

INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
JUNE 17, 2026

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

Edward Shemansky – Hazleton Area

Michael Namey – Crestwood

Peter Butera– Wyoming Area

Mark Atherton– Wilkes Barre Area

Charles Kamus – 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

Director of Federal, State and Non-Public Programs, Angelo DePrimo

Public Comments:

SECRETARY'S REPORT – MR. SCHULER

M_____ moves and M_____ seconds the motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of **May 20, 2026**.

TREASURER'S REPORT – MS. THOMAS

M_____ moves and M_____ seconds the following motions:

May 1, 2026 through May 31, 2026.

	BEGINNING BALANCES	TOTAL REVENUES	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	BALANCE FORWARD
Luzerne Intermediate Unit – General Fund Nonpublic School Services Program	8,096,705.03	4,104,445.00	3,813,685.73	8,387,464.30
Fund 11 – Act 89 Special Education Department	1,844,953.94	2,486.10	115,797.60	1,731,642.44
Fund 23 – Special Education	2,167,870.48	1,473,896.71	1,033,114.58	2,608,652.61
Fund 24 – Transportation	1,108,722.52	1,446,424.18	641,053.82	1,914,092.88
School Lunch Program	7.86	-	-	7.86
Behavioral Health Program	9,913,207.13	596,612.06	796,617.68	9,713,201.51
Payroll Account	161,607.69	2,288,951.16	2,275,372.58	175,186.27
Federal and State Programs:				
IDEA - 2,3,4	3,330,506.52	1,483,253.86	232,669.83	4,581,090.55
MOSES TAYLOR NURSING GRANT -- 5	(1,150.38)	-	1,689.48	(2,839.86)
PARAEDUCATOR GRANT- 16	(5,119.25)	-	635.95	(5,755.20)
UNITED WAY -- 17	3,977.33	-	5,551.80	(1,574.47)
STEM -- 27	73,728.93	-	18,467.34	55,261.59
ELECT--37	13,032.26	-	23,426.61	(10,394.35)
STATEWIDE SYSTEM OF SUPPORT	35,250.00	117,706.68	3,600.00	149,356.68
HOMELESS--51	124,166.26	23,561.62	18,878.45	128,849.43

TITLE I PART D DELINQUENT CHILDREN -- 53	109,128.66	72,376.00	18,178.82	163,325.84
ACCESS--63	3,046,017.51	-	10,559.63	3,035,457.88
CSI -- 64	98,760.00	-	2,250.00	96,510.00
TITLE III---73	18,059.31	8,953.61	1,388.00	25,624.92

The following programs had no expenditures for the month of May 2026:

PCCD NONPUBLIC SAFETY GRANT - 6	(17,718.76)	-	-	(17,718.76)
PCCD SECURITY GRANT -- 9	-	-	-	-
LUZ COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH GRANT -- 12	(17,966.09)	-	-	(17,966.09)
PCCD MENTAL HEALTH & SAFETY GRANT - 14	8,960.89	-	-	8,960.89
OBERKOTTER -- 20	24,371.95	-	-	24,371.95
PREK COUNTS -- 28	398,988.62	80,000.00	-	478,988.62
PA SMART GRANT -- 62	27,735.27	-	-	27,735.27
TITLE I FOSTER CARE-- 80	0.00	-	-	0.00

MAY FEDERAL AND STATE REVENUES

HOMELESS CHILDREN & YOUTH	23,561.62
TITLE III LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION	8,953.61
IDEA-B	1,483,253.86
DELINQUENT CHILDREN	72,376.00
STANDARDS BASED INSTRUCTION	43,166.68
PRE-K COUNTS	80,000.00
SAFETY INITIATIVES	70,790.00
PASMART	3,750.00
TOTAL SUBSIDY	1,785,851.77

