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Executive Director

Northeastern Educational Intermediate Unit  
Board of Directors Meeting

June 22, 2021

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Northeastern Educational Intermediate Unit Board of Directors was held Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at the NEIU Administration Office, Archbald, PA.

President Joseph Muracco called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m.

Mrs. Jessica Gilhooley, Board Secretary, NEIU, took roll.

Joseph Muracco, Pres, P	Rodman Azar, P*	James Malloy, P
Howard McIntosh, V Pres, P	Atty. Glenn Cashuric, P	Paul Otway, A
Caryn Emiliani, Tres, P	Amanda Cook, A	Christine Plonski-Sezer, P
	Christina Cosmello, A	Gina Pritchard, P
	William Gershey, P	Philip Stark, P
	Alisha Hudak, A	Arden Tewksbury, A
	Tina Jezuit, P	Douglas Wilcox, P*
	Paul Kaczmarcik, P	John Yanochik, P
	Bernice Lukus, P	

Others present were NEIU staff Messrs. McTiernan, Williams, Cardone and Milles. Honick, Dickey and John Audi, representing Sweet, Stevens, Katz & Williams, LLP., NEIU staff; Leslie Corby, Brenda Pawelzik, Regina Fidium and Kathryn McLane were also present.

\* Attended via phone conference.

President Muracco announced that an Executive Session was held on June 22, 2021 before the meeting for personnel, contract negotiations and real estate issues.

There was no public participation.

**Motion** by Dr. Kaczmarcik, seconded by Atty. Cashuric to adopt the minutes of the May 25, 2021 board meeting. All Directors voted yes. Motion carried 15-0.

**Motion** by Ms. Jezuit, seconded by Mr. Stark to accept treasurer's reports for May, 2021. All Directors voted yes. Motion carried 15-0.

**Motion** by Mr. Yanochik, seconded by Ms. Pritchard to approve bills payable for May, 2021. All Directors voted yes. Motion carried 15-0.

**Motion** by Ms. Emiliani, seconded by Atty. Malloy to nominate Howard McIntosh as temporary President. All Directors voted yes. Motion carried 15-0.

**Motion** by Mr. McIntosh, seconded by Dr. Sezer to nominate Joseph Muracco for position of President.

**Motion** by Mr. McIntosh, seconded by Ms. Emiliani to close the nomination of President. All Directors voted yes. Motion passes 15-0.

**Motion** by Ms. Emiliani, seconded by Mr. Yanochik to nominate Howard McIntosh for position of Vice President.

**Motion** by Dr. Kaczmarcik, seconded by Ms. Pritchard to close the nomination of Vice President. All Directors voted yes. Motion passes 15-0.

**Motion** by Mr. Muracco, seconded by Dr. Kaczmarcik to nominate Caryn Emiliani for position of Treasurer.

**Motion** by Dr. Kaczmarcik, seconded by Mr. McIntosh to close the nomination of Treasurer. All Directors voted yes. Motion passes 15-0.

**Motion 1** to elect the following Northeastern Educational Intermediate Unit Board of Directors' officers for the 2021-2022 year, effective July 1, 2021. The position of Treasurer is reimbursed at the rate of \$100 per meeting.

President:	<i>Joseph Muracco</i>	<i>15-0</i>
Vice President:	<i>Howard McIntosh</i>	<i>15-0</i>
Treasurer:	<i>Caryn Emiliani</i>	<i>15-0</i>

All Directors voted yes. **Motion 1** passes 15-0.

**Motion** by Mr. McIntosh, seconded by Dr. Kaczmarcik, to approve **Motions 2 through 27** including any additions, addendums and corrections and holding out **Motion 23**.

**Motion 2** a motion was in order authorizing the Executive Director and Business Manager to issue checks for payment of purchase orders and bills requiring payment from July 1, 2021 through August 3, 2021.

