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The regular meeting of the Berks County Intermediate Unit Board of Directors was held on Thursday, August 19, 2021. The meeting was held in a hybrid format.

President Gary McEwen called the meeting to order at 8:08 p.m. Following the pledge of allegiance, Jan Krotee, recording secretary, called the roll. Attendance was as follows:

Intermediate Unit Board: Robin Costenbader-Jacobson; Dr. David Hemberger; Elizabeth S. Huhn; Dr. Amy Kennedy; Linda R. Lash; Oscar Manbeck; Kevin L. Manmiller; Steven Miller; Ralph C. Richard; Brian Specht; Terrie Taylor, LSW; James Ulrich; and Gary McEwen

Absent: Jill A. Dennin; Joseph A. Lupia, Jr.; Rev. Dr. Dennis Ritter; and Ann Sellers

Intermediate Unit: Dr. Jill M. Hackman; Donna DeLoretta; Scott Major; Dan Richards; Dr. Michelle Reichard-Huff; Rob Rosenberry; Cherie Zimmerman; Steve Dressel; Beth Kozloski; and Jan Krotee

Solicitor(s): John M. Stott, Esq. and James Mancuso, Esq.

Guest(s): John Ford, BCIUEA Vice President; and Hope Kavka, BCIUEA Treasurer

Press: None

Following the pledge of allegiance and roll call, President McEwen welcomed participants to the BCIU Board meeting. He noted that an executive session was held prior to the meeting to discuss personnel matters and the Health and Safety Plan.

Announcements

President McEwen asked if anyone present would like to speak regarding an agenda item. No one desired to speak.

**Persons Desiring to Be Heard
—Item 01. B. 3.**

A motion was made by Richard, seconded by Taylor to accept the resignation of James Dotzenroth, BCIU Board representative from the Conrad Weiser Area School District, effective August 13, 2021, and to seat Bret A.B. Sabold to fill Mr. Dotzenroth's unexpired term, effective August 20, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

**Resignation of James
Dotzenroth / Seating of Bret
A.B. Sabold as BCIU Board
Representative from Conrad
Weiser Area School District
—Item 01. C.**

Motion Carried.

Voice Vote

A motion was made by Lash, seconded by Taylor, to approve agenda items 02. through 09., as follows:

To approve the minutes of the June 17, 2021 Board meeting.

**Approval of Minutes
—Item 02.**

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03. APPROVAL/RATIFICATION OF BCIU GENERAL FUND BILLS
(Detailed list of bills is available.)

IU Bills and Financial Reports—Items 03., 04., 05., 06., 07., 08., and 09.
(Detailed list of bills available for review.)

SOURCE		PAGE	AMOUNT
June	2021 Ratifications - IU	1-18	\$3,154,619.47
June	2021 Ratifications - PSDLAF	1-01	\$10,270.97
July	2021 Ratifications - IU	1-35	\$3,237,880.07
July	2021 Ratifications - PSDLAF	1-01	\$5,380.04
August	2021 Ratifications - IU	1-07	\$473,529.45
August	2021 Approvals - IU	1-07	\$1,660,769.79
TOTAL			\$8,542,449.79

04. TOMPKINS/VIST REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTE – \$10,000,000 *(Information Item):*

Amount Outstanding
August 12, 2021
\$0

05. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE AGING REPORT AS OF AUGUST 12, 2021 *(Information item):*

Funding Source	Current	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	120 Days
School Districts	\$79,635.41	\$1,929,092.12	\$1,427,085.10	\$115,332.36	\$97,069.48
Commonwealth of PA	\$0.00	\$7,815,887.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Revenue Sources	\$52,258.14	\$854,605.64	\$465.65	\$594.72	\$12,826.51
TOTALS	\$131,893.55	\$10,599,584.76	\$1,427,550.75	\$115,927.08	\$109,895.99
GRAND TOTAL	\$12,384,852.13				

06. APPROVAL/RATIFICATION OF HEAD START:

- a. Annual Funding Guidance Letter
- b. Head Start Notice of Award – 2021 With Budget Revisions
- c. Head Start Notice of Award Carryover CARES Funds into 2021
- d. Head Start Notice of Award – Includes BASE, TTA, CARES, COLA
- e. Financial Statements (June and July 2021)
- f. Credit Card Purchases (June and July 2021)
- g. Non-Federal Share Report (June and July 2021)
- h. Policy Council Minutes/Resolutions (June and July 2021)
- i. Head Start Director’s Reports (July and August 2021)

07. COMBINED FINANCIAL REPORT

CASH

BEGINNING BALANCE JUNE 1, 2021		\$7,720,032.52
RECEIPTS		
REVENUE RECEIPTS	\$8,257,557.12	
RETURNED CHECKS	\$0.00	
INVESTMENT REDEMPTIONS	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$8,257,557.12</u>
		\$15,977,589.64
DISBURSEMENTS		
PRE-BOARD RATIFICATIONS	\$908,175.31	
PRE-BOARD RATIFICATIONS-PSDLAF	\$0.00	
BOARD APPROVALS	\$880,337.58	

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POST BOARD RATIFICATIONS PSDLAF	\$10,270.97	
POST BOARD RATIFICATIONS IU	<u>\$3,154,619.47</u>	
TOTAL CHECKS WRITTEN	\$4,953,403.33	
CHECKS VOIDED	(\$14,714.39)	
PAYROLL DISTRIBUTIONS	<u>\$5,050,529.28</u>	<u>\$9,989,218.22</u>
ENDING BALANCE -JUNE 30, 2021		\$5,988,371.42
CASH AVAILABLE-JUNE 30,2021		\$5,988,371.42
<u>CASH</u>		
BEGINNING BALANCE JULY 1, 2021		\$5,988,371.42
RECEIPTS		
REVENUE RECEIPTS	\$6,101,788.38	
RETURNED CHECKS	\$0.00	
INVESTMENT REDEMPTIONS	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$6,101,788.38</u>
		\$12,090,159.80
DISBURSEMENTS		
PRE-BOARD RATIFICATIONS	\$0.00	
PRE-BOARD RATIFICATIONS-PSDLAF	\$0.00	
BOARD APPROVALS	\$0.00	
POST BOARD RATIFICATIONS PSDLAF	\$5,380.04	
POST BOARD RATIFICATIONS IU	<u>\$3,237,880.07</u>	
TOTAL CHECKS WRITTEN	\$3,243,260.11	
CHECKS VOIDED	(\$1,315.85)	
PAYROLL DISTRIBUTIONS	<u>\$6,747,372.46</u>	<u>\$9,989,316.72</u>
ENDING BALANCE -JULY 31, 2021		\$2,100,843.08
CASH AVAILABLE-JULY 31,2021		\$2,100,843.08

08. INVESTMENT OF FUNDS

Interest earned on investments is as follows:

JUNE 2021

Tompkins VIST	\$774.84
PNC	\$.40
Chase	\$4.49

JULY 2021

Tompkins VIS	\$474.41
PNC	\$.36
Chase	\$4.08

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09. BUDGETS

A. New and Proposed Budgets

BUDGETS

1. Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools (EANS I) – Program 20-194

Office of Professional Development and Curriculum

3/13/20 – 9/30/23

\$3,118,478

The Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools (EANS) program is one-time federal emergency funds to help non-public schools respond to COVID-19 impacts. These funds are intended to help non-public schools safely reopen, measure, and effectively address significant learning loss, and take other actions to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on the students and families who depend on the nonpublic schools. The Pennsylvania Department of Education is providing this funding to the Berks County Intermediate Unit on behalf of the non-public schools in its geographic region which have applied for the assistance. EANS funds are authorized under Section 313 of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act, 2021 and are administered in accordance with federal regulations (new).

2. Pre-K Counts Marketing Campaign – Program 21-278

Office of Administration

6/22/21 – 6/30/22

\$96,470

The BCIU Executive Office Creative Team through a memorandum of understanding with the PA Key Office and the Office of Childhood Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) will provide contracted services for the Pennsylvania Key Pre-K Counts Marketing Campaign (new).

B. Initial Budgets

1. Early Intervention - IDEA Section 619 – Program 185

Office of Early Childhood and Student Services

7/1/21 – 6/30/22

\$851,307

This program is federally funded for Early Intervention under the provisions of P.L. 99-457. It supplements Early Intervention services, by funding office rent, property and liability insurance, professional legal fees, and other supplemental expenditures; \$485,000 will be funding for Early Childhood Mental Health programs (since 1986).

2. Early Intervention - IDEA Act 2004 (Part B) – Program 186

Office of Early Childhood and Student Services

7/1/21 – 6/30/22

\$1,306,560

The federal funding source for this program is P.L. 108-446, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act 2004 – Part B. This budget is Component 1 which supports Early Intervention services such as speech, educational itinerant, and assistant teacher staff in addition to supplemental staff expenditures (since 1982/1983).

3. Early Intervention - ACCESS – Program 215

Office of Early Childhood and Student Services

7/1/21 – 6/30/22

\$779,768

Funded by the state, this program, now referred to as School-Based Access Program (SBAP), is an avenue for the BCIU to receive additional federal funding through Medicaid dollars for medical/mental health related special education services to students in the PA Medical Assistance Program (since 1991).