MAY 2026 REVENUES

ALLEGHENY IU	5,000.00	REMAKE LEARNING
ALLEGHENY IU	6,500.00	REMAKE LEARNING
ALLEGHENY IU	1,500.00	REMAKE LEARNING

ATTORNEY CLOSING SERVICES	230,249.20	REAL ACADEMY
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PATIENT SVCS	40.00	2025/2026 OUTPATIENT PROGRAM
CIGNA	127.94	2025/2026 OUTPATIENT PROGRAM
CIGNA	74.00	2025/2026 OUTPATIENT PROGRAM
COMMUNITY CARE WIRE TRANSFER	207,162.00	2025/2026 SBBH APA
CURRICULUM SERVICES	60.00	GUEST TEACHER
CURRICULUM SERVICES	1,240.00	SPECIAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATION PROGRAM
DALLAS SD	206.10	TRANSPERFECT
GIRAD MECADON ATTORNEY AT LAW	100.00	DOCUMENT DESTRUCTION DEPOT
HANOVER AREA	41,750.12	2025/2026 SPECIAL ED SERVICES
HANOVER AREA	9,150.00	2025/2026 PAL PROGRAM
HANOVER AREA	12,494.00	2025/2026 LIGHTHOUSE ACADEMY
HANOVER AREA	4,067.00	2025/2026 THERAPETIC AUTISTIC SUPPORT
HANOVER AREA	4,067.00	2025/2026 TAS CENTER
HANOVER AREA	315.00	SAFETY CARE TRAINING
HAZLETON AREA	163.20	TRANSPERFECT
IDEMIA	1,123.00	FINGERPRINTING REIMBURSEMENT
KING'S COLLEGE	6,325.00	PARTNERSHIP COURSES
LAKE LEHMAN	49,416.92	2025/2026 SPECIAL ED SERVICES
LAKE LEHMAN	1,590.00	2025/2026 PAL PROGRAM
LAKE LEHMAN	9,370.50	2025/2026 LIGHTHOUSE ACADEMY
LAKE LEHMAN	8,134.00	2025/2026 THERAPETIC AUTISTIC SUPPORT
LAKE LEHMAN	4,958.33	2025/2026 DUAL DIAGNOSIS PROGRAM
LAKE LEHMAN	1,666.67	2025/2026 PSYCHOLOGIST SERVICES
LIU EMPLOYEE	23.44	JURY DUTY
LIU EMPLOYEE	200.00	REPAYMENT
LIU RETIREE	5,479.34	RETIREE HEALTHCARE
MCIU	60,424.59	2025/2026 PROJECT AWARE
NANTICOKE AREA	96,489.00	2025/2026 SPECIAL ED SERVICES
NANTICOKE AREA	56,100.00	2025/2026 PAL PROGRAM
NANTICOKE AREA	5,792.16	2025/2026 PARTIAL HOSPITALIZATION
NANTICOKE AREA	81,211.00	2025/2026 LIGHTHOUSE ACADEMY
NANTICOKE AREA	39,666.66	2025/2026 DUAL DIAGNOSIS PROGRAM
NANTICOKE AREA	620.61	2025/2026 TITLE I SERVICES
NBHCC WIRE TRANSFER	218,482.71	2025/2026 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
NORTHWEST AREA	133.00	SAFETY CARE TRAINING
NORTHWEST AREA	16,168.69	2025/2026 SPECIAL ED SERVICES
NORTHWEST AREA	3,780.00	2025/2026 PAL PROGRAM
NORTHWEST AREA	12,494.00	2025/2026 LIGHTHOUSE ACADEMY
NORTHWEST AREA	6,247.00	2025/2026 MEHOOPANY LIGHTHOUSE
NORTHWEST AREA	1,666.66	2025/2026 PSYCHOLOGIST SERVICES
PITTSTON AREA SD	3,500.00	VAPING PREVENTION