**Motion 3** to accept the following school district's request for special education services for the 2020-2021 school year as indicated:

Scranton School District

**Motion 4** to approve the Title III Memorandum of Understanding (*Exhibit 1*) with the following school districts as indicated:

Abington Heights	Mountain View
Blue Ridge	North Pocono
Carbondale Area	Northeast Bradford
Dunmore	Old Forge
Elk Lake	Riverside
Forest City	Susquehanna Community
Lackawanna Trail	Valley View
Lakeland	Wallenpaupack
Mid Valley	Wayne Highlands
Montrose	Western Wayne

**Motion 5** to enter into an agreement (*Exhibit 2*) with John F. Kennedy Elementary/Scranton School District to provide Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction training as indicated:

3 days at a cost of \$1,000/day effective August 2, 9, and 12, 2021  
6 sessions at a cost of \$100/hr. effective through May 2022

**Motion 6** to enter into an agreement (*Exhibit 3*) with Dr. Steven G. Feifer to provide professional development seminars at a cost of \$3,000 plus one night accommodation per seminar as indicated:

The Neuropsychology of Written Language Disorders effective 10/6/2021  
The Neuropsychology of Stress & Trauma effective 11/16/2021

**Motion 7** to enter into an agreement (*Exhibit 4*) with Educ8Every1 LLC (Melanie Wolf Greenberg) to provide technical assistance and professional development sessions for NEIU Title III Consortium member districts.

**Motion 8** to approve an agreement (*Exhibit 5*) between the NEIU and Taylor Maid Cleaning at a rate of \$25/hr. for services effective July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

**Motion 9** to approve the following Addendums for Client Assignment Confirmation (*Exhibit 6*) with ProCare Therapy for services for ESY and CCS as indicated:

Physical Therapist - \$74.84/hr. not to exceed 20 hrs./wk.  
Occupational Therapist - \$74.84/hr. not to exceed 20 hrs./wk.  
Paraprofessional - \$37.84/hr. not to exceed 20hrs./wk.

**Motion 10** to approve the following Addendum for Client Assignment Confirmation (*Exhibit 7*) with Sunbelt Staffing, LLC for services for ESY and CCS as indicated:

School Social Worker - \$65.00/hr. not to exceed 20 hrs./wk.

**Motion 11** to approve the following Addendum for Client Assignment Confirmation (*Exhibit 8*) with Interim for services for ESY and CCS for students in need of 1:1 as indicated:

LPN - \$42.95/hr. not to exceed 20 hrs./wk.  
 RN - \$51.50/hr. not to exceed 20 hrs./wk.  
 Paraprofessionals/PCAs – \$28.95/hr. not to exceed 20 hrs./wk.

**Motion 12** to approve a service agreement (*Exhibit 9*) with Blazerworks as a single point of contact for secondary staffing partners to include Soliant Health, Sunbelt Staffing, LLC, and ProCare.

**Motion 13** to approve an MOU (*Exhibit 10*) between NEIU and Marywood University for continuation of the SOAR program at costs per school year as indicated:

2021 / 2022 - \$30,879  
 2022 / 2023 - \$31,797  
 2023 / 2024 - \$32,716

**Motion 14** to rescind all previous Health and Safety/Re-Opening Plans.

**Motion 15** to approve the NEIU, COVID-19 Emergency Resolution (*Exhibit 11*) for the 2021-2022 school year.

**Motion 16** to approve the NEIU Health and Safety Plan (*Exhibit 12*) effective 7/1/2021.

**Motion 17** to approve the Early Intervention “Assurance for the Operation of Special Education Services and Programs/Quality Space” (*Exhibit 13*) for the 2021-2022 school year.

