



**Meeting of the Board of Directors  
June 24, 2024**

- I. **Executive Session Prior to AIU Board of Directors Regular Meeting**
- II. **Call to Order**
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. **Roll Call**
- V. **Reading of AIU Belief Statement**
- VI. **Comments from Visitors Regarding Items on the Agenda**
- VII. **Approval of the Minutes**
- VIII. **Approval of Treasurer's Report**
- IX. **Approval of Expenditures**
- X. **Report**
  - Strategic Plan Update
  - Water Lead Testing
  - Staff Recognition
- XI. **Approval of Business and Personnel Items on the Agenda**

Presentation/Summary/Details by Executive Leadership Team related to items on the Agenda as well as Questions/Comments from Board Members related to items on the Agenda

Presentation by **Administration** of Summary of Business and Personnel items

  - A. Board Questions/Comments on **Administration** Agenda items
  - B. Presentation by **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion** of Summary of Business and Personnel items
  - C. Board Questions/Comments on **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion** Agenda items
  - D. Presentation by **Early Childhood, Family and Community Services** of Summary of Business and Personnel items
  - E. Board Questions/Comments on **Early Childhood, Family and Community Services** Agenda items
  - F. Presentation by **Finance and Business Operations** of Summary of Business and Personnel items
  - G. Board Questions/Comments on **Finance and Business Operations** Agenda items
  - H. Presentation by **Human Resources and Labor Relations** of Summary of Business and Personnel items
  - I. Board Questions/Comments on **Human Resources and Labor Relations** Agenda items
  - J. Presentation by **Special Education and Pupil Services** of Summary of Business and Personnel items
  - K. Board Questions/Comments on **Special Education and Pupil Services** Agenda items
  - L. Presentation by **Teaching and Learning** of Summary of Business and Personnel items
  - M. Board Questions/Comments on **Teaching and Learning** Agenda Items
  - N. Presentation by **Technology Services** of Summary of Business and Personnel items
  - O. Board Questions/Comments on **Technology Services** Agenda items
- XII. **New Business or New Personnel Items and/or Board Business**
  - Election of Officers for 2024-2025
- XIII. **Comments from Visitors**
- XIV. **Recognition of Outgoing Board Members**
- XV. **Future Business**
- XVI. **Adjournment**

**PERSONNEL ITEMS: EARLY CHILDHOOD, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

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The administration recommends that the Board approve the following personnel items, subject to the terms and conditions of any applicable offer letter(s), collective bargaining agreement(s), compensation and benefits plan(s), board policies, and laws and regulations.

A. The administration recommends that the Board suspend (furlough) eight professional employees and nonrenew one temporary professional employee in the Alternative Education Program effective August 19, 2024, because of a substantial decrease in pupil enrollment in the program and a curtailment or allocation of the educational program as a result of substantial decline in class or course enrollments or to conform with standards of organization or educational activities required by law or recommended by the Department of Education. This action is necessary because of a decision by the School District of Pittsburgh to assume responsibility for educational programming for scholarship students at the Allegheny County Jail.

**B Furloughs** Total Furloughs: 8

Names	Job Title	Program	Effective Date	Reason
1. Jarquinta, Thomas	Principal	Alternative Education	8/19/2024	Suspension (furlough)
2. Chudarski, Mary	Alternative teacher	Alternative Education	8/19/2024	Suspension (furlough)
3. Jablonski, John	Alternative teacher	Alternative Education	8/19/2024	Suspension (furlough)
4. Rankavage, Charles	Alternative teacher	Alternative Education	8/19/2024	Suspension (furlough)
5. Thomas, Edwards	Alternative teacher	Alternative Education	8/19/2024	Suspension (furlough)
6. Chardens, Donald	Alternative teacher	Alternative Education	8/19/2024	Suspension (furlough)
7. Onyiahko, Courtney	Alternative teacher	Alternative Education	8/19/2024	Suspension (furlough)
8. Glaze, LaVada	Counselor	Alternative Education	8/19/2024	Suspension (furlough)

**C Non-Renew** Total Non-Renew: 1

Names	Job Title	Program	Reason
1. Hartman, Mariah	Counselor	Alternative Education	Non-Renewal

**D New Hires** Total New Hires: 6

Names	Effective Date	Job Title	Program	Work Location	Hourly Rate
1. Hsu, Chinyi	6/24/2024	Summer School Instructor	Alternative Education	Shuman Center School	\$33.00
2. Matthews, Danyale	6/17/2024	After School Group Leader	FACIS	Lincoln Park Family Center	\$15.00
3. Piggister, Darcy	6/11/2024	Day to Day Substitute Head Start Teacher Assistant	Head Start	Countywide	\$17.00
4. Zorn, Kelli	6/24/2024	Summer School Instructor	Alternative Education	Shuman Center School	\$33.00
5. Shultz, Noah	6/24/2024	Summer School Instructor	Alternative Education	Shuman Center School	\$33.00
6. Leav, Kiera	6/25/2024	Early Childhood Educator, Family Literacy	Family Literacy	Hornstead	\$23.00