PITTSTON AREA SD	33,830.63	2025/2026 SPECIAL ED SERVICES
PITTSTON AREA SD	3,180.00	2025/2026 PAL PROGRAM
PITTSTON AREA SD	34,358.50	2025/2026 LIGHTHOUSE ACADEMY
PITTSTON AREA SD	4,067.00	2025/2026 THERAPETIC AUTISTIC SUPPORT
PITTSTON AREA SD	12,201.00	2025/2026 TAS CENTER
PITTSTON AREA SD	4,958.33	2025/2026 DUAL DIAGNOSIS PROGRAM
PITTSTON AREA SD	4,338.92	2025/2026 TITLE I SERVICES
PITTSTON AREA SD	246,025.00	2025/2026 CYBER REVENUE
REVERSE INCLUSION SERVICES	1,937.97	2025/2026 PRE-K TUITION
SCRANTON SCHOOL DISTRICT	60,840.00	2025/2026 SPECIAL ED SERVICES
SCRANTON SCHOOL DISTRICT	7,605.00	2025/2026 SPECIAL ED SERVICES
THIRD PARTY INSURANCE	21,417.24	2025/2026 OUTPATIENT PROGRAM
TUNKHANNOCK	2,625.00	SPECIAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATION PROGRAM
TUNKHANNOCK	22,570.52	2025/2026 SPECIAL ED SERVICES
TUNKHANNOCK	1,590.00	2025/2026 PAL PROGRAM
TUNKHANNOCK	18,741.00	2025/2026 MEHOOPANY LIGHTHOUSE
TUNKHANNOCK	20,335.00	2025/2026 THERAPETIC AUTISTIC SUPPORT
UPMC INSURANCE SERVICES	1,316.98	2025/2026 OUTPATIENT PROGRAM
WILKES BARRE AREA	4,594.86	2025/2026 TITLE I SERVICES
WILKES BARRE AREA	160,513.69	2025/2026 SPECIAL ED SERVICES
WILKES BARRE AREA	46,920.00	2025/2026 PAL PROGRAM
WILKES BARRE AREA	2,896.08	2025/2026 PARTIAL HOSPITALIZATION
WILKES BARRE AREA	109,322.50	2025/2026 LIGHTHOUSE ACADEMY
WILKES BARRE AREA	3,123.50	2025/2026 MEHOOPANY LIGHTHOUSE
WILKES BARRE AREA	12,201.00	2025/2026 THERAPETIC AUTISTIC SUPPORT
WILKES BARRE AREA	24,791.67	2025/2026 DUAL DIAGNOSIS PROGRAM
WILKES BARRE AREA	44,737.00	2025/2026 TAS CENTER
WIRE TRANSFER	209,079.13	2025/2026 SOCIAL SECURITY
WIRE TRANSFER	1,445,066.67	2025/2026 IU TRANSPORTATION
WIRE TRANSFER	25,590.00	PCCD GRANT
WIRE TRANSFER	8,529.63	MEDICAID ADMIN CLAIM
WYOMING AREA	45,061.94	2025/2026 SPECIAL ED SERVICES
WYOMING AREA	2,190.00	2025/2026 PAL PROGRAM
WYOMING AREA	2,896.08	2025/2026 PARTIAL HOSPITALIZATION
WYOMING AREA	15,617.50	2025/2026 LIGHTHOUSE ACADEMY
WYOMING AREA	4,958.33	2025/2026 DUAL DIAGNOSIS PROGRAM
WYOMING AREA	14,000.00	2025/2026 BCBA SERVICES
WYOMING AREA	5,000.00	2025/2026 PSYCHOLOGIST SERVICES
WYOMING VALLEY WEST	287.00	SAFETY CARE TRAINING
WYOMING VALLEY WEST	1,786.70	TRANSPERFECT
WYOMING VALLEY WEST	109,741.28	2025/2026 SPECIAL ED SERVICES
WYOMING VALLEY WEST	12,540.00	2025/2026 PAL PROGRAM
WYOMING VALLEY WEST	2,896.08	2025/2026 PARTIAL HOSPITALIZATION

WYOMING VALLEY WEST	59,346.50	2025/2026 LIGHTHOUSE ACADEMY
WYOMING VALLEY WEST	3,123.50	2025/2026 MEHOOPANY LIGHTHOUSE
WYOMING VALLEY WEST	4,067.00	2025/2026 THERAPETIC AUTISTIC SUPPORT
WYOMING VALLEY WEST	24,791.67	2025/2026 DUAL DIAGNOSIS PROGRAM
WYOMING VALLEY WEST	52,871.00	2025/2026 TAS CENTER

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.

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, 2026 through June 30, 2028:

FORTY FORT
PITTSTON TOWNSHIP
PLAINS TOWNSHIP
TUNKHANNOCK
WILKES BARRE

RECOMMENDATION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE – RICK STEVENS, CHAIRPERSON; PAULA ECKERT AND CHARLES KAMUS

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

1. PERMISSION TO OFFER CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION CREDIT COURSES

That the Board of Directors approves the following 3 credit, 90 hour Continuing Professional Education Credit Courses:

“A+ Ideas for Every Student’s Success,” an online course taught by Colleen Anzio from October 9 to November 13, 2026.

