

Colonial Intermediate Unit 20 Board of Directors Meeting Report 8/26/2026

Colonial Intermediate Unit 20 (CIU20) held its regular Board of Directors meeting on Wednesday, August 26, 2026, at the CIU20 Main Office. Board members, administration, staff, and community visitors were present. The Board approved the August 2026 agenda, the June 2026 meeting minutes, and the June 2026 Treasurer's Report, including payment of bills. An executive session was announced to discuss personnel, legal, and operational matters.

Communications that were shared during the meeting:

- Dr. Wolfel shared an update regarding the Project SEARCH Excellent Outcomes Award received in July 2026. CIU20 received the Excellent Employment Outcomes Award in honor of the outcomes achieved for your 2024-25 cohort of interns at Kalahari Resorts & Conventions, Pocono Manor, PA. 70% or more of the students achieved competitive, integrated employment, meeting all the Project SEARCH criteria.
- August 2026 Essential Bulletin for Educators: Jennie McQueen, kindergarten teacher at Paxinosa Elementary School in the Easton Area School District, and Lauren Snyder, consultant at CIU20, presented at the IU Literacy Symposium to share the positive impact of their partnership. Their teamwork is making a difference for young learners as they implement Check & Connect and Enhanced Core Reading Instruction (ECRI)—two key components of Success for PA Early Learners (SPEL).

Dr. Wolfel, during his Executive Director Presentation, shared the following:

- The Board acknowledged Jason Babaz, Megan Getz, Olivia Kirsch, and Brooke Regan for completing the CIU20 Induction Program during the 2025–2026 school year.
- An updated summary of the 2026 Board Member Election results was also reviewed to include Stroudsburg Area SD votes.
- CIU20 Monthly Publication of the Twenty highlights (link):
<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/What-We-ve-Been-Up-To.html?soid=1128522311405&aid=EN85MN0gpAA>
 - Orientation Day at Kalahari & 50th Anniversary of IDEA: Highlights were shared from the August 21st CIU20 Orientation Day at Kalahari, which brought together 1,400 employees. Leadership celebrated the growth of CIU20 and marked the 50th anniversary of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).
 - Outstanding staff award recipients were honored, including:
 - 20, 25, 30, 35, and 40 years of service were recognized for their long-standing commitment to the Intermediate Unit.
 - Megan Krzyzewski (*Leadership Award/Margaret M. Kahler Memorial Fund Award*)
 - Taylor Heffner (*Program Partnership Award*)

- Stephanie Marsh (*Annie Sullivan Award*)
- Tanya Hood (*The Maureen Crawford Award*)
- Nicholas Lynch (*Courage Award*)
- Jacqueline Weaver, Lisa Suppan, and Melinda Heller (*High Five Awards*)
- Program Updates & Community Impact:
 - Updates were highlighted across CIU20 operations, including Early Intervention graduation milestones, Extended School Year (ESY) programs serving over 500 students across multiple regional sites, and a feature on Jim McDonald discussing student mental health on KingSpry's *Legal Lunch Room* podcast.

To access the board agenda minutes, you can use the link below:

- *Link to Minutes:*
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1u0PHZgXjD-aXZ3w1YtLG_SrEv49OtOcP

The Board approved a broad range of governance, policy, financial, and operational actions supporting CIU20's continued delivery of educational and student services throughout the region. Major governance actions included the first reading of Policy Manual updates for Section 300 (Policies 317 - Conduct/Disciplinary Procedures, 317.1 - Educator Misconduct, and 323 - Tobacco and Vaping Products), approval of the 2026–2027 textbook list, schedule of insurances, PDE allocations, 2026–2027 employee rates, and granting tenure to qualifying professional employees. The Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the CIU20 Educational Support Professional Association (ESPA) regarding family sick leave for the 2026–2027 school year, an MOU with Pike County Children & Youth Services for attendance improvement consulting, a \$10,000 retro intern stipend for a school psychologist, and an updated \$500 ESY stipend for staff at Pocono Mountain West High School. Bidding was also authorized for a replacement Driver Education vehicle. To strengthen educational partnerships and workforce development, the Board approved the Department of Labor & Industry Pathways to Partnership (P2P MIETPS) grant agreement to enhance transition services, a Chief Science Officer Program agreement with Montgomery County IU 23, an Engineering by Design workshop agreement with LLIU 13, and a room rental agreement with Northampton Community College for Orientation Week activities. The Board authorized numerous service contracts supporting speech therapy, student transportation, specialized Early Intervention placements, substitute paraprofessional staffing, virtual curriculum platforms, and an evaluation system. In addition, the Board approved multiple revenue-generating service agreements with regional school districts, including Title I and Title IIA services for East Stroudsburg Area SD, Transition Coach positions for Northampton Area SD, and Barracuda cloud backup data protection services for Moravian Academy and Stroudsburg Area SD.



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The next regular meeting of the CIU20 Board of Directors will be held on Wednesday, September 