**E Leave of Absences** Total Leave of Absences: 2

Names	Type	Employee Title	Location	Program	Return Date
1. Jones, Victoria	Return to Duty	Teacher	Sho-Rox Head Start Classroom	Head Start	5/30/2024
2. Remboldt, Morgan	Return to Duty	Home Based Visitor	Carnegie Early Head Start Classroom	Early Head Start	6/17/2024

**F Change of Employment** Total Change of Employment: 2

Names	Reason for COE	Effective Date	From Program	From Location	From Salary	To Program	To Location	To Salary
1. Aaravog, Joyce	Change in Position	6/10/2024	Preschool Early Intervention	Administrative Support	\$31,011.80	FACIS	Receptionist/Service Coordinator	\$30,250.00
2. Alred, LeRita	Change in Position	6/1/2024	Receptionist/Resurter	Central Office			Outreach Specialist/Group Facilitator	

**G Supplementals** Total Supplementals: 3

First Name	Type	Effective Date	End Date	Position	Location	Hourly Rate	Not to Exceed
1. Glaze, Lavada	Supplemental	6/24/2024	8/8/2024	Alternative Education	Shuman Highlands	\$33.00	
2. Mills, Anthony	Supplemental	6/10/2024	6/30/2025	FACIS	Lincoln Park After-School	\$15.00	\$24,000.00 or \$7,860
3. Huff, Margaret	Supplemental	6/24/2024	8/8/2024	Alternative Education	Shuman Highlands	\$33.00	

**H Grant Stipends** Total Stipends: 4

Names	Position	Effective Date	End Date	Location	Not to Exceed
1. Bessie Thompson, Laura	Early Literacy Hub Grant	7/1/2024	5/31/2025	Mckeesport Family Center	\$2,500.00
2. Cherpak, Holly	Early Literacy Hub Grant	7/1/2024	5/31/2025	Steel Valley Family Center	\$5,000.00
3. Warren, Jayanna	Early Literacy Hub Grant	7/1/2024	5/31/2025	Charton Family Center	\$2,500.00
4. Dennis, Jeanie	TEAR Expansion Grant	7/1/2024	12/31/2024	Highlands Family Center	\$2,500.00

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## ALLEGHENY INTERMEDIATE UNIT

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June 27, 2024

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**Re: ALTERATION AND/OR CURTAILMENT OF PROGRAM**

To the Office of School Services:

This letter is to advise the Department of Education (Department) of an alteration and/or curtailment of programming at the Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU).

On June 24, 2024, the AIU Board of Directors (Board) approved the following resolution:

The administration recommends that the Board suspend (furlough) eight professional employees and nonrenew one temporary professional employee in the Alternative Education Program effective August 19, 2024, because of a substantial decrease in pupil enrollment in the program and a curtailment or alteration of the educational program as a result of substantial decline in class or course enrollments or to conform with standards of organization or educational activities required by law or recommended by the Department of Education. This action is necessary because of a decision by the School District of Pittsburgh to assume responsibility for educational programming for school-age students at the Allegheny County Jail.

Although the AIU had operated the program at the Allegheny County Jail (Jail) at least since the current facility opened in 1995, Section 1306.2 of the Public School Code of 1949, as amended, 24 P.S. § 13-1306.2, provides that a school district that includes an adult local correctional institution where juveniles are incarcerated is responsible for providing educational services to such students. Likewise, PPS is the local education agency (LEA) legally responsible for providing special education and related services to students at the Jail who qualify. *See* 24 P.S. § 13-1372; *see also* 22 Pa. Code §§ 14.103, 14.121(c). PPS's status as LEA with respect to eligible juveniles incarcerated at the Jail was confirmed by the Department's Bureau of Special Education in a Complaint Investigation Report dated May 6, 2024.

Enclosed are copies of the relevant portions of the Board's agenda. Minutes will not be available until approved at the Board's August 26, 2024, meeting. The agenda is available, and minutes will be available when approved, on the AIU's public BoardDocs site:

<https://go.boarddocs.com/pa/aiu3/Board.nsf/Public>.

Please contact me if the Department requires additional information. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'RS', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert Scherrer

cc: Joseph D. Shaulis, General Counsel  
Dr. Wendy Etheridge Smith, Director, Early Childhood, Family and Community Services  
Erin Koebel, Director, Human Resources  
Joseph Lucarelli, Chief Finance and Operations Officer  
Dr. Licia Lentz, Program Director, Alternative Education Program

Enclosure