“A-Z Guide on Positive Discipline,” an online course taught by Colleen Anzio from October 13 to November 12, 2026.

“ABC’s on Teaching Strategies for PreK-3,” an online course taught by Colleen Anzio from October 29 to November 27, 2026.

“Active and Engaging Strategies for the Inclusive Classroom,” an online course taught by Colleen Anzio from October 23 to November 26, 2026.

“Achieving Excellence,” an online course taught by Colleen Anzio from September 11 to October 16, 2026.

“Fundamentals of Student-Centered Learning,” an online course taught by Susan Kuhl from September 21 to October 30, 2026.

“Project-Based & Challenge-Based Learning” an online course taught by Jill Brooks from October 26 to November 21, 2026.

2. 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:

“Classroom Management and Positive Behavior Support” taught by Lynn Ziller from September 7 to October 19, 2026.

“ELL”s in the Special Education Classroom” taught by Mark Umphred from September 8 to October 20, 2026.

“Home, School and Community Relations” taught by Andrew Rivera from September 10 to October 22, 2026.

“Math Instruction” taught by Rich Mackrell from November 5 to December 17, 2026.

3. **PERMISSION TO OFFER SPECIAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATION PROGRAM COURSES**

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 7, 2026 to August 18, 2026.

“Literacy Foundations” taught by Loriann Hoffman from July 9, 2026 to August 20, 2026.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE-DENISE THOMAS, CHAIRPERSON; MICHAEL NAMEY AND CHARLES KAMUS

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 effective practices support services at the rate of \$45.00 an hour not to exceed 80 hours per month: effective July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027.

KUHL EDUCATION AND CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC

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 \$50.00 an hour in programmatic support to Hazleton and Wilkes Barre Area through the Comprehensive School Improvement model for the 2026-2027 school year.

B3 CONSULTING

C. The Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the following for the hosting and support of the Intermediate Unit website at an amount of \$2000.00.

BLaST INTERMEDIATE UNIT 17

D. 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 2026-2027 school year.

WESTSIDE CTC

E. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the following to provide supplemental staffing, recruiting, and candidate referral services: effective from one year from date of last signature.

SOLIANT HEALTH, LLC

F. 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 2026-2027 school year. Services rendered will be for the E-rate Funding Years 2025, 2026, and 2027 for the Northeastern PA RWAN Consortium.

CSM CONSULTING INC.

G. 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 2026-2027 school year. Services rendered will be for the E-rate Funding Years 2025, 2026, and 2027 for the Luzerne Intermediate Unit.

CSM CONSULTING INC.

H. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into an Addendum Agreement with the following for the 2026-2027 school year staffing rates.

GHR EDUCATION

2. AFFILIATION AGREEMENTS

A. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into an affiliation agreement with the following university to provide fieldwork experience. Effective from one-year date of signature.

UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON

B. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into an affiliation agreement with the following to serve as the Regional Educational Alliance Partner (EAP) for Eastern PA.

PATHWAYS 2 CAREERS (P2C)

3. CONTRACTS

That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a contract with the following school district for the 2026-2027 school year for Partial Hospitalization Therapeutic Services at a rate of \$112.44 per day.

CRESTWOOD

ELK LAKE

HANOVER AREA

WILKES BARRE AREA

WYOMING VALLEY WEST

4. PASMART GRANT- PARTNER PAYMENT

That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to permit the Luzerne Intermediate Unit to pay the following entity for completion of services as a partner in an awarded PAsmart Grant. The total funding awarded shall not exceed \$5000.

GREATER WILKES BARRE CHAMBER OF BUSINESS & INDUSTRY

5. 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 19, 2025.

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, 2027.

6. LIU SAFETY AND SECURITY REPORT

That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to approve the LIU 18 **Safety and Security Report** for 2025-2026 as presented by the Safety & Security Coordinator in Executive Session.

7. BUSINESS OFFICE

A. That the Board of Directors approves the Insurance Proposal for the Luzerne Intermediate Unit fiscal year July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, as proposed by Brown and Brown (formerly Risk Strategies/JJB) **subject to change upon review by solicitor.**

B. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to approve the **payment of bills** for the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2026) and for the month of July 2026.

