

11. RESOLUTION

That the Luzerne Intermediate Unit Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to submit the resolution to appoint the Law Firm of **Marc J. Bern & Partners, LLP** for representation in class actions against various Social Media Companies.

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 2025-2026 Luzerne Intermediate Unit Transportation Program be approved as reviewed and recommended by the Executive Director and Administrative Services Director. The Luzerne Intermediate Unit reserves the right to renegotiate the award in the event that any students are to be added, dropped, addresses changed, or locations changed. The Pennsylvania State Transportation Formula determines the amounts and the Transportation Department has checked mileage. A payment of \$32.00 per day is included in the contracted amount for all aides, and \$40.00 per day is included in the contract amount for routes requiring vans with lifts.

ESY (EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR)

JUNE 2025

MICHAEL SHUSTA-462 SECOND ST-PLYMOUTH, PA 18651

MS-ESY-ROUTE-1-Awarded at the daily rate of **\$193.03** effective **June 24, 2025**. This route transports students from the Hanover Area and Wilkes Barre Area School Districts.

MS-ESY-ROUTE-2-Awarded at the daily rate of **\$175.15** effective **June 24, 2025**. This route transports students from the Hanover Area and Wilkes Barre Area School Districts.

MS-ESY-ROUTE-3-Awarded at the daily rate of **\$183.79** effective **June 24, 2025**. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

PACE TRANSPORTATION-PO BOX 1015-PITTSTON, PA 18640

PT-ESY ROUTE-1-Awarded at the daily rate of **\$214.84** effective **June 24, 2025**. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

PT-ESY-ROUTE-2-Awarded at the daily rate of **\$212.60** effective **June 24, 2025**. This route transports students from the Hanover Area and Wilkes Barre Area School Districts.

PT-ESY-ROUTE-4-Awarded at the daily rate of **\$204.78** effective **June 23, 2025**. This route transports students from the Wyoming Area and Pittston Area School Districts.

PT-ESY-ROUTE-5-Awarded at the daily rate of **\$99.73** effective **June 9, 2025**. This route transports students from the Pittston Area School District.

PT-ESY-ROUTE-6-Awarded at the daily rate of **\$248.00** effective **June 23, 2025**. This route transports students from the Pittston Area School District.

PT-ESY-ROUTE-7-Awarded at the daily rate of **\$60.65** effective **June 23, 2025**. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

PT-ESY-ROUTE-8-Awarded at the daily rate of **\$82.57** effective **June 23, 2025**. This route transports students from the Pittston Area School District.

PT-ESY-ROUTE-9-Awarded at the daily rate of **\$43.03** effective **June 10, 2025**. This route transports students from the Pittston Area School District.

PT-ESY-ROUTE-10-Awarded at the daily rate of **\$404.76** effective **June 10, 2025**. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area, Wyoming Area and Pittston Area School Districts.

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

STI-ESY-ROUTE-2-Awarded at the daily rate of **\$101.11** effective **June 24, 2025**. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

STI-ESY-ROUTE-7-Awarded at the daily rate of **\$117.43** effective **June 24, 2025**. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

JULY 2025

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

JS-ESY-ROUTE-1-Awarded at the daily rate of **\$135.22** effective **July 7, 2025**. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

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

CI-ESY-ROUTE-5-Awarded at the daily rate of **\$275.70** effective **July 1, 2025**. This route transports students from the Crestwood School District.

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

FJ- ESY-ROUTE-1-Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$136.72** effective **July 25, 2025**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area and Hanover Area School Districts.

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

KV-ESY-ROUTE-1—Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$366.31** effective **July 29, 2025**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wyoming Area, Greater Nanticoke Area and Wilkes Barre Area School Districts.

KV-ESY-ROUTE-2—Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$453.66** effective **July 1, 2025**; student added, mileage increased; then adjusted to **\$383.95** effective **July 7, 2025**; student dropped, mileage decreased; then adjusted to **\$67.24** effective **July 11, 2025**; student dropped, mileage decreased; then adjusted to **\$310.35** effective **July 28, 2025**; student added, mileage increased; then adjusted to **\$371.17** effective **July 29, 2025**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Pittston Area, Greater Nanticoke Area and Wilkes Barre Area School Districts.

KV-ESY-ROUTE-3—Adjusted to **\$177.76** effective **July 28, 2025**; student added, mileage increased; then adjusted to **\$264.09** effective **July 29, 2025**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Pittston Area and Wilkes Barre Area School Districts.