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- 4. Project ELECT/Fatherhood Initiative – Program 235
(Education Leading to Employment and Career Training)**
Office of Early Childhood and Student Services
7/1/21 – 6/30/22 \$732,223
Funded by state, local, and federal monies through the Family Support Act which is designed to enable families with dependent children to become financially independent of public assistance, this budget helps ELECT participants to complete high school and train for a job. Additionally, the fatherhood initiative provides education resources to custodial and non-custodial fathers under the age of 22 who are enrolled in middle school, high school, or GED programs (since 1993).
- 5. Early Intervention - School Age – Program 300**
Office of Early Childhood and Student Services
7/1/21 – 6/30/22 \$908,781
Mandated by the Department of Education and contracted through a MAWA (Mutually Agreed Upon Written Agreement), this program serves preschool children identified with special education needs who are transitioning to placement in their respective districts. In the year prior to eligibility for school age placement, parents have the option to maintain placement for their child in the Early Intervention Program for an additional year. Educational costs for school age students who remain in the EI Program is the responsibility of the home district (since 1983).
- 6. Education of Juveniles Incarcerated in Adult Facilities Program – Program 307**
Office of Early Childhood and Student Services
7/1/21 – 6/30/22 \$323,564
Funded by the participant’s resident district, this program provides education services to adjudicated adolescents who are housed in the Adult Prison Program, including young adults with disabilities who have not yet reached their 21st birthday and have not finished high school (since 1997).
- 7. Early Intervention – Program 348**
Office of Early Childhood and Student Services
7/1/21 – 6/30/22 \$18,005,614
Funded by the state, this program provides services to newly identified, preschool handicapped children in Berks County (since 1983).
- 8. Berks Academic Challenge – Program 625**
Office of Early Childhood and Student Services
7/1/21 – 6/30/22 \$8,000
This proprietary program features academic quiz competition based on a student’s general scholastic knowledge and is designed to recognize the high level of scholastic achievement in Berks County and to provide role models for younger students in areas of scholarly pursuit (since 1985).
- 9. Auxiliary Services to Non-Public Schools (ACT 89) – Program 189**
Office of Professional Development and Curriculum
7/1/21 – 6/30/22 \$2,369,834
Funded by the state, the Act 89 program provides support to approximately 4,826 students in nonpublic schools. Act 89 staff includes 9 remedial teachers who provide reading and mathematics and 3 psychologists (since 1974).

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- 10. Title I Nonpublic – Program 190**
Office of Professional Development and Curriculum
7/1/21 – 6/30/22 \$808,559
Funded by the federal government, the Title I program provides supplemental educational services so that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education. The Berks County Public School Districts may choose to contract with the Berks County Intermediate Unit to provide these services to eligible students attending nonpublic schools within Berks County (since July 2007).
- 11. PA Key Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership (EHS-CCP)
Program 21-288**
Office of Professional Development and Curriculum
8/1/21 – 7/31/22 \$6,276,250
This program consists of funding for the administration and facilitation of OCDEL’s Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership (EHS-CCP) Program that serves 368 low-income, at-risk children and their families. The EHS-CCP programs provide funded enrollments and services at the local level, prioritizing partnerships between community-based organization and local child care providers. The funding supports contracted professional Nutrition, Health & Mental Health coaches, and portions of the EHS Manager, EHS Specialist, and other staff positions to administer the grant, along with appropriate travel and supplies. PA Key staff partners with seven (7) agencies to provide monitoring, assistance, training & oversight to give full report to OCDEL’s Early Head Start Policy Council and Governing Body. These partner agencies receive pass-thru funding as part of this grant. Each year, we resubmit our plan for this grant, #03HP000326 on behalf of OCDEL (since 2020).
- 12. Guest Teacher Training Program – Program 692**
Office of Human Resources
7/1/21 – 6/30/22 \$17,200
This budget supports a program for the recruitment, training, and recertification of individuals possessing bachelor’s degrees to serve as per-diem substitute teachers in Berks County school districts and career and technology centers participating in the program. The BCIU Department of Human Resources maintains files on those who participate in this program and processes the emergency permit applications and recertification required by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. This program has provided more than 700 emergency certified substitutes for Berks County school districts (since 1998).
- 13. Special Education Transportation – Program 344**
Office of Business Services
7/1/21 – 6/30/22 \$9,619,426
Funded by the state, this budget provides for transportation of approximately 1800 special needs children between their homes and schools and to activities prescribed by the individual education program (since 1969).

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C. Changes to Initial Budgets

1. Education of Homeless Children and Youth – Program 19-150

Office of Early Childhood and Student Services

7/1/19 – 9/30/20

\$9,588

Total Proposed Revised Budget: \$683,531

BCIU serves as the Region II coordinator for the administration of the federally funded homeless education program. In addition to Berks County, BCIU provides direct service to Schuylkill, Lebanon, and Lancaster counties. BCIU flows thru funding to Chester and Dauphin Counties, and Lancaster School District and is responsible for the oversight and supervision of the other county providers. The grant is for a three-year period (since 1993). These changes are necessary to make year-end adjustments.

2. PA Science Standards Revision – Program 217

Office of Professional Development and Curriculum

7/1/20 – 6/30/21

\$171,720

Total Proposed Revised Budget: \$230,040

BCIU through an agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Education will provide services to support the Pennsylvania Science Standards revision process. Services under this agreement will include assistance in facilitation of initial information gathering and creation of a landscape report, stakeholder engagement sessions, steering committee and writing work groups, community feedback, and presentation to State Board of Education. BCIU will support and supply technical assistance to the Pennsylvania Department of Education throughout the revision (since 2019). This revision is necessary due to additional funding.

D. Budgetary Transfers

1. BCIU Pre-K Counts – Program 230

Office of Early Childhood and Student Services

7/1/20 – 6/30/21

\$179,282

Pre-K Counts is a state-funded initiative designed to provide high quality preschool services to children. This program, administered through the PA Department of Education, provides funding to serve 137 at-risk children who primarily reside in Reading School District plus other areas of Berks County as defined in the BCIU's contract with the Berks Community Action Program. PDE has defined "at-risk" as children whose families earn less than 300% of the federal poverty level, those who are English Language Learners, or children who have special needs as defined by their I.E.P. (since 2007). These budget transfers are necessary to adjust expenditures to year-end projections.

2. BCIU Pre-K Counts Partnership – Program 231

Office of Early Childhood and Student Services

7/1/20 – 6/30/21

\$118,472

Funded by the state and administered by the PA Department of Education, the BCIU Pre-K Counts Partnership provides high quality preschool services to 160 at risk children, which as defined is living in households below 300 percent of the federal poverty rate, those who are English language learners or are at risk due to community factors, academic difficulties, or economic disadvantage. BCIU Pre-K Counts is operated in partnership with participating Berks County School Districts and two local Child Care Centers (since 2016). These budget transfers are necessary to adjust expenditures to year-end projections.

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Yeas: Costenbader-Jacobson; Hemberger; Huhn; Kennedy; Lash; Manbeck; Manmiller; Miller; Richard; Specht; Taylor; Ulrich; McEwen	Roll Call Vote
Nays: None. Motion carried.	

10. COMMUNICATIONS
No Items to Report

COMMUNICATIONS
—Item 10.

11. OLD BUSINESS
No Items to Report

OLD BUSINESS
—Item 11. A.

12. REPORT OF NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE
No Items to Report

REPORT OF NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE—Item 11. B.

A motion was made by Huhn, seconded by Richard, to approve the following items under Personnel Matters – Items 13. A. through 13. N:

13. PERSONNEL MATTERS
—ROB ROSENBERY, DIRECTOR

PERSONNEL MATTERS

A. General

To award a professional contract to Rebecca M. Winson, English as Second Language Itinerant Teacher, Special Education, who has completed three years of satisfactory service, effective August 14, 2021.

Professional Contract to Rebecca M. Winson
— Item 13. A. 1.

To approve the unpaid internships as noted below:

- a. Kristina Young, Millersville University graduate student majoring in School Counseling, under the supervision of Andrew Johnson, Guidance Counselor, effective August 23, 2021, through December 10, 2021.
- b. Alexis Daniel, Kutztown University undergraduate student majoring in Early Education, under the supervision of Catherine Skrocki, Specialized Preschool Teacher, effective August 30, 2021, through December 10, 2021.

Unpaid Internships of Kristina Young and Alexis Daniel
— Item 13. A. 2.

To ratify the amended Transportation Compensation and Benefits Plan, effective July 1, 2021.

Amended Transportation Compensation and Benefits Plan — Item 13. A. 3.

To acknowledge receipt of the list containing the salaries of Transportation Employees, effective August 2, 2021.

Receipt of Salary List for Transportation Employees
— Item 13. A. 4.

To acknowledge receipt of the list containing the salaries of Office of Information Technology, employees, effective August 30, 2021.

Receipt of Salary Lists for IT Employees— Item 13. A. 5.

To approve the following position descriptions:

- a. Bus / Van Specialist, Transportation
- b. Software Support Specialist III, Office of Information Technology

Position Descriptions: Bus/Van Specialist and Software Support Specialist III — Item 13. A. 6.

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To acknowledge receipt of the list containing Atlas Transportation employees assigned to the Berks County Intermediate Unit to provide transportation services according to the terms of the agreement with Atlas Transportation during the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

**Receipt of List / Atlas
Transportation Employees
Assigned to BCIU
— Item 13. A. 7.**

To ratify a \$300 referral bonus to employees who recommend employment candidates through June 30, 2022, ultimately hired by the Berks County Intermediate Unit to serve in any position on or after July 1, 2021, and who remain employed in said assignment(s).

**\$300 Referral Bonus
— Item 13. A. 8.**

- a. \$50 to be paid after the first thirty (30) days of work.
- b. \$100 to be paid after the first sixty (60) days of work.
- c. \$150 to be paid after the first ninety (90) days of work.
- d. Applicant must list employee on their application for employment.
- e. Only one employee may be listed for the referral.
- f. Employees can refer former BCIU employees who left the organization in good standing before June 30, 2021.
- g. Employees can refer more than one individual and will receive a referral bonus for each new applicant that is hired and meets the criteria.

The administration of the Berks County Intermediate Unit may discontinue the referral bonus at any time, with or without notice.