C. That the Board of Directors authorizes the Interfund Transfer from access account 118000000 to access account 401403 in the amount of \$90,000.00.

8. 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 2026-2027 IDEA-Part B allocation to provide Component 2 services to its constituent LEAs.

9. 2026-2027 SPECIAL EDUCATION BUDGET

That the Board of Directors approves a budget of \$13,325,490.00 as set forth in the LIU Instructional Program Budget PDE-2087 for the programs and services for exceptional children for the school year 2026-2027 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 \$2,610,737.00, 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 \$5,438,968.00 as set forth in the 2026/2027 LIU Transportation Budget PDE-2095.

11. BUDGET RENEW APPLICATION

That the Board of Directors approves the Federal Contract Application for the IDEA grant in the amount of \$11,853,212.00 for the Individuals with Disabilities Act for Local Education and Chapter I Handicapped. This project will run from July 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027. This budget 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**).

12. 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 Heather Collins, a 3-credit course. Payment in the amount of \$2400 for 17 students.

“Curriculum and Instruction for Students with High Incidence Disabilities” taught by Cara Devine, a 3-credit course. Payment in the amount of \$2400 for 18 students.

“Curriculum and Instruction for Students with High Incidence Disabilities” taught by Mark Umphred, a 3-credit course. Payment in the amount of \$2400 for 18 students.

“Curriculum and Instruction for Students with High Incidence Disabilities” taught by Kristen Szewczyk, a 3-credit course. Payment in the amount of \$2400 for 17 students.

“Instructional Planning” taught by Lynn Ziller, a 3-credit course. Payment in the amount of \$2400 for 22 students.

“Instructional Planning” taught by Tina Antonello, a 3-credit course. Payment in the amount of \$2400 for 18 students.

“Home, School and Community Relations” taught by Deanna Mennig, a 3-credit course. Payment in the amount of \$250 for 1 student.

13. TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

That the Board of Directors authorizes the reimbursements of tuition in accordance with the Professional Staff Collective Bargaining Agreement, in the total amount of **\$1500.00**.

PROFESSIONAL STAFF **LOGAN FITZSIMMONS**

York College of Pennsylvania

6 Graduate Credits at the lessor of 40% credit cost or \$250 per credit.

\$1,500 reimbursable

14. ADMINISTRATIVE CALENDAR

That the Board of Directors approves the Luzerne Intermediate Unit Administrative Calendar for the fiscal year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

15. LUZERNE INTERMEDIATE UNIT EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

That the Board of Directors approves the Memorandum of Understanding by and between the Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18 and Luzerne Intermediate Unit ESP Association: effective July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE; EDWARD SHEMANSKY, CHAIRPERSON; MICHAEL NAMEY 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.

SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION 2025-2026

APRIL 2026

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

KV-ROUTE-1—Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$75.56** effective **April 6, 2026**; student decreased, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

KV-ROUTE-2—Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$381.95** effective **April 1, 2026**; student added, mileage increased; then adjusted to **\$121.18** effective **April 6, 2026**; student dropped, mileage decreased; then adjusted to **\$387.55** effective **April 13, 2026**; student added, mileage increased; then adjusted to **\$416.65** effective **April 27, 2026**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area and Wyoming Area School Districts.

KV-ROUTE-5—Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$117.77** effective **April 2, 2026**; student dropped, mileage decreased; then adjusted to **\$444.05** effective **April 22, 2026**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

KV-ROUTE-6—Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$141.02** effective **April 2, 2026**; student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Pittston Area and Wilkes Barre Area School Districts.

KV-ROUTE-7—Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$155.12** effective **April 6, 2026**; student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

KV-ROUTE-11—Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$378.37** effective **April 13, 2026**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

KV-ROUTE-16—Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$67.72** effective **April 2, 2026**; student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area and Hanover Area School Districts.

KV-ROUTE-17—Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$201.49** effective **April 2, 2026**; student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

KV-ROUTE-19—Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$151.12** effective **April 2, 2026**; student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

KV-ROUTE-20—Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$264.48** effective **April 2, 2026**; student dropped, mileage decreased; then adjusted to **\$586.06** effective **April 13, 2026**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

KV-ROUTE-21—Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$144.75** effective **April 2, 2026**; student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area and Old Forge School Districts.

