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June 1, 2021

Acting Secretary Ortega
Pennsylvania Department of Education
333 Market Street
Harrisburg, PA 17126.

Acting Secretary Ortega,

The purpose of this correspondence is to notify the Pennsylvania Department of Education of the upcoming curtailment of the Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth (AEDY) program for the 2021-2022 School Year at the Luzerne Intermediate Unit. The curtailment of the AEDY program was made necessary as a result of a significant decline in enrollment. The AEDY program currently has zero students enrolled.

Following the recommendation of the Executive Director and concurrence of the Board of Directors, the Luzerne Intermediate Unit Board approved the curtailment of the AEDY program at its regular monthly meeting on April 28, 2021. The Board Meeting minutes from the April 28th meeting were subsequently approved at the May 26, 2021 Board Meeting. Motion and approved minutes roll call are enclosed.

As a result, all 10 professional staff members have been notified that their jobs have been eliminated and that they will need to post into other positions within the organization. Ultimately, we likely need to furlough 5 – 6 professional employees as a result of the curtailment of educational programming.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Dr. Anthony Grieco

Enclosures: April 2021 Curtailment Board Motion
May approval of April 2021 Minutes

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INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 28, 2021

The regular meeting of the Luzerne Intermediate Unit Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, April 28, 2021, in the auditorium of the Luzerne Intermediate Unit and via Zoom. The meeting was called to order approximately 6:30 P.M. by President Farrell. A work session that began at approximately 5:30 P.M. was held prior to the meeting.

President Farrell called the meeting to order. She asked for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

ROLL CALL:

Lorraine Farrell, President – Lake Lehman	- Present
Peter Lanza, Vice-President – Northwest Area	- Present
David James Usavage, Secretary – Wyoming Valley West	- Present (Electronic)
Frank Ciavarella, Jr., Treasurer – Hanover Area	- Absent
John Adonizio – Pittston Area	- Absent
Len Olzinski– Greater Nanticoke Area	- Present
Robert Parry -Tunkhannock Area	- Present (Electronic)
Denise Thomas – Wilkes-Barre Area	- Present
Joe Caffrey – Wilkes Barre Area	- Present
Edward Shemansky – Hazleton Area	- Absent
James Costello – Crestwood	- Present
Nick DeAngelo– Wyoming Area	- Present
Larry Schuler – Dallas	- Absent

ADMINISTRATION

Executive Director, Dr. Anthony Grieco	- Present
Assistant to the Executive Director for Student Services, Libby Krokos	- Present

4. CONTRACT

That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to execute Change Order No. 1 for Contract No. 6 for the Electrical Construction in the decreased contract amount of $8,000.00 for the following:

BRENNAN ELECTRIC INC.

5. PDE-2054 IU ADMINISTRATIVE, SUMMARY AND PROGRAM BUDGET SUBMISSION

That the Board of Directors approves the submission of the PDE-2054 Intermediate Unit Administrative, Summary and Program Budget for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022.

6. PAYMENT FOR CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION CREDIT COURSES

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

"A+ Ideas for Every Student's Success" an on-line course taught by Colleen Anzio from February 2 – March 2, 2021. Payment in the amount of $500 for 5 students.

"Project-Based & Challenge Based Learning" an on-line course taught by Jill Brooks from 2/15 - 3/13/2021. Payment in the amount of $500 for 5 students.

ABC's on Teaching Strategies for PreK-3" an on-line course taught by Colleen Anzio from March 1 – April 2, 2021. Payment in the amount of $700 for 7 students

"Active and Engaging Strategies for the Inclusive Classroom" an on-line course taught by Colleen Anzio from March 9 – April 9, 2021. Payment in the amount of $500 for 5 students.

7. ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION FOR DISRUPTIVE YOUTH

That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to notify the Pennsylvania Department of Education of the curtailment of an educational program for the 2021-2022 School Year. The program to be curtailed is the Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth. All staff assigned to the AEDY Program will be notified that their current positions will be displaced.

8. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

That the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to develop and operate Academy of Learning, a non-disciplinary placement program for students struggling to be successful in their home school district in compliance with all Federal and State Regulations.

PERSONALIZED ACADEMY OF LEARNING

Roll Call:

Ms. Thomas – Yes; Mr. Costello – Yes; Mr. Olzinski – Yes; Ms. Farrell- Yes; Mr. DeAngelo – Yes; Mr. Parry – Yes; Mr. Caffrey- Yes; Mr. Lanza – Yes; Mr. Usavage – Yes: Absent Mr. Adonizio, Mr. Ciavarella, Mr. Shemansky and Mr. Schuler.

Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE; LEN OLZINSKI, CHAIRPERSON; ED SHEMANSKY AND JAMES COSTELLO.

Mr. Olzinski moved and Ms. Thomas seconded the following motions:

TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTS ADJUSTMENTS

That the following negotiated transportation routes for the 2020-2021 Luzerne Intermediate Unit Transportation Program be approved as reviewed and recommended by the Executive Director and Operational Services Supervisor. 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 $20.00 per day is included in the contracted amount for all aides, and $30.00 per day is included in the contract amount for routes requiring vans with lifts.

SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION 2020-2021

FEBRUARY 2021

PACE TRANSPORTATION-PO BOX 1015-PITTSTON, PA 18640

PT-ROUTE-11-Adjusted to the daily rate of **$93.73** effective **February 8, 2021**, student dropped, mileage decreased. This route transports students from the Pittston Area School District.

MARCH 2021

LEGGIERI TRANSPORTATION, LLC-95 C MANOR ROAD-EDWARDSVILLE, PA 18704

BL-ROUTE-3-Adjusted to the daily rate of **$207.25** effective **March 15, 2021;** student added, mileage increased. This route transports students from the Wilkes-Barre Area and Wyoming Valley West School Districts.

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

INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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MAY 26, 2021

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President Farrell called the meeting to order. She asked for the Pledge of Allegiance and Dr. Grieco asked for a moment of silence for Logan Ford Guadalupe a student in our MDS classroom who recently passed away.

ROLL CALL:

Lorraine Farrell, President – Lake Lehman	-Present
Peter Lanza, Vice-President – Northwest Area	-Present
David James Usavage, Secretary – Wyoming Valley West	-Present
Frank Ciavarella, Jr., Treasurer – Hanover Area	-Present
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ADMINISTRATION

Executive Director, Dr. Anthony Grieco	-Present

Assistant to the Executive Director for Student Services, Libby Krokos	-Present
Assistant to the Executive Director for District Services, Ty Yost	-Present
Solicitor to the Board, Michael Butera	-Present
Business Manager, John Gordon	-Present
Director of Alternative Learning Center, Ron Musto	-Present
Director of Non-Public, Federal and State Programs, Joseph DeLucca	-Present
Director of Provider 50, Jennifer Runquist	-Present

SECRETARY'S REPORT – MR. USAVAGE

Mr. Usavage moved and Ms. Thomas seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of **April 28, 2021**

Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT – MR. CIAVARELLA

Mr. Ciavarella moved and Mr. Usavage seconded the following motions:

April 1, 2021 through April 30, 2021.

	BEGINNING BALANCES	TOTAL REVENUES	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	BALANCE FORWARD
Luzerne Intermediate Unit – General Fund	2,808,241.96	781,780.50	2,260,590.82	1,329,431.64
Nonpublic School Services Program				
Fund 11 – Act 89	1,044,513.47	831.44	139,859.40	905,485.51
Special Education Department				
Fund 23 – Special Education	1,867,593.43	1,065,828.26	1,129,098.42	1,804,323.27
Fund 24 – Transportation	2,865,278.68	228.24	194,010.45	2,671,496.47
School Lunch Program	7.86	-	-	7.86
Behavioral Health Program	1,760,056.74	272,824.77	740,417.97	1,292,463.54
Payroll Account	611,663.31	2,675,608.35	3,264,842.70	22,428.96