KV-ESY-ROUTE-4—Adjusted to **\$62.47** effective **July 28, 2025**; student dropped, mileage decreased; then adjusted to **\$239.08** effective **July 29, 2025**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Hanover Area and Wilkes Barre Area School Districts.

KV-ESY-ROUTE-5—Adjusted to **\$74.27** effective **July 28, 2025**; student dropped, mileage decreased; then adjusted to **\$112.42** effective **July 29, 2025**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Hanover Area and Wilkes Barre Area School Districts.

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

BL- ROUTE-1—Awarded at the daily rate of **\$212.23** effective **July 7, 2025**. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

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

TW-ESY-ROUTE-2—Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$105.22** effective **July 1, 2025**; student dropped, mileage decreased; then adjusted to **\$90.72** effective **July 10, 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; PETER BUTERA AND DENISE THOMAS.

M_____moves and M_____seconds the following motions:

1. **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

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

DEREK WHITESELL – Behavioral Health Technician (BHT)

B. That the Board of Directors approves the following full-time PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports) Coordinator, under the Act 93 contract, at a yearly salary of \$38,000. Effective date September 25, 2025:

SARAH LOVE

C. That the Board of Directors approves the following part-time Mental Health Professional (MHP) to serve as an Outpatient therapist; at a starting hourly rate of \$31.16. Effective date to be determined. All appointments are made pending receipt of all state mandated clearances and human resource paperwork:

ALEXIS LEWIS
PRINCESS MORGAN
ALYSSA TKACZ

D. 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:

SARAH KREIDLER

E. That the Board of Directors approves the following realignment as a Licensed Mental Health Professional (MHP) in Outpatient services; at an hourly rate of \$35.00. Effective date September 25, 2025.

AMY DITOTO

F. That the Board of Directors approves the following full-time Behavioral Consultant - ABA (BC-ABA), under the Act 93 contract, at a yearly rate of \$50,000. Effective date to be determined:

REGINA DENO

G. That the Board of Directors approves the following part-time Behavioral Health Technician (BHT) at a starting hourly rate of \$17.50: effective September 19, 2025:

ANN MARIE HANSEN

H. That the Board of Directors appoints the following part-time Art Therapist at an hourly rate of \$31.16, not to exceed 30 hours per week. Effective date to be determined. All appointments are made pending receipt of all state mandated clearances and human resource paperwork:

SHERRY BUKICS

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

MIRANDA MIKKELSEN

CHELSEA MCHALE

ALEJANDRO MOMBIELA

ALEXANDRA ROMITI

2. OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

A. That the Board of Directors approves the hiring of the following part-time English as a Second Language (ESL) teachers 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.

JOSHUA BAIERA

JANELL BLACK

B. That the Board of Directors approves compensation to the following ESL teacher for participation up to 18 hours of WIDA Professional Development and Training, at the rate of \$31.16 per hour to be completed no later than September 30, 2025.

JOSHUA BAIERA

JANELL BLACK

C. That the Board of Directors approves compensation to the following ESL teacher for participation in an additional 4 hours of WIDA Professional Development and Training, at the rate of \$31.16 per hour to be completed no later than September 30, 2025.

BAILEY LOYACK

LAURA PLISHKA

KARA VESEK

ALEXIS CLARK
AUDREY VOYTON
RYLEE MAROTTO

D. That the Board of Directors approves the following TAC staff, Training and Consultation Department, additional hours for the summer of 2025 at the hourly professional rate of \$35.84.

GEORGE BUTWIN – 15.5 hours
CARA DEVINE – 9 Hours
LORIANN HOFFMAN – 3 hours

E. 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:

SAVANNAH PURDY STROUSE

3. **OPERATIONAL SERVICES**

That the Board of Directors authorizes the following appointment to the part-time position as **School Bus Instructor Coordinator** at an hourly rate of \$15.00/hour, effective 10/1/2025, pending appropriate clearance and human resource paperwork.

JASON KABATA

4. **STUDENT SERVICES**

That the Board of Directors approves the following employees to be paid for room relocation work, at the hourly rate of \$35.84/hour.