KV-ROUTE-24—Awarded at the daily rate of **\$266.52** effective **April 13, 2026**. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area and Hanover Area School Districts.

YATESVILLE BUS CO.-1095 PITTSTON BYPASS, YATESVILLE, PA 18643

YB-ROUTE-1—Awarded at the daily rate of **\$236.62** effective **April 13, 2026**. This route transports students from the Tunkhannock Area School District.

PDE/HOMELESS 2025-2026

APRIL 2026

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

KV-PDE-ROUTE-1—Adjusted to the daily rate of **\$52.00** effective **April 6, 2026**; student dropped, mileage decreased; then adjusted to **\$108.33** effective **April 16, 2026**; student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes Barre Area School District.

KV-PDE-ROUTE-2—Awarded at the daily rate of **\$81.13** effective **April 13, 2026**. 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 approves the following intern from the University of Scranton: effective summer of 2026.

ANGELINA PENATZER

B. That the Board of Directors accepts, with regrets, the resignation of the following Behavioral Health employees.

APRIL AGOSTINI – Part-Time MHW: effective May 26, 2026

ASHLEY MOONEY – Part-time MT: effective June 3, 2026

ASHLEY MOONEY- Part time BC: effective June 3, 2026

ISABELLA SMITH - Full-time MHTS: effective June 15, 2026

C. That the Board of Directors approves the following full-time Mental Health Treatment Specialist (MHTS) for the Partial Hospitalization Program, under the Act 93 contract, at a yearly rate of \$44,000: effective date to be determined. All appointments are made pending receipt of all state mandated clearances and human resource paperwork.

KAYLA COOLBAUGH

D. That the Board of Directors approves the following employees to work as a nurse within the Behavioral Health Programs from June 22, 2026 through August 13, 2026: at the Certified Professional ESY rate of \$38.40 per hour, not to exceed 12 hours per week for the summer of 2026.

SUSAN FLYNN

E. That the Board of Directors approves the following School Psychologist to work up to 8 hours for the summer of 2026 to support the Project Aware grant at the contracted per diem rate: effective date June 22, 2026.

AMANDA GERNHART

F. That the Board of Directors approves the following full-time appointment in the Behavioral Health Department for a Behavioral Health Technician (BHT), 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 date to be

determined. All appointments are made pending receipt of all state mandated clearances and human resource paperwork:

MATTHEW DILIBERTO

2. FEDERAL AND STATE PROGRAMS

That the Board of Directors approves the summer hours for **PA's Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness Program's Regional Coordinator**, at the approved contractual rate, without benefits, not to exceed 20 hours per week, effective June 22, 2026 through August 21, 2026, subject to available funding:

JEFF ZIMMERMAN

3. OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

That the Board of Directors approves the rehiring of the following part-time English as a Second Language (ESL) teacher(s) for the 2026-2027 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

BAILEY LOYACK

ALEXIS CLARK

4. SPECIAL EDUCATION

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

PROFESSIONAL STAFF

CLASSROOM TEACHERS

AMY BAYLOR

COREY DEMPSEY

KARLI MAHASKY

CONNOR MANGANIELLO

SYDNEY RALSTON

AUDREY VOYTON

SEIDY BOBDILLA

MATTHEW DILIBERTO

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER/PARAPROFESSIONAL

SOPHIA PABST

CHRISTOPHER PETREWSKI

BRANDY VARNER**SUPPORT STAFF****PATTI AUFIERE****JOHN BUBUL****KIARRA DADURKA****MARY LIBERASKI****MICHELLE MARTINEZ****CHRISTINE VINCELLI**

B. That the Board of Directors approves the following professional appointments to the **2026 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**JENNIFER CALORE****LEXIE DUNDA****MOLLY MCKENNA****JESSICA PODSKOCH****SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER****MORGAN MCKENNA****SCHOOL NURSE****CHRISTINE WAGNER**

C. That the Board of Directors approves the following **support staff appointments** to the **2026 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 stated mandated clearances and human resources paperwork.