B. Employment – Ratifications

**Ratifications – Employment
—Items 13. B.**

1. Business Services/Operations Office
 - a. Rhonda Bernard – Training and Safety Specialist,
Transportation
Recommended Annual Salary – \$40,378 (to be prorated)
Effective Date – July 12, 2021
New Position
 - b. Charles P. Davis – Part-time Driver w/o Bus License,
Assistant, and Misc. Transportation
Recommended Hourly Rates – \$14.35, \$12.15, and \$11.08
Effective Date – June 28, 2021
Replacement
 - c. Debra M. Gerhart – Part-time Bus/Van Assistant and Misc.
Transportation
Recommended Hourly Rates – \$12.50 and \$11.33
Effective Date – July 19, 2021
Replacement
 - d. Jeanann Lynn-Roman – Part-time Driver w & w/o Bus License,
Assistant, Misc. Transportation
Recommended Hourly Rates – \$22.35, \$17.75, \$14.50 and
\$13.33
Effective Date – August 9, 2021
Replacement

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- e. Carmen M. Maldonado – Part-time School Bus Driver Trainee,
Transportation
Recommended Hourly Rate - \$16.55
Effective Date – August 9, 2021
Replacement
 - f. Nancy Morales – Part-time Bus/Van Assistant and Misc.
Transportation
Recommended Hourly Rates – \$12.50 and \$11.33
Effective Date – July 19, 2021
Replacement
 - g. Lauren E. Morales Morillo – Level III Custodian, Custodial
Recommended Hourly Rate – \$13.57
Effective Date – August 9, 2021
Replacement
 - h. Josue M. Rivera Espada – Part-time School Bus Driver
Trainee, Transportation
Recommended Hourly Rate – \$12.20
Effective Date – June 21, 2021
Replacement
 - i. Emily R. Sadowski – Level IV / V Clerk, Fiscal Services
Recommended Hourly Rates – \$13.97 and \$14.43
Effective Date – July 12, 2021
Replacement
 - j. Jacqueline Torres – Part-time Driver w/o Bus License,
Assistant, and Misc. Transportation
Recommended Hourly Rates – \$14.75, \$12.50, and \$11.33
Effective Date – July 12, 2021
Replacement
 - k. Kelsey G. Travis – Part-time School Bus Driver Trainee,
Transportation
Recommended Hourly Rate – \$12.55
Effective Date – July 6, 2021
Replacement
 - l. Jerry J. Vasquez – Part-time School Bus Driver Trainee,
Transportation
Recommended Hourly Rate – \$12.55
Effective Date – July 6, 2021
Replacement
2. Early Childhood & Student Services Office
- a. Olesia S. Wright – Enrollment Specialist, Pre-K Counts
Recommended Hourly Rate – \$14.25
Effective Date – July 26, 2021
Replacement

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3. Professional Development & Curriculum Office
 - a. Dr. Nikolaus J. Barkauskas – Assistant Director of School Improvement Performance Management, OPDC
Recommended Annual Salary – \$86,813 (to be prorated)
Effective Date – August 2, 2021
Additional Position
 - b. Robin Fanelli – Preschool Program Specialist, The Pennsylvania Key
Recommended Annual Salary – \$53,857 (to be prorated)
Effective Date – July 26, 2021
Replacement
 - c. Alyssa M. Heggenstaller – Infant Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant, The Pennsylvania Key
Recommended Annual Salary – \$53,060 (to be prorated)
Effective Date – July 26, 2021
Additional Position
 - d. Emily A. Kavanagh – Early Head Start Data Specialist, The Pennsylvania Key
Recommended Annual Salary – \$53,060 (to be prorated)
Effective Date – August 2, 2021
New Position
 - e. Lisa J. Stauffer – Infant Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant, The Pennsylvania Key
Recommended Annual Salary – \$52,801 (to be prorated)
Effective Date – June 28, 2021
Additional Position

C. Change of Status – Ratifications

1. Business Services/Operations Office
 - a. Yasmin Caba
Change from Substitute Driver w & w/o Bus License, Assistant, and Misc. Transportation to Part-time Driver w & w/o Bus License, Assistant, and Misc. Transportation
No Change in Recommended Hourly Rates
Effective Date – April 19, 2021
Replacement
 - b. Cecilia Carpenter – Dispatcher, Transportation
Change Recommended Hourly Rate from \$18.74 to \$19.24
Effective Date – July 1, 2021
Replacement

**Ratifications – Change of
Status — Items 13. C.**

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- c. Charles Davis – Part-time Driver w/o Bus License, Assistant, and Misc. Transportation
Change Recommended Hourly Rates from \$14.35, \$12.15, and \$11.08 to
\$14.75, \$12.50, and \$11.33
Effective Date – July 1, 2021
*Salary Adjustment per Transportation Compensation and Benefit
Agreement*
- d. Erica Diaz
Change from Part-time School Bus Driver Trainee, Transportation to
Part-time Driver w/o Bus License, Assistant, and Misc. Transportation
Change in Recommended Hourly Rates from \$12.55 to \$14.75, \$12.50,
and \$11.33
Effective Date – July 6, 2021
Replacement
- e. Giselle Fargas – Part-time Driver w/o Bus License, Transportation
Recommended Hourly Rate – \$14.75
Effective Date – July 12, 2021
Additional Assignment
- f. Seludra Garcia – Level IV/V Clerk, Fiscal Services
Recommended Hourly Rates – \$13.97 and \$14.43
Effective Date – August 9, 2021
Additional Assignment
- g. Susan Hettrick
Change from Part-time Driver w & w/o Bus License, Assistant, and
Misc. Transportation to Substitute Driver w & w/o Bus License,
Assistant, and Misc. Transportation
No Change in Recommended Hourly Rates
Effective Date – July 15, 2021
Voluntary Reassignment
- h. Christel Leibenguth
Change from Part-time Driver w & w/o Bus License, Assistant, and
Misc. Transportation to Substitute Driver w & w/o Bus License,
Assistant, and Misc. Transportation
No Change in Recommended Hourly Rates
Effective Date – August 4, 2021
Voluntary Reassignment
- i. Janet Marburger
Change from Substitute Driver w & w/o Bus License, Assistant, Misc.,
and Fueler, Transportation to Part-time Driver w & w/o Bus License,
Assistant, Misc., and Fueler, Transportation
No Change in Recommended Hourly Rates
Effective Date – August 2, 2021
Replacement

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- j. Stephanie Mullarkey
Change from Dispatcher, Transportation to Substitute Driver w & w/o
Bus License, Assistant, and Misc. Transportation
Change Recommended Hourly Rate from \$17.27 to \$19.20, \$16.45,
\$13.75, and \$12.15
Effective Date – July 2, 2021
Voluntary Reassignment
- k. Beth Quigg – Level III Custodian, Custodial
Effective Date – March 18, 2021
Removal of Assignment
- l. Timothy Rakowiecki
Change from Part-time School Bus Driver Trainee, Transportation to
Part-time Driver w/o Bus License, Assistant, and Misc. Transportation
Change Recommended Hourly Rate from \$12.20 to \$14.35, \$12.15, and \$11.08
Effective Date – September 8, 2020
Replacement
- m. Timothy Rakowiecki – Part-time Driver w/o Bus License, Assistant, and
Misc. Transportation
Change Recommended Hourly Rates from \$14.35, \$12.15, and \$11.08
to \$14.75, \$12.50, and \$11.33
Effective Date – July 1, 2021
*Salary Adjustment per Transportation Compensation and Benefit
Agreement*
- n. Josue Rivera Espada – Part-time School Bus Driver Trainee,
Transportation
Change Recommended Hourly Rate from \$12.20 to \$12.55
Effective Date – July 1, 2021
*Salary Adjustment per Transportation Compensation and Benefit
Agreement*
- o. Aaron Schutter
Change from Substitute Driver w & w/o Bus License, Assistant, and
Misc. Transportation to Part-time Driver w & w/o Bus License,
Assistant, and Misc. Transportation
No Change in Recommended Hourly Rates
Effective Date – June 21, 2021
Replacement
- p. Aaron Schutter – Part-time Driver w & w/o Bus License, Transportation
Effective Date – July 30, 2021
Removal of Assignments
- q. Naomi Smith – Substitute Driver w/ Bus License
Change Recommended Hourly Rate from \$17.10 to \$17.55
Effective Date – July 1, 2021
*Salary Adjustment per Transportation Compensation and Benefit
Agreement*

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2. Early Childhood & Student Services Office
 - a. Megan Carr
Change from Substitute Teacher, Pre-K Counts to Teacher, Pre-K Counts
Change Recommended Hourly Rate from \$15.60 to Annual Salary, Column 1, Step 1, \$35,000
Effective Date – August 12, 2021
Replacement
 - b. Michele Ceccola – Specialized Preschool Teacher-Itinerant, Early Intervention
Recommended Hourly Rate – \$42.07
Effective Date – August 10, 2021
Additional Hours (not to exceed 7 hours)
 - c. Gwen Chand
Change from Specialized Preschool Teacher – Classroom, Early Intervention to Special Education Teacher – Itinerant, Special Education
No Change in Recommended Annual Salary
Effective Date – August 17, 2021
Replacement
 - d. Cindy Clark – Substitute Paraeducator, Early Intervention, Substitute Paraeducator, Head Start, Substitute Paraeducator, Pre-K Counts, Substitute Specialist, Alternative Education, and Substitute Specialist, Special Education
Change Recommended Hourly Rates from \$10.05, \$10.00, \$10.00, \$17.08, and \$13.73 to \$10.35, \$10.30, \$10.30, \$17.59, and \$14.14
Effective Date – July 1, 2021
Salary Adjustment per Substitute Wage Rates
 - e. Jena Crea – Speech Therapist, Early Intervention
Change Recommended Annual Salary from Column 6, Step 16, \$89,605 to Column 7, Step 16, \$91,005
Effective Date – July 1, 2021
Salary Adjustment per BCIUEA Agreement
 - f. Kaitlin Cushner – Speech Therapist, Early Intervention
Change Recommended Annual Salary from Column 4, Step 6, \$65,954 to an Hourly Rate, \$50.66
Effective Date – August 17, 2021
Replacement
 - g. Tiffany DeJesus – Paraeducator, Head Start
Change Recommended Hourly Rate from Level I, Entry, \$12.92 to Level II, Entry, \$13.47
Effective Date – June 3, 2021
Obtained CDA
 - h. Lynda Drasher
Change from Specialized Preschool Teacher – Classroom, Early Intervention to Specialized Preschool Teacher – Itinerant, Early Intervention
No Change in Recommended Annual Salary
Effective Date – August 17, 2021
Replacement

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- i. Stacy Elias – Paraeducator, Head Start
Recommended Hourly Rate – \$13.47
Effective Date – June 21, 2021 – July 29, 2021
Additional Assignment – Summer Session
- j. Susan Garman – Teacher, Pre-K Counts
Recommended Hourly Rate – \$26.32
Effective Date – July 26, 2021
Additional Hours (not to exceed 7 hours)
- k. Mandy Gerhard
Change from Program Administrator, Head Start to
Program Administrator, Head Start / Pre-K Counts
Change Recommended Annual Salary from \$77,824.54 to \$81,325
Effective Date – July 1, 2021
Reorganization – Salary Correction
- l. Amanda Hess
Change from Specialized Preschool Teacher – Itinerant, Early Intervention to
Specialized Preschool Teacher – Classroom, Early Intervention
No Change in Recommended Annual Salary
Effective Date – August 17, 2021
Replacement
- m. Brendan Hickey – School Psychologist, Special Education
Recommended Hourly Rate – \$52.56
Effective Date – June 10, 2021 – August 16, 2021
Additional Assignment – Extended School Year
- n. Jamie Hlavinka – Specialized Preschool Teacher – Itinerant, Early Intervention
Change Recommended Annual Salary from Column 1, Step 1, \$48,319 to
Column 4, Step 1, \$59,770
Effective Date – July 1, 2021
Salary Adjustment per BCIUEA Agreement
- o. Diane Kay – Specialized Preschool Teacher – Classroom, Early Intervention
Recommended Hourly Rate – \$62.62
Effective Date – August 5, 2021
Additional Hours – (Not to exceed 7 hours)
- p. Christeen Kazmierczak – Specialized Preschool Teacher – Classroom, Early
Intervention
Change Recommended Annual Salary from Column 6, Step 9, \$73,464 to
Column 7, Step 9, \$74,849
Effective Date – July 1, 2021
Salary Adjustment per BCIUEA Agreement
- q. Jamie Kingsbury – Special Education Teacher – Itinerant, Special Education
Change Recommended Annual Salary from Column 8, Step 5, \$68,724 to an
Hourly Rate, \$52.78
Effective Date – August 17, 2021
Additional Position

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- r. Tara Leshar – Substitute Teacher, Early Intervention, Substitute Teacher, Head Start, Substitute Teacher, Pre-K Counts, Substitute Teacher, Alternative Education, and Substitute Teacher, Special Education
Change Recommended Hourly Rates from \$15.90, \$15.15, \$15.15, \$17.08, and \$15.90 to \$16.38, \$15.60, \$15.60, \$17.59 and \$16.38
Effective Date – July 1, 2021
Salary Adjustment per Substitute Wage Rates
- s. Ryan Oberly – Substitute Teacher, Early Intervention, Substitute Teacher, Head Start, Substitute Teacher, Pre-K Counts, Substitute Teacher, Alternative Education, and Substitute Teacher, Special Education
Change Recommended Hourly Rates from \$15.90, \$15.15, \$15.15, \$17.08, and \$15.90 to \$16.38, \$15.60, \$15.60, \$17.59, and \$16.38
Effective Date – July 1, 2021
Salary Adjustment per Substitute Wage Rates
- t. Denali Shook – Teacher, Pre-K Counts
Recommended Hourly Rate – \$34.65
Effective Date – July 15, 2021
Additional Hours (not to exceed 7 hours)
- u. Theresa Soley – Occupational Therapist, Early Intervention
Change Recommended Hourly Rate from Column 5, Step 2, \$47.39 to Column 6, Step 2, \$47.92
Effective Date – July 1, 2021
Salary Adjustment per BCIUEA Agreement
- v. Marisa Solis – Speech Therapist, Early Intervention
Change Recommended Annual Salary from Column 7, Step 7, \$70,060 to Column 8, Step 7, \$71,297
Effective Date – July 1, 2021
Salary Adjustment per BCIUEA Agreement
- w. Marisa Solis – Speech Therapist, Early Intervention
Recommended Hourly Rate – \$53.81
Effective Date – August 10, 2021
Additional Hours (not to exceed 7 hours)
- x. Adam Solomon – Teacher, Head Start
Recommended Hourly Rate – \$20.76
Effective Date – July 12, 2021 – July 23, 2021
Additional Assignment – Summer Session
- y. Claire Stednitz – Paraeducator, Early Intervention
Recommended Hourly Rate – \$17.41
Effective Date – August 5, 2021
Additional Hours (not to exceed 7 hours)
- z. Lashae Stitt – Teacher, Pre-K Counts
Recommended Hourly Rate – \$34.65
Effective Date – July 15, 2021 – July 19, 2021
Additional Hours (not to exceed 14 hours)

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- aa. Marian Stoltzfus – Paraeducator, Early Intervention
Change Recommended Hourly Rate from \$11.35 to \$12.70
Effective Date – July 6, 2021
Salary Adjustment per SEIU Agreement
- bb. Beth Weckel
Change from Mental Health Specialist, Head Start to
Health and Nutrition Services Supervisor, Head Start
Change Recommended Hourly Rate from Level I, Entry, \$24.25 to
Annual Salary, \$48,197.59 (to be prorated)
Effective Date – July 26, 2021
New Position
- cc. Maria Witkowski – Speech Therapist, Early Intervention
Change Recommended Annual Salary from Column 6, Step 5, \$66,102 to
Column 7, Step 5, \$67,488
Effective Date – July 1, 2021
Salary Adjustment per BCIUEA Agreement
- dd. Iliana Zayas – Paraeducator, Head Start
Recommended Hourly Rate – \$13.29
Effective Date – July 12, 2021 – July 30, 2021
Additional Assignment – Summer Session
- 3. Executive Office
 - a. Julie Bunnick – Graphic Design Specialist
Recommended Monthly Stipend – \$500
Effective Date – August 2, 2021 – October 22, 2021
Temporary Additional Responsibilities
- 4. Professional Development & Curriculum Office
 - a. Lisa Stauffer – Infant Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant,
The Pennsylvania Key
Change Recommended Annual Salary from \$52,801 to \$53,857
Effective Date – July 1, 2021
*Salary Adjustment per The Pennsylvania Key Compensation and
Benefits Plan*

D. Additions to 2020-2021 Approved Substitute Lists – Ratifications

Alternative Education

Cindy Clark, Specialist – Effective June 28, 2021

Early Intervention

Cindy Clark, Paraeducator – Effective June 28, 2021

Head Start

Cindy Clark, Paraeducator – Effective June 28, 2021

Pre-K Counts

Cindy Clark, Paraeducator – Effective June 28, 2021

**Ratifications - Additions
to 2020-2021 Approved
Substitute Lists—Item 13. D.**

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Special Education

Cindy Clark, Specialist – Effective June 28, 2021

Transportation

Naomi Smith, Substitute Driver w/ Bus License – Effective September 1, 2020

Additions to 2021-2022 Approved Substitute Lists - Ratifications

Alternative Education

Matthew Drasher, Specialist – Effective July 19, 2021

Denise Laguidara, Teacher – Effective July 1, 2021

Early Intervention

Matthew Drasher, Paraeducator – Effective July 19, 2021

Denise Laguidara, Teacher – Effective July 1, 2021

Kettiya Monfort, Paraeducator – Effective July 5, 2021

Head Start

Matthew Drasher, Paraeducator – Effective July 19, 2021

Amy Fenstermaker, Paraeducator – Effective July 12, 2021

Denise Laguidara, Teacher – Effective July 1, 2021

Pre-K Counts

Megan Carr, Teacher – Effective July 1, 2021

Matthew Drasher, Paraeducator – Effective July 19, 2021

Special Education

Matthew Drasher, Specialist – Effective July 19, 2021

Denise Laguidara, Teacher – Effective July 1, 2021

E. Additions to Approved 2021-2022 Out-of-Class Substitute Lists – Ratifications

Head Start

Maggie Herndon – Effective July 19, 2021

Special Education

Megan Cusano – Effective July 1, 2021

Julie Hartman – Effective July 1, 2021

Cristen Himmelberger – Effective July 1, 2021

Ann Leinbach – Effective July 1, 2021

Additions to Approved 2020-2021 Out-Of-Class Substitute Lists – Ratifications

Head Start

Tiffany DeJesus – Effective June 3, 2021

Removal from 2020-2021 Out-of-Class Substitute Lists – Ratifications

Alternative Education

Ann Leinbach – Effective June 30, 2021

**Ratifications - Additions
to Approved 2021-2022
Out-of-Class Substitute Lists
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**Ratifications - Additions
to Approved 2020-2021
Out-of-Class Substitute Lists**

**Removal from 2020-21
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F. Remove from 2020-2021 Approved Substitute Lists

Early Intervention

Denise Laguidara, Paraeducator – Effective June 30, 2021

**Remove from 2020-2021
Approved Substitute Lists
—Item 13. F.**

Transportation

Kaytlin Kramer, Substitute Driver w/o Bus License, Assistant, and Misc. Transportation
Effective – April 9, 2021

Linda Rimes, Substitute Driver w/o Bus License, Assistant, and Misc. Transportation
Effective – June 24, 2021

Remove from 2021-2022 Approved Substitute Lists

Alternative Education

Jennifer Dove, Specialist – Effective July 12, 2021

Julia Wentzel, Teacher – Effective August 5, 2021

**Remove from 2020-2021
Approved Substitute Lists
—Item 13. F.**

Early Intervention

Jennifer Dove, Paraeducator – Effective July 12, 2021

Carol Schloder, Paraeducator – Effective July 1, 2021

Julia Wentzel, Teacher – Effective August 5, 2021

Head Start

Carol Schloder, Paraeducator – Effective July 1, 2021

Julia Wentzel, Teacher – Effective August 5, 2021

Pre-K Counts

Jennifer Dove, Paraeducator – Effective July 12, 2021

Carol Schloder, Paraeducator – Effective July 1, 2021

Julia Wentzel, Teacher – Effective August 5, 2021

Special Education

Jennifer Dove, Specialist – Effective July 12, 2021

Julia Wentzel, Teacher – Effective August 5, 2021

Transportation

Cecilia Carpenter, Substitute Driver w & w/o Bus License, Assistant, and
Misc. Transportation
Effective – July 1, 2021

