



Board Matters

A Synopsis of the Chester County Intermediate Unit Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, May 20, 2009

The Chester County Intermediate Unit Board of Directors held their monthly meeting on May 20, 2009 at the CCIU Educational Service Center in Downingtown. The meeting began at 8:00 p.m. and lasted until approximately 9:20 p.m. The following items were discussed and acted upon:

Items of Note

1. The CCIU Board approved a resolution requesting the 12 member school districts and the Chester County Vocational Technical School Board to approve the acquisition of property at 443-453 Boot Road in Downingtown, PA for the development of a new technical college high school and intermediate unit center.
2. The CCIU Board heard a presentation on the Discover Program, which is a work-based learning program that provides students with disabilities the opportunity to transition from school to work. Vince McVeigh is the supervisor of the Discover Program.
3. The CCIU Board also heard two presentations on IU Board goal progress. The first was presented by Dr. Ambrose Finnegan and was entitled "Implementing Chapter 14 Requirements Concerning Paraeducators" (Board goal #3). John DeMillion presented "Paperless Board Goal 2008-09" (Board goal #9), documenting the initiatives being implemented to reduce the amount of paper forms being used at the IU and the savings generated in time and paper consumption.

In other business

Finance items

The CCIU board of directors approved the following financial items:

- CCIU financial reports for April 2009
- Marketplace pricing for Home & Community Services reverted to 2008-09 levels.
- Occupational and Physical Therapy services rates reverted to 2008-09 levels. Austill's Rehabilitative Services agreed to forego the contractual cost of living adjustment, so that the OT/PT charge will remain the same in 2009-10 as in 2008-09.
- Ratification of joint purchasing bid awards for cafeteria small equipment and cafeteria disposable wares to the lowest responsible bidders meeting specifications.
- Establishment of a bank letter of credit with Citadel Federal Credit Union in the amount of \$1,468,000 as required under our self-insurance agreement with Independence Blue Cross.

New business

The CCIU board of directors approved the following action items:

- Acceptance of Southeast Regional Key Keystone STARS Award.
- Alteration and/or curtailment of Masonry program at CAT Brandywine from 1.0 to 0.0 FTE professional staff, effective the first day of the 2009-10 school year, in accordance with the Pennsylvania School Code and the collective bargaining agreement for professional employees.
- 2009-10 Head Start and Preschool Special Education calendars.
- In keeping with the Head Start Regional Office, the Head Start Policy and Procedure allowing parents/guardians to request an extended leave for their children to observe cultural celebrations.

Personnel actions

The Board approved all recommended personnel action items, including: routine terminations/resignations/retirements; nominations; changes in status; creation of positions; supplemental salaries; and pay rates. In addition, the Board approved the following:

- Elimination of Supervisor of Special Education position, effective the beginning of the 2009-10 school year.
- Rate increase for summer maintenance workers, effective May 21, 2009.
- Increase in Teacher Temp training fee from \$52.50 to \$150.00 with the option to refund \$75.00 of the cost after the trainee completes five days of satisfactory substitute teaching.

The Next CCIU board of directors meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 17, 2009 at 8:00 p.m. at the CCIU Educational Service Center.