SUPPORT STAFF**NATALIE ASIKAINEN****LYNN BRICE******MARISOL CURTIS******BRITTANY DEL CASTILLO****KIMBERLY HAVARD****MADISON KAMINSKI****JAMIRA LANE****MADELIN MIZHQUIRI****CATHY MORIO****SUSANA WEISS******** WORKED ESY 2025**

D. That the Board of Directors approves the following professional appointment for the **2026 Extended School Year Program**, not to exceed 80 hours at the hourly rate of \$38.40.

DR. LYNN ZILLER- Special Education Coordinator-Autism Center

E. That the Board of Directors amend the following motion from May 20, 2026:

That the Board of Directors approves the following professional appointments to the **2026 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, human resources paperwork and appropriate documentation from college/university.

CLASSROOM TEACHER
ELIZABETH KUDER

The new motion will read:

That the Board of Directors approves the following professional appointments to the **2026 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
ELIZABETH KUDER**
****WORKED ESY 2025**

F. That the Board of Directors accepts, with regret, the following Special Education employee position refusal.

AFTIN FELKOWSKI – Occupational Therapist

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

ALYSSA TKACZ – School Social Worker: effective June 30, 2026
PATRICK DOUGHERTY – School Psychologist: effective June 30, 2026.

H. That the Board of Directors appoints the following **Special Education Para-Educators**, as per the LIU Educational Support Professionals Association Agreement: effective date 2026-2027 School Year. All appointments are made pending receipt of all state mandated clearances and human resource paperwork.

KERRIE ANDERSON
BRITTANY BEYER
JOHN LONG

LISA WELKEY
DEANNA ZULKOWSKI

I. That the Board of Directors approves the following appointment to **School Social Worker** position, under the Professional Contract: effective the 2026-2027 School Year. All appointments are made pending receipt of all state mandated clearances and human resource paperwork.

PRINCESS MORGAN

J. That the Board of Directors approves the following appointment to **Speech and Language Pathologist** position, under the Professional Contract: effective the 2026-2027 School Year. All appointments are made pending receipt of all state mandated clearances and human resource paperwork.

MICHAELA RAUB

K. That the Board of Directors approves the following appointment to the **Occupational Therapist** position, under the Professional Contract: effective the 2026-2027 School Year. All appointments are made pending receipt of all state mandated clearances and human resource paperwork.

KIMBERLY SAPULAK

L. That the Board of Directors approves the following appointments to **Special Education Teacher**, under the Professional Contract: effective date to be determined pending receipt of proper certification and all state mandated clearances and human resource paperwork.

MATTHEW COULTER
JAIRO ESTRELLA
KYLE FRISBEE
BETHANY KNIGHT

5. TECHNOLOGY

That the Board of Directors approves the following appointment to the Technology Department as a Technology Assistant at a rate to be determined by the LIU Educational Support Professionals Association Contract, effective July 1, 2026. All appointments are made pending receipt of all state-mandated clearances and human resources paperwork.

CONNOR GAVLICK

6. REQUESTS FOR ASSOCIATION DAYS

A. That the Board of Directors approves the Association Day for the following member of the LIU Professional Employee Association:

KERRIE BASARA – May 29, 2026 – Full Day, June 10, 2026 – Half Day
MARIA MORREALE – June 1, 2026 – Full Day

B. That the Board of Directors approves the Association Days for the following members of the ESP Support Professional Employee Association.

ROBIN ALTOBELLI – June 4, 2026- Full Day, June 8, 2026 – Half Day
KAREN MOORE – June 4, 2026 – Full Day, June 8, 2026 – Half Day

7. REQUEST FOR JURY DUTY LEAVE

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

RICHARD MACKRELL- Effective July 15, 2026

8. 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 #2973– 1.25 Days
EMPLOYEE #3245 – 4 Days
EMPLOYEE #2409 – .75 Days
EMPLOYEE #3132 – 1.25 Days
EMPLOYEE #3220 – 1 Day
EMPLOYEE #2801 – .25 Days
EMPLOYEE #3242 – 1.25 Days
EMPLOYEE #1993 – .5 Days
EMPLOYEE #1143 – .25 Days

RECOMMENDATION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE- PAULA ECKERT, CHAIRPERSON; EDWARD SHEMANSKY AND MARK ATHERTON

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 5, 2026 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