G. Employment – Approvals

No Items to Consider

**Approvals – Employment
—Item 13. G.**

H. Change of Status – Approvals

1. Professional Development & Curriculum Office

a. Katie Kehm

Change from Assistant Program Administrator, Alternative
Education to Assistant Program Administrator, OPDC

Change Recommended Annual Salary from \$79,234.04 to
\$80,434.04 (to be prorated)

Effective Date – September 7, 2021

Replacement

**Approvals – Change of
Status —Item 13. H.**

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I. Leave of Absence Requests

1. Early Childhood and Student Services
Personal Leave (unpaid – with benefits – FMLA)
 - a. Carmen Gonzalez – Paraeducator, Head Start
Effective Date – May 10, 2021

**Leave of Absence Requests
— Item 13. I.**

J. Return from Leave of Absence Requests

1. Business Services/Operations Office
Personal Leave (unpaid – without benefits – not FMLA)
 - a. Ivanova Campo – Part-time Bus/Van Assistant and Misc.
Transportation
Effective Date – July 5, 2021
 - b. Erica Diaz – Part-time School Bus Driver Trainee,
Transportation
Effective Date – June 16, 2021
 - c. Jael Rivera – Part-time Bus/Van Assistant and Misc.
Transportation
Effective Date – July 6, 2021
 - d. Luies Sheetz – Part-time w/o Bus License, Assistant and Misc.
Transportation
Effective Date – July 28, 2021
2. Early Childhood & Student Services Office
Personal Leave (unpaid – with benefits – FMLA)
 - a. Carmen Gonzalez – Paraeducator, Head Start
Effective Date – May 20, 2021
 - b. Laura Young – Speech Therapist, Early Intervention
Effective Date – July 22, 2021Personal Leave (unpaid – with benefits – not FMLA)
 - a. Claire Stednitz– Paraeducator, Early Intervention
Effective Date – July 6, 2021

**Return from Leave of
Absence Requests
—Item 13. J.**

K. Retirements

1. Business Services / Operations Office
 - a. Shirley A. Moore – Part-time Driver w & w/o Bus License,
Assistant, and Misc. Transportation
Effective Date – August 16, 2021
2. Early Childhood & Student Services Office
 - a. Kathy A. Nelson – Speech Therapist, Early Intervention
Effective Date – October 12, 2021
3. Information Technology Office
 - a. Helenanne G. Drescher – Program Administrator, Software
and Reprographics Services, Software Support Services
Effective Date – July 30, 2021

**Retirements
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L. Resignations

**Resignations
—Item 13. L.**

1. Business Services/Operations Office
 - a. David J. Freese – Vehicle Maintenance Technician, Transportation
Effective Date—July 19, 2021
 - b. Rodger C. Mountz – Part-time Driver w & w/o Bus License, Assistant, and Misc. Transportation
Effective Date – July 30, 2021
 - c. Dale E. Shiffer – Custodial Supervisor, Custodial
Effective Date – July 9, 2021

2. Early Childhood & Student Services Office
 - a. Nancy J. Echevarria – Paraeducator, Early Intervention
Effective Date – June 14, 2021
 - b. Kathleen Grim – Nolde Aide, Nolde
Effective Date – July 1, 2021
 - c. Holly A. Loscig – Paraeducator, Pre-K Counts
Effective Date – August 4, 2021
 - d. Melanie C. Marcano – Teacher, Head Start
Effective Date – July 29, 2021
 - e. Migdalia Ortega – Family Engagement Worker, Head Start
Effective Date – July 30, 2021
 - f. Rose Ann Palmieri – Paraeducator, Head Start
Effective Date – July 30, 2021
 - g. Melissa L. Restrepo – Speech Therapist, Early Intervention
Effective Date – July 20, 2021
 - h. Kristina M. Rhodes – Specialized Preschool Teacher – Itinerant, Early Intervention
Effective Date – August 10, 2021
 - i. Ana Y. Ruiz – Level V Program Secretary, Early Intervention
Effective Date – July 1, 2021
 - j. Diana E. Vaughn – Alternative Education Emotional Support Specialist, Alternative Education
Effective – July 30, 2021

3. Executive Office
 - a. Gabriel P. Sabo – Digital Marketing Specialist
Effective – August 5, 2021

4. Human Resources Office
 - a. Heather A. Chambers – Human Resources Supervisor
Effective Date – August 24, 2021

5. Professional Development & Curriculum Office
 - a. Chrysan G. Buck – Remedial Teacher, Act 89
Effective Date – June 25, 2021
 - b. Danielle E. Hettinger – Program Administrator, OPDC
Effective Date – July 22, 2021

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M. Terminations
No Items to Consider

Terminations
—Item 13. M.

N. Other

Other
—Item 13. N.

1. Early Childhood & Student Services Office
 - a. Kelly M. Weston – Psychologist, Early Intervention
Recommended Annual Salary – Column 6, Step 11, \$78,570
(to be prorated)
Effective Date – July 26, 2021
Date Amended

Yeas: Costenbader-Jacobson; Hemberger; Huhn; Kennedy; Lash; Manbeck; Manmiller; Miller; Richard; Specht; Taylor; Ulrich; McEwen	Roll Call Vote
Nays: None. Motion carried.	

A motion was made by Manbeck, seconded by Costenbader-Jacobson, to approve the following items under Other Matters for Consideration – Items 14. A. through 14. E.:

14. OTHER MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

OTHER MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. EARLY CHILDHOOD & STUDENT SERVICES
—DR. MICHELLE REICHARD-HUFF, DIRECTOR

To ratify an agreement between the Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) for the BCIU to administer the Pennsylvania Region 2 Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness (ECYEH) Grant, totaling \$689,500, effective July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

Agreement with Commonwealth of PA through PDE / BCIU Administration of the PA Region 2 ECYEH Grant
—Item 14. A. 1.

To ratify an agreement between the Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) and the Berks Coalition to End Homelessness (BCEH), for the BCEH to render services to children and youth experiencing homelessness in conjunction with the Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness (ECYEH) program for Pennsylvania Region 2 for a sum not to exceed \$58,000 during the period of August 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

Agreement with Berks Coalition to End Homelessness / ECYEH Program —Item 14. A. 2

To ratify an agreement between the Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), for the BCIU to administer the Education Leading to Employment and Career Training (ELECT) grant, totaling \$648,000 effective July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

Agreement with the Commonwealth of PA through PDE / BCIU Administration of ELECT Grant—Item 14. A. 3.

To approve the School-Age Special Education 2021-2022 program calendar for Deaf and Hard of Hearing classrooms, inclusive of Act 80 day exceptions to follow the host school district calendar and authorize the submission of the Act 80 request to the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

School-Age Special Education 2021-2022 Program Calendar for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Classrooms—Item 14. A. 4.

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To ratify an agreement between the Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) and the Schuylkill Valley School District, for the BCIU to provide basic and special education services to juveniles incarcerated in the Berks County Jail System (BCJS) pursuant to 24 P.S. Section 13-1306.2, at a cost of \$285,000 effective July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

Agreement with Schuylkill Valley SD / BCIU to Provide Special Ed Services to Juveniles Incarcerated in the Berks County Jail System—Item 14. A. 5.

To approve and authorize the submission of the BCIU Emergency Instructional Time application under the provision of Section 520.1 of the School Code to meet the 180-day instructional time requirement through a combination of in-person and remote instruction in emergency situations as per the guidance from the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the 2021-2022 school year.

Submission of BCIU Emergency Instructional Time Application—Item 14. A. 6.

To approve and authorize the submission of the BCIU Head Start Program's Flexible Instruction Plan (FIP) to allow flexibility in providing service hours in the Head Start State Supplemental Assistance Programs as per the guidance from the Pennsylvania Office of Child Development and Early Learning for remote learning over the 2021-2022 school year.

Submission of BCIU Head Start Program's Flexible Instruction Plan—Item 14. A. 7.

To approve and authorize the submission of the BCIU Pre-K Counts Program's Flexible Instruction Plan (FIP) to meet the 180-day instructional time requirement as per the guidance from the Pennsylvania Office of Child Development and Early Learning for remote learning over the 2021-2022 school year.

Submission of BCIU Pre-K Counts Program's Flexible Instruction Plan—Item 14. A. 8.

To ratify a partner agency agreement between the Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) and The Journey Fellowship DBA The Children's Journey (the Pre-K Counts Partner Agency), for The Journey Fellowship DBA Children's Journey to administer Pre-K Counts services to execute and implement the Pennsylvania Department of Education Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) Grant Plan to serve twenty (20) full-day children, five (5) days a week, five (5) hours per day for 180 days at their facility on behalf of the BCIU for the grant amount of \$167,100 effective July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

Pre-K Counts Partner Agency Agreement with The Journey Fellowship—Item 14. A. 9.

To ratify a partner agency agreement between the Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) and Touching the Future, LLC (the Pre-K Counts Partner Agency), for Touching the Future, LLC to administer Pre-K Counts services to execute and implement the Pennsylvania Department of Education Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) Grant Plan to serve seventeen (17) full-day children, five (5) days a week, five (5) hours per day for 180 days at their facility on behalf of the BCIU for the grant amount of \$142,035 effective July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

Pre-K Counts Partner Agency Agreement with Touching the Future—Item 14. A. 10.

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To ratify a partner agency addendum to the agreement between the Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) and Touching the Future, LLC (the Pre-K Counts Partner Agency), for the BCIU to detail the terms and conditions under which the BCIU makes available the Grants received from the Pennsylvania Department of Education Office of Child Development for Early Learning (OCDEL) through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act in the amount of \$4,862 effective March 1, 2020, through November 30, 2020.

**Pre-K Counts Partner Agency Agreement with Touching the Future / CARES Act
—Item 14. A. 11.**

To ratify an agreement between the Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) and K & S Therapies, Inc. for K & S Therapies, Inc. to provide Educational Services at the rate of \$95/hour, effective August 1, 2021. This agreement will automatically renew for additional one-year periods unless terminated by either party.

**Agreement with K & S Therapies for Educational Services
—Item 14. A. 12.**

To ratify an agreement between the Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) and All Hands Interpreting Services, LLC (AHIS) for interpreting, paraeducator, and PCA services, with a minimum of \$60 / hour and maximum rate of \$100 / hour per terms and conditions for services, effective July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

**Agreement with All Hands Interpreting Services
—Item 14. A. 13.**

To ratify an agreement between the Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) and the 21st Century Cyber Charter School, for the BCIU to provide services to Charter School students, effective from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, as per the approved BCIU Special Education rates for the 2021-2022 school year.

Agreement with 21st Century Cyber Charter School—Item 14. A. 14.

B. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & CURRICULUM

—DANIEL RICHARDS, DIRECTOR

To authorize the appropriate officers to execute an agreement between the Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) and the National Center on Education and the Economy (NCEE), for the NCEE to provide professional services related to System Design Benchmarking (SDB), for a fee of \$64,000 according to the agreement, effective September 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021.

**Agreement with the National Center on Education and the Economy / System Design Benchmarking
—Item 14. B. 1.**

To ratify an agreement between the Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) and the Allegheny Intermediate Unit 3 (AIU3), for the BCIU to provide professional services related to the PA Career Readiness State Training Plan for a fee up to \$55,687 according to the agreement, effective December 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021.

**Agreement with Allegheny IU3 / PA Career Readiness State Training Plan
—Item 14. B. 2.**

To ratify an agreement between the Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) and the Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU), for the BCIU to provide professional services related to Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) of two local schools for a fee of \$110,000 according to the agreement, effective June 28, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

**Agreement with Allegheny IU 3 / Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI)
—Item 14. B. 3.**

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To ratify an Amendment #2 of the subrecipient agreement between the Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) and the Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU), for the BCIU to render services including the recruitment, hiring, logistics, and supervision of the Director and Assistant Directors of School Improvement Performance Management related to Comprehensive Support and Improvement during the period July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, at a cost not to exceed \$532,286.42 for 2021-2022. The amendment modifies the agreement to include the updated budget for 2021-2022.

Amendment #2 to Subrecipient Agreement with Allegheny IU3 / Comprehensive Support and Improvement—Item 14. B. 4.

To ratify Amendment #1 between the Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) and the Manufacturers Resource Center (MRC) for the BCIU to provide professional services related to the regional PA Dream Team according to the agreement with no change in funding but extending the term of the agreement through June 30, 2022.

Amendment #1 to Agreement with Manufacturers Resource Center / Regional PA Dream Team—Item 14. B. 5.

To ratify Amendment #3 of the current agreement between the Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) and the American Institutes for Research (AIR), to modify the scope of services for AIR to provide professional services relative to providing technical assistance to support the science standards revision process on behalf of the Pennsylvania Department of Education and extend the term through June 30, 2022. This amendment provides for a funding increase of \$105,000 for a revised total of \$597,000

Amendment #3 to Agreement with the American Institutes for Research (AIR)—Item 14. B. 6.

To ratify agreements between the Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) and the following school districts, for the BCIU to provide Title I services to students who reside within Title I eligible schools and attend nonpublic schools, effective August 1, 2021 through June 15, 2022:

Title I Agreements with Antietam, Daniel Boone Area, Governor Mifflin, Oley Valley, Schuylkill Valley, Tulpehocken Area, and Wyomissing Area School Districts—Item 14. B. 7.

School District	Total Services
Antietam	24,640.00
Daniel Boone Area	4,713.28
Governor Mifflin	6,294.00
Oley Valley	4,169.35
Schuylkill Valley	2,357.00
Tulpehocken Area	3,867.76
Wyomissing Area	7,053.28

To ratify agreements between the Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) and the following school districts, for the BCIU to provide Title II services to students who reside within Title II eligible schools and attend nonpublic schools, effective August 2021, through September 30, 2022:

Title II Agreements with Daniel Boone Area, Governor Mifflin, Schuylkill Valley, and Wyomissing Area School Districts—Item 14. B. 8.

School District	Total Services
Daniel Boone Area	4,093.44
Governor Mifflin	5,344.50
Schuylkill Valley	3,788.00
Wyomissing Area	3,257.90

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To ratify agreements between the Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) and the following school districts, for the BCIU to provide Title IV services to students who reside within Title IV eligible schools and attend nonpublic schools, effective August 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022:

School District	Total Services
Daniel Boone Area	1,492.40
Governor Mifflin	2,004.00
Schuylkill Valley	1,488.30
Wyomissing Area	1,199.92

**Title IV Agreements with Daniel Boone Area, Governor Mifflin, Schuylkill Valley, and Wyomissing Area School Districts
—Item 14. B. 9.**

To ratify agreements between the Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) and the following school districts, for the BCIU to provide Title I, Title II, and Title IV services to students who reside within Title I, Title II, and Title IV eligible schools and attend nonpublic schools, effective August 1, 2021, through August 31, 2024 (2021-2022 figures shown below):

	Total Services 2021-2022	
	Boyertown Area SD	Reading SD
Title I	4,425.00	409,071.24
Title II	4,090.99	79,126.00
Title IV	1,341.00	68,370.00

**Title I, II, and IV Agreements with Boyertown Area and Reading School Districts
—Item 14. B. 10.**

To ratify an agreement between the Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) and Shawn Bryant, for Shawn Bryant to provide coaching services supporting OCDEL’s Early Head Start Child Care Partnership on behalf of the BCIU for a total amount not to exceed \$56,160 for the period of August 1, 2021, through July 31, 2022 (The Pennsylvania Key).

**Agreement with Shawn Bryant for Coaching Services for OCDELS’s Early Head Start Child Care Partnership (The Pennsylvania Key)
—Item 14. B. 11.**

To ratify an agreement between the Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) and Sedudzinam Fugar, for Sedudzinam Fugar to provide coaching services supporting OCDEL’s Early Head Start Child Care Partnership on behalf of the BCIU, for a total amount not to exceed \$44,928 for the period of August 1, 2021, through July 31, 2022 (The Pennsylvania Key).

**Agreement with Sedudzinam Fugar for Coaching Services for OCDELS’s Early Head Start Child Care Partnership (The Pennsylvania Key)
—Item 14. B. 12.**

To ratify an agreement between the Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) and Mary Ellen Mannix for Mary Ellen Mannix to provide coaching services supporting OCDEL’s Early Head Start Child Care Partnership on behalf of the BCIU for a total amount not to exceed \$44,928 for the period of August 1, 2021, through July 31, 2022 (The Pennsylvania Key).

**Agreement with Mary Ellen Mannix for Coaching Services for OCDELS’s Early Head Start Child Care Partnership (The Pennsylvania Key)
—Item 14. B. 13.**

To ratify an agreement between the Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) and Mary Ellen Mannix for Mary Ellen Mannix to provide health consultation services supporting OCDEL’s Early Head Start Programs on behalf of the BCIU for a total amount not to exceed \$58,320 for the period of August 1, 2021, through July 31, 2022 (The Pennsylvania Key).

**Agreement with Mary Ellen Mannix / Health Consultation Services for OCDELS’s Early Head Start Programs (The Pennsylvania Key)
—Item 14. B. 14.**

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To ratify an agreement between the Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) and Michele Mapes, for Michele Mapes to provide coaching services supporting OCDEL's Early Head Start Child Care Partnership on behalf of the BCIU for a total amount not to exceed \$18,720 for the period of August 1, 2021, through July 31, 2022 (The Pennsylvania Key).

**Agreement with Michele Mapes / Coaching Services for OCDELS's Early Head Start Programs (The Pennsylvania Key)
—Item 14. B. 15.**

To ratify an agreement between the Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) and Dr. Roger Phillips for Dr. Roger Phillips to provide mental health consulting services supporting OCDEL's Early Head Start Programs on behalf of the BCIU for a total amount not to exceed \$104,400 for the period of August 1, 2021, through July 31, 2022 (The Pennsylvania Key).

Agreement with Dr. Roger Phillips / Mental Health Consultation Services for OCDELS's Early Head Start Programs (The Pennsylvania Key)—Item 14. B. 16.

To ratify an agreement between the Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) and Lauren Ryan, for Lauren Ryan to provide coaching services supporting OCDEL's Early Head Start Child Care Partnership on behalf of the BCIU for a total amount not to exceed \$44,928 for the period of August 1, 2021, through July 31, 2022 (The Pennsylvania Key).

**Agreement with Lauren Ryan / Coaching Services for OCDELS's Early Head Start Child Care Partnership (The Pennsylvania Key)
—Item 14. B. 17.**

To ratify an agreement between the Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) and Cindy Sunderland, for Cindy Sunderland to provide coaching services supporting OCDEL's Early Head Start Child Care Partnership on behalf of the BCIU for a total amount not to exceed \$14,976 for the period of August 1, 2021, through July 31, 2022 (The Pennsylvania Key).

**Agreement with Cindy Sunderland / Coaching Services for OCDELS's Early Head Start Child Care Partnership (The Pennsylvania Key)
—Item 14. B. 18.**

To ratify an agreement between the Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) and the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit (CSIU) / The Center for Schools and Communities for CSIU / the Center for Schools and Communities to provide Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation services related to database development and support and evaluation and research activities for a fee of \$55,000 for the period of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022 (The Pennsylvania Key).

**Agreement with Central Susquehanna IU / Center for Schools and Communities / Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Services (The Pennsylvania Key)
—Item 14. B. 19.**

To ratify an agreement between the Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) and the KeyStone Research Corporation (KSRC), for KSRC to provide assembly, warehousing, and distribution of Pennsylvania Early Learning materials to early childhood education practitioners throughout the Commonwealth for a fee of \$262,832 for the period of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022 (The Pennsylvania Key).

**Agreement with KeyStone Research Corporation (KSRC) / PA Early Learning Materials for Early Childhood Education Practitioners (The Pennsylvania Key)
—Item 14. B. 20.**

To ratify an agreement between the Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) and Living Strong Consulting, LLC, for Living Strong Consulting, LLC to provide coaching services supporting OCDEL's Early Head Start Child Care Partnership (CCP) and Home-based programs (HB), and consulting services in the area of Trauma Informed Practices (TIP) and Community Assessment and Resource Mapping (CARM) on behalf of the BCIU for a total amount not to exceed \$159,648 for the period of August 1, 2021, through July 31, 2022 (The Pennsylvania Key).

**Agreement with Living Strong Consulting / Coaching Services Supporting OCDEL Early Head Start Child Care Partnership (CPP) and Home-based Programs (HB); Consulting Services RE: Trama-Informed Practices (TIP), and Community Assessment and Resource Mapping (CARM) (The Pennsylvania Key)
—Item 14. B. 21.**

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To ratify an agreement between the Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) and the Pennsylvania Child Care Association (PACCA), for the PACCA to provide professional services related to the Teacher Education and Compensation Helps (T.E.A.C.H.) Early Childhood Pennsylvania Scholarship Program, for a fee of \$4,143,750 for the period of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022 (The Pennsylvania Key).

Agreement with PACCA / Teacher Education and Compensation Helps (TEACH) Early Childhood Pennsylvania Scholarship Program (The Pennsylvania Key)—Item 14. B. 22.

To ratify an agreement between the Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) and the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (PAAAP), for the PAAAP to provide professional services related to the Early Childhood Education Linkage System/Health Child Care PA (ECELS) initiative for a fee of \$175,000, for the period of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022 (The Pennsylvania Key).

Agreement with the PA Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (PAAAP) / Education Linkage System / Health Child Care PA (ECELS) Initiative (The Pennsylvania Key)—Item 14. B.23.

To ratify an agreement between the Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) and Penn State Hershey College of Medicine (Penn State), for Penn State to maintain and research the iLookOut Core training for early childhood staff in Pennsylvania and translate a version of the training in Spanish for a fee of \$190,945 effective June 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023 (The Pennsylvania Key).

Agreement with the Penn State Hershey College of Medicine (Penn State) / iLookOut Core Training and Translation (The Pennsylvania Key)—Item 14. B.24.

To ratify an agreement between the Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) and the Pennsylvania State University (PSU) for PSU to provide professional development opportunities and technical assistance activities to early childhood practitioners, for a fee of \$370,409 for the period of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022 (The Pennsylvania Key).

Agreement with PSU / Professional Development Opportunities and Technical Assistance for Early Childhood Practitioners (The Pennsylvania Key)—Item 14. B. 25.

To ratify an agreement between the Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) and People's Emergency Center (PEC), for PEC to deliver data analysis for the Pennsylvania Head Start State Collaboration Office (PA HSSCO), for a fee of \$15,000 effective January 1, 2021, through June 30, 2021 (The Pennsylvania Key).

Agreement with People's Emergency Center (PEC) / Data Analysis for the PA HSSCO (The Pennsylvania Key)—Item 14. B. 26.

To ratify an agreement between the Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) and Bernadette Pilar Zermeño, for Bernadette Pilar Zermeño to provide interactive virtual training in English and Spanish for providers regarding Dual Language Learners (DLL), for a fee of \$4,500 for the period of July 1, 2021, through October 31, 2021 (The Pennsylvania Key).

Agreement with Bernadette Pilar Zermeño / Interactive Virtual Training for Dual Language Learners (The Pennsylvania Key)—Item 14. B. 27.

To ratify a memorandum of understanding between the Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) and the Berks County Intermediate Unit – Executive Office Creative Team (BCIU Creative Team), for the BCIU Creative Team to serve and support OCDEL and the Pennsylvania Key in the education of available early childhood education options and to promote enrollment in Pennsylvania Pre-Counts throughout the Commonwealth, for a fee of \$96,469.87 for the period of June 22, 2021, through June 30, 2022 (The Pennsylvania Key).

MOU with the BCIU Creative Team / Support of OCDEL and the Pennsylvania Key to Promote Enrollment in PA Pre-Counts (The Pennsylvania Key)—Item 14. B. 28.

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To ratify Amendment #1 to the current agreement between the Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) and the Center for Schools and Communities (CSC), for CSC to modify its scope of services to provide data analysis and reporting for a current HSSCO project that is looking at data regarding young children experiencing homelessness in Pennsylvania. This amendment provides for a funding increase of \$5,000 for a revised total of \$25,000. All other terms and conditions remain in force (The Pennsylvania Key).

**Amendment #1 to Agreement with the Center for Schools and Communities (CSC) / Data Analysis and Reporting for HSSCO Project (The Pennsylvania Key)
—Item 14. B. 29.**

To ratify Amendment #2 to the current agreement between the Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) and the KeyStone Research Corporation (KSRC), for KSRC to modify its scope of services in support of the distribution of PA Key One book to programs. This amendment provides for a funding increase of \$51,925.50 for a revised total of \$329,425.50. All other terms and conditions remain in force (The Pennsylvania Key).

**Amendment #2 to Agreement with Keystone Research Corporation (KSRC) / Distribution of PA Key One Book (The Pennsylvania Key)
—Item 14. B. 30.**

To ratify Amendment #2 to the current agreement between the Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) and The Pennsylvania State University (Penn State), for Penn State to modify its scope of services to build upon ongoing work to assess the impact of COVID-19 on childcare, and to determine the true cost of providing childcare in Pennsylvania. This amendment provides for a funding increase of \$281,059 for a revised total of \$484,539 and extends the term of the agreement to May 31, 2022. All other terms and conditions remain in force (The Pennsylvania Key).

**Amendment #2 to Agreement with PSU / Address Impact of COVID-19 on Childcare (The Pennsylvania Key)
—Item 14. B. 31.**

**C. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
—SCOTT MAJOR, DIRECTOR**

To ratify an agreement between the Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) and the Tredyffrin / Easttown School District for provisioning of the BCIU's eTaxTrax software, support, and tax bill print services. The agreement is perpetual, beginning on June 1, 2021, with automatic annual renewal on July 1 unless written notification is provided by December 31 of any term year. Costs are assessed in accordance with the BCIU Board-approved Information Technology Services Rate Schedule.

**Agreement with Tredyffrin / Easttown SD for eTaxTrax Software, Support, and Tax Billing Print Services
—Item 14. C. 1.**

To ratify an agreement between the Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) and the Upper Perkiomen School District for provisioning of the BCIU's eTaxTrax software, support, and tax bill print services. The agreement is perpetual beginning on June 1, 2021, with automatic annual renewal on July 1, unless written notification is provided by December 31 of any term year. Costs are assessed in accordance with the BCIU Board-approved Information Technology Services Rate Schedule.

**Agreement with Upper Perkiomen SD for eTaxTrax Software, Support, and Tax Billing Print Services
—Item 14. C. 2.**

To approve the purchase of used print center equipment from the Lancaster County Career & Technology Center at a total cost of \$2,000. The equipment purchase includes the following: Morgana AutoCreaser Pro 33, Baum 3-Spindle Paper Drill, Multigraphic Knife Folder, and a Staplex Tabber.

**Purchase of Used Print Center Equipment from the Lancaster County CTC
—Item 14. C. 3.**

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To ratify the renewal of Solarwinds Serv-U Secure File Transfer Protocol licensing at a cost of \$640.32 for a one-year term of July 31, 2021, through July 31, 2022.

**Renewal of Solarwinds
Serv-U Secure File Transfer
Protocol Licensing
—Item 14. C. 4.**

To ratify the renewal of an agreement with InfoSeal, LLC for support and maintenance of folder-sealer equipment utilized for tax billing services, at an annual cost of \$3,301 effective August 4, 2021, through August 3, 2022.

**Agreement Renewal with
InfoSeal, LLC
—Item 14. C. 5.**

To ratify an agreement between the Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) and PowerSchool for the renewal of Maintenance and Support fees for eFinancePLUS and associated tools to be utilized by the Brandywine Heights Area School District and the Muhlenberg School District. The cost of these services is set at \$27,146.02 for the term of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

**Agreement with
PowerSchool / Renewal of
Maintenance and Support
Fees for eFinancePLUS /
Brandywine Hts. ASD and
Muhlenberg SD
—Item 14. C. 6.**

To approve the one-year renewal of the Zoom Consortium Master Agreement between the Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) and Zoom Video Communications, Inc. for the consortium purchase of Zoom licenses to be utilized by and invoiced to participating member school districts, effective August 26, 2021, through August 25, 2022, at a shared cost of \$44,260. Participating schools include the following:

**Renewal of Zoom
Consortium Master
Agreement
—Item 14. C. 7.**

- Boyertown Area School District
- Conrad Weiser Area School District
- Daniel Boone Area School District
- Exeter Township School District
- Fleetwood Area School District
- John Paul II Center School District
- Muhlenberg School District
- Oley Valley School District
- Reading Muhlenberg Career and Technology Center
- St. Catherine of Siena School
- Tulpehocken Area School District
- Twin Valley School District

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To approve the renewal of the Berks County Ed Tech Pool Counsel Consortium, for the term July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022, at a cost of \$615 per member district. Participating schools include the following:

- Antietam School District
- Berks Career & Technology Center
- Brandywine Heights Area School District
- Conrad Weiser Area School District
- Daniel Boone Area School District
- Exeter Township School District
- Fleetwood Area School District
- Governor Mifflin School District
- Hamburg Area School District
- Kutztown Area School District
- Muhlenberg School District
- Oley Valley School District
- Reading Muhlenberg CTC
- Reading School District
- Schuylkill Valley School District
- Tulpehocken Area School District
- Wilson School District
- Wyomissing Area School District

**D. BUSINESS SERVICES/OPERATIONS
— DONNA DELORETTA, CFO / COO**

To ratify Addendum #1 to the original agreement between the Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) and the Reading School District, for the BCIU to continue to provide transportation services for one additional year, effective July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

To authorize the appropriate officers to ratify a three-year agreement between the Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) and the Reading School District, for the BCIU to provide School Age Special Education and Early Intervention transportation services, effective July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2024. The district will participate in the PDE approved Child per Mile reimbursement formula, with payment for services being deducted from the district's transportation subsidy.