**Motion 18** to approve the following employee requests as indicated:

A. Return to Work:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Type of Leave</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Maggie Mehall	Speech Therapist-EI	FMLA	08/02/2021

B. Requests for Leave:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Type of Leave</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Philip Vullo	Teacher-School Age	FMLA	06/01/2021- 12/31/2021 (Intermittent)
Heather King	Teacher-Act 89	FMLA	05/27/2021-10/29/2021 Uncompensated portion begins 06/11/2021
Irene White	Teacher Assistant-EI	Compensated Leave	07/05/2021- 08/15/2021

C. Resignation:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Jennifer	Clerical	6/11/2021

**Motion 19** to approve a status change for the following employee as indicated:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Lisa Tomolonis-Sipler	School Psychologist (10 month position)	\$75,000	07/01/2021

**Motion 20** to approve the following as “day-to-day” substitutes at the rate outlined in the policy of the Northeastern Educational Intermediate Unit:

Teacher Assistants:

Gabriella Ferraro                      Hannah Duffy                      Tessa McDonald

**Motion 21** to approve the following nominees for Extended School Year (ESY) positions indicated:

Teacher Assistant:

Kelcie Bensinger

**Motion 22** to approve the following nominee for The Summer Professional Development Developer and Trainer position indicated at the rate outlined in the Collective Bargaining Agreement for the Association of Special Education Teachers:

Chiara Zigray

**Motion 24** to submit the following budget requests to the Pennsylvania Department of Education where applicable for the 2021-2022 fiscal year as indicated:

Core Services	\$1,906,131
Non Public (Act 89)	\$1,474,675
Transportation	\$2,869,785
Institutionalized	\$190,551
Special Education	\$7,231,177

**Motion 25** to enter in contract (*Exhibit 14*) with Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc. for exterior façade repairs and window replacement project at the NEIU Learning Campus, Dunmore at a cost of \$376,500.

**Motion 26** to lease a temporary modular classroom from Vanguard Modular Building Systems, LLC for Our Lady of Peace School, Clarks Summit for 48 months, to be paid for with EANS grant funds.

**Motion 27** to lease temporary classroom space from St. John the Evangelist Parish for St. Dominic’s Academy, Honesdale for 48 months, to be paid for with EANS grant funds.

Roll call vote **for consent block Motion 2-27 holding out Motion 23:** Mr. Muracco, yes; Mr. McIntosh, yes; Ms. Emiliani, yes; Mr. Yanochik, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mr. Stark, yes; Ms. Pritchard, yes; Dr. Sezer, yes; Atty. Malloy, yes; Ms. Lukus, yes; Dr. Kaczmarcik, yes; Ms. Jezuit, yes; Mr. Gershey, yes; Atty. Cashuric, yes; Mr. Azar, yes.

All Directors voted yes. Motion carried 15-0.

**Motion 23** by Mr. McIntosh, seconded by Atty. Malloy to amend the Executive Director's employment contract to increase the salary for the 2020/2021 fiscal year from \$145,000 to \$147,900 and to include a 2% raise for each subsequent fiscal year through the end of the contract.

**On the question:** Dr. Kaczmarcik commented that his vote does not reflect him being against the motion but will reflect the fact that his home school district is currently in negotiations.

Roll call vote for **Motion 23:** Mr. Muracco, yes; Mr. McIntosh, yes; Ms. Emiliani, yes; Mr. Yanochik, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mr. Stark, yes; Ms. Pritchard, yes; Dr. Sezer, yes; Atty. Malloy, yes; Ms. Lukus, yes; Dr. Kaczmarcik, no; Ms. Jezuit, yes; Mr. Gershey, yes; Atty. Cashuric, yes; Mr. Azar, yes.

Motion carried 14-1.

**Motion** by Dr. Kaczmarcik, seconded by Mr. McIntosh, to adjourn the meeting and hold the next meeting on August 3, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the NEIU Administration Office, Archbald. All Directors voted yes and the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

*Note: All Exhibits are contained in the Supplemental Minutebook.*

Respectfully submitted,



Mrs. Jessica Gilhooley  
Board Secretary  
Northeastern Educational Intermediate Unit

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6/28/2021