STEPHEN BARAN
THOMAS BELL
ROSALIND BINGMAN
BILL BRANDENBURG
MARTI RAE CALPIN
KELLY CONNORS
CHARLES HAMPTON
ALICIA HINTZE
ANDREA FLEMING
MARIE SHOVLIN
LYNN ZILLER

5. **SPECIAL EDUCATION**

A. That the Board of Directors approves the following Autism Center Coordinator to work outside of their normal work hours, as per the collective bargaining agreement, not to exceed 5 hours per week.

LYNN ZILLER

B. That the Board of Directors the following employees to be paid the professional rate for mandatory training provided by the Department of Human Services – Bureau of Juvenile Justice, not to exceed 53 hours.

JANELLE GAITERI

DAVID COOPER

C. That the Board of Directors approves the following employees to be paid at their contractual daily rate for their participation in the LIU Paraprofessional Conference.

BRENDA DESOO

VALERIE JOHNSON

PATRICIA NORRIS

SUZANNE SERINO

D. That the Board of Directors appoints the following **Special Education Para-Educators**, 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.

QUATAVIA BLAKE

KRYSTLE PATTS

DENISE PERSCHAU

BRITTNEY GUYER

MICHELLE MARTINEZ

JESSICA HARVEY

E. That the Board of Directors accepts with regret, the retirement of the following Teacher of the Visually Impaired/Orientation and Mobility Specialist.

NANCI ROMANYSHYN

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

SUZANNE SERINO – Paraprofessional: effective August 24, 2025

JESSICA LOHMAN – School Social Worker: effective September 8, 2025

KAREN MEEKS – Office Assistant: effective September 26, 2025

SANDRA WEGRZYNOWICZ - Administrative Assistant: effective September 26, 2025

G. That the Board of Directors accepts, with regret, the following Special Education position refusals.

KIMBERLY CHARNEY - Paraprofessional
JONATHAN DESPIRITO – School Social Worker
TIFFANY JOHNSON – Paraprofessional
CAROLANN WARD-SPENCER – Special Education Teacher

H. That the Board of Directors approves the following appointment(s) 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.

MATTHEW DILIBERTO

I. That the Board of Directors appoints the following **Principal of the Personalized Academy of Learning** with the salary of \$85,000.00 and benefits per the Act 93 Agreement: effective September 25, 2025. All appointments are made pending receipt of all state mandated clearances and human resources paperwork.

THERESA KINGETER

6. **PERMANENT PROFESSIONAL CONTRACTS**

That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to award permanent professional contracts to the following professional staff members as per PA School Code regulations.

NATASHA DEANGELO
BREANNA PAULSON
EVAN PIRILLO
MARIA REVAK
MARY FRANCES ROMANOWSKI
CARLY SPECHT
LITA VINCAVAGE

7. **REQUESTS FOR JURY DUTY**

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

ANGELO DEPRIMO: effective date September 22, 2025
MARIA REVAK: effective date October 6, 2025
ALICIA HINTZE: effective date October 20, 2025
EVAN PIRILLO: effective date October 24, 2025

B. That the Board of Directors approves the following request for Federal Jury Duty beginning Monday, September 29, 2025 and that she is compensated her daily rate less the amount received for jury duty.

KATRINA ROSATO

8. REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

That the Board of Directors approves the request for Medical Sabbatical Leave: effective for the 2025/2026 School Year (one hundred and eighty-six workdays) for the following employee:

EMPLOYEE #778

9. REQUEST FOR ASSOCIATION DAYS

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

MARIA MORREALE – September 26, 2025 – Full Day

KERRIE BASARA – September 26, 2025- Half Day

NICOLE DANIELS – September 26, 2025 – Half Day

AUDREY ROCCOGRANDI – September 26, 2025 – Half Day

10. BOARD POLICY REVISIONS

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

POLICY 626 – FEDERAL FISCAL COMPLIANCE

POLICY 626.1 - TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT – FEDERAL PROGRAMS

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

POLICY 102 – ACADEMIC STANDARDS

POLICY 105 – CURRICULUM

POLICY 122 – EQUAL ACCESS

11. BOARD POLICY ADDITIONS

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

POLICY 827 – CONFLICT OF INTEREST

POLICY 919 – GENERAL EDUCATION PROVISION ACT SECTION 427 POLICY STATEMENT

B. That the Board of Directors approves the **first reading** of the following board policy additions.

POLICY 209.2 – DIABETES MANAGEMENT

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 **OCTOBER 22, 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.

Larry Schuler, Secretary