To authorize the appropriate officers to execute an agreement between the Berks County Intermediate Unit Transportation Department (BCIU) and the BCIU Head Start Program, for the BCIU to provide Head Start transportation services, effective August 31, 2021, at \$464.41 per run/per day (3.69% increase).

**Renewal of Berks County
Ed Tech Pool Counsel
Consortium Services
—Item 14. C. 8.**

**Addendum #1 to the
Agreement with Reading SD
to Continue Transportation
Services—Item 14. D. 1.**

**Agreement with Reading
School District for School-
Age Special Education and
Early Intervention
Transportation Services
—Item 14. D. 2.**

**Agreement with BCIU Head
Start Program for Head
Start Transportation
Services—Item 14. D. 3.**

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To authorize the appropriate officers to execute a five-year State and Local Fair Market Value lease agreement between the Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) and Pitney Bowes, for Pitney Bowes to provide SendPro P2000 Digital Mailing System with 5lb Scale, including SendPro IMPB Software, 100 Dpts Standard Accounting, and software and rate change updates for use in the BCIU mailroom for \$289 per month, effective September 1, 2021.

**Lease Agreement with Pitney Bowes / SendPro IMPB Digital Mailing System
—Item 14. D. 4.**

To authorize the appropriate officers to execute a lease agreement between the Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) and the Berks Career and Technology Center (BCTC), for the rental of classroom space for Head Start, effective September 1, 2021, for nine months, as follows:

- 2,050 square feet at BCTC’s West Center @ \$794/month (1.4% increase)
- 2,050 square feet at BCTC’s East Center @ \$794/month (1.4% increase)

**Agreement with BCTC for Rental of Head Start Classroom Space
—Item 14. D. 5.**

To ratify an agreement between the Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) and the TransPar Group, Inc., for the TransPar Group, Inc. to provide professional advisory services and technical support related to Special Needs Transportation. TransPar Group, Inc. will provide a Lead Routing Analyst and consulting services for August 2021 for a fee of \$22,000.

**Agreement with TransPar Group / Advisory Services and Technical Support Related to Special Needs Transportation
—Item 14. D. 6.**

To approve an agreement between the Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) and the Family Guidance Center, for the Family Guidance Center to lease (1) one office with the use of lavatories and waiting area in the office area of the BCIU Hamburg Center, at a fee of \$260/month for (12) twelve months, effective September 1, 2021, through August 31, 2022.

**Agreement with Family Guidance Center / Lease for Space at BCIU Hamburg Center
—Item 14. D. 7.**

To ratify an agreement between the Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) and the Penn Power Group, for the Penn Power Group to provide a Mobile Mechanic when needed at a rate of \$110/hour, plus \$1.20/mile for travel, effective July 21, 2021

**Agreement with Penn Power Group / Mobile Mechanic
—Item 14. D. 8.**

To ratify the continuation of Herbein+Company as the Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) independent auditors, effective for three audit years with an option for two additional years, at the following fee schedule:

**Continuation of Herbein+Company / BCIU Independent Auditors
—Item 14. D. 9.**

- July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021: \$45,250 (no increase)
- July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022: \$46,850 (3.5% increase)
- July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023: \$46,850 (no increase)

The fees for years ended June 30, 2024, and 2025 will be determined prior to commencing related audit procedures.

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To ratify an agreement between the Berks County Intermediate Unit and Atlas Transportation, for Atlas Transportation to provide transportation services as follows:

- a. To transport Early Intervention Students to St. Luke's Center at a rate of \$535 per day, effective July 6, 2021.
- b. To transport ESY students to 13th Union Elementary at a rate of \$350 per day, effective June 21, 2021.
- c. To transport ESY students to Hogan Learning Academy at a rate of \$350 per day, effective June 21, 2021.
- d. To Transport ESY students to Hogan Learning Academy at a rate of \$400 per day, effective June 28, 2021.
- e. To Transport Early Intervention to Hamburg and Highlands Centers at a rate of \$375 per day, effective July 6, 2021.
- f. To Transport ESY students to 16th and Haak Elementary at a rate of \$350 per day, effective June 21, 2021.
- g. To transport ESY students to 16th and Haak Elementary and Reading HS at a rate of \$535 per day, effective June 21, 2021.
- h. To transport ESY students to Central Middle School at a rate of \$535 per day, effective June 21, 2021.
- i. To transport ESY students to Central Middle School at a rate of \$535 per day, effective June 21, 2021.
- j. To transport Early Intervention students to Hamburg Elementary and Highlands Centers at a rate of \$375 per day, effective July 6, 2021.
- k. To Transport ESY students to Central Middle School at a rate of \$535 per day, effective June 21, 2021.
- l. To transport ESY students to Central Middle School at a rate of \$350 per day, effective June 21, 2021.
- m. To transport ESY students to 16th and Haak Elementary at a rate of \$350 per day, effective June 21, 2021.
- n. To transport ESY students to Central Middle School at a rate of \$350 per day, effective June 21, 2021.
- o. To Transport ESY students to 13th and Union Elementary at a rate of \$535 per day, effective June 21, 2021.
- p. To transport Early Intervention students to Lower Alsace Center at a rate of \$535 per day, effective July 6, 2021.
- q. To transport ESY students to Reading Muhlenberg CTC at a rate of \$535 per day, effective June 21, 2021.
- r. To transport ESY students to Reading Senior High School at a rate of \$535 per day, effective June 21, 2021.
- s. To transport Early Intervention students to Lower Alsace Center at a rate of \$535 per day, effective July 6, 2021.

**Agreement with Atlas
Transportation for
Transportation Services
—Item 14. D. 10.**

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To request permission for the Berks County Intermediate Unit to participate in the following cooperative purchasing programs for the 2021-2022 school year:

- a. BuyBoard National Purchasing Cooperative
- b. The Cooperative Purchasing Network (TCPN)
- c. COSTARS
- d. H-GAC Cooperative Purchasing Program
- e. Keystone Purchasing Network (KPN)
- f. NASPO ValuePoint
- g. National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA)
- h. OMNIA Partners
- i. PEPPM Cooperative Purchasing
- j. Sourcewell

**Permission to Participate in Cooperative Purchasing Programs
—Item 14. D. 11.**

E. ADMINISTRATION

—DR. JILL M. HACKMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

To ratify agreements between the Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) and the Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA), for the BCIU to participate in the PSBA Policy and Administrative Regulation Maintenance programs, including web-based policy / administrative regulation systems, services, and subscriptions, effective July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, for a total cost of \$2,149.

**Agreements with PSBA for Policy and Administrative Regulation Maintenance Programs
—Item 14. E. 1.**

To approve the updated Berks County Intermediate Unit Health and Safety Plan, effective August 20, 2021.

**Approve Updated Health and Safety Plan
—Item 14. E. 2.**

Yeas: Costenbader-Jacobson; Hemberger; Huhn; Kennedy; Lash; Manbeck; Manmiller; Miller; Richard; Specht; Taylor; Ulrich; McEwen	Roll Call Vote
Nays: None. Motion carried.	

No one desired to be heard.

Board Members Desiring to be Heard

A motion was made by Richard, seconded by Manbeck, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion carried.	Voice Vote
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Approved by,

Gary McEwen, President

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**THE FOLLOWING TOOK PLACE PRIOR TO THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING,
DURING COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE:**

Dr. Michelle Reichard-Huff shared comments from **Ms. Laura Johnson**, Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth English Teacher, who was unable to attend the Board meeting to receive her honors. Ms. Johnson thanked the Board and BCIU administration for the honor. She shared that it is rewarding to help her students grow and succeed.

**EMPLOYEE OF THE
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—Ms. Laura Johnson,
Office of Early Childhood
and Student Services**

Mrs. Lucille Gallis, Assistant Director of Business Services, introduced **Mrs. Chaudene Michelek**, who was named Employee of the Month for August. Chaudene has served as the Assistant Program Administrator for Fiscal Services since May 2018. Mrs. Gallis told the Board that Chaudene proactively approaches her supervisory and fiscal management responsibilities, addressing the needs of her direct reports and all the programmatic requirements of the over-\$25M budget for the Pennsylvania Key. She is a “rock” in the Business Office and can be counted on to assist others even when her plate is overflowing. She will always get the job done and done well. She is a respected leader, and also shows respect to all.

**EMPLOYEE OF THE
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—Mrs. Chaudene Michelek,
Office of Business Services**

Chaudene thanked administration and the BCIU Board and said she was moved by the honor. She shared that every day is different and full of learning. She enjoys being able to support her team, the Pennsylvania Key, and other BCIU programs.

Mr. Eric Clemmer, Assistant Director of Business Services / Operations, introduced two retirees from the Transportation Office who will retire in August, **Mrs. Donna Claypoole**, Reading and BCTC Transportation Supervisor; and **Mrs. Shirley Moore**, Transportation Driver. Together, these dedicated employees have more than 50 years of driving experience; they will be sorely missed. Eric told the Board that Mrs. Claypoole came to the BCIU 10 years ago after serving at Conrad Weiser. Mrs. Moore began her career at the BCIU in Special Needs. Both employees have exhibited strong commitment throughout their careers, and could always be counted on during the driver shortages.

**RETIREES
—Donna Claypoole
—Shirley Moore
Office of Business Services /
Operations**

Mrs. Claypoole thanked the BCIU for giving her the opportunity to serve at the IU in the supervisory role, and thanked Shirley for her collaboration and friendship. Shirley thanked BCIU administration and the BCIU Board for their support during her career and shared that she loved her job.

Dr. Jill Hackman shared information regarding the Start of the Year “opening day” on Tuesday, August 17, built around the theme of “Transition Forward: Focused on the Future.” She reported that employees have shown their commitment to providing high quality services and continuing operations during the pandemic however possible and are looking forward the new school year with optimism and positivity.

**FEATURED PROGRAMS
Start of the Year / State of
the Unit / Office Priorities**