



Board Matters

A Synopsis of the Chester County Intermediate Unit Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, September 17, 2008

Items of note

The Chester County Intermediate Unit Board of Directors held their monthly meeting on September 17, 2008 at the CCIU Educational Service Center in Downingtown from approximately 8:30 to 9:15 p.m. The following items were discussed:

1. Due to a conflict with the Pennsylvania School Boards Association annual conference, the CCIU board of directors canceled its October meeting. Therefore, its next meeting will be held on November 19, 2008 at 8:00 p.m. at the CCIU Educational Service Center.
2. All CCIU programs and schools opened on schedule for the 2008-09 school year. Of special note was the opening of the brand new Chester County Technical College High School. A grand dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on Wednesday, October 22. A date saver has been sent out and invitations are in the mail. In addition, a community day and open house will be held on Saturday, October 25, 2008 for the general public to come and tour the new facility.
3. The CCIU will once again be hosting the Chester County College Fair. Over 250 colleges will be represented at the event to be held on September 29 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the United Sports Training Center in Downingtown. The event is free and open to the general public. For more information, please visit CCIU's Web site at <http://www.cciu.org>.
4. Chester County school districts participating in the Delaware Valley Healthcare Coalition will save an estimated combined total of nearly \$1 million in healthcare costs. Six Chester County school districts participate in the multi-state coalition, including Avon Grove, Great Valley, Kennett Consolidated, Phoenixville Area, Owen J. Roberts, and Tredyffrin/Easttown.
5. CCIU will have the unique opportunity of hosting a weeklong space exposition at Immaculata University in March 2009. The exposition will include presentations by NASA staff on topics ranging from global warming, black holes, and the future of space missions. Details and more information will be sent to the schools as the program is finalized.

Finance items

The CCIU board of directors approved replacing CCIU's existing MasterCard program with the EasyProcure Educational Procurement Card Program. The program is endorsed by PASA, PASBO, PSBA, and PSDLAF and is currently used by five Chester County school districts and 100 school districts throughout the Commonwealth. The procurement program offers a number of security control features compared to traditional credit cards, including: limiting the dollar amount, number and type of purchases made on employee-issued procurement cards, no bank fees, and a pooled cash rebate system.

In addition, the CCIU board of directors approved the following financial items:

- CCIU financial reports for July and August 2008
- Routine budget approvals and revisions
- All recommended service agreements, routine contracts, and lease agreements

New business

The CCIU board of directors considered in first reading:

- A new bullying/cyber bullying policy
- Revision of the public records inspection and duplication policy

In addition the CCIU board of directors approved the following action items:

- Authorization of the use of new initiative funds in the amount of \$15,000 to support a full-time intern for the Training and Consultation team.
- Approval of high school credit recovery options through the Brandywine Virtual Academy.
- Establishment of a practical nursing satellite campus at the Chester County Technical College High School in Jennersville.
- Approval of conference request for James Bruce to attend the PSBA School Leadership Conference in Hershey October 15-17, 2008.
- Revision of the use of CCIU buildings and facilities policy.

Personnel actions

The board approved all recommended personnel action items, including: routine terminations/resignations/retirements; nominations; changes in status; creation, modification and elimination of positions; supplemental salaries; and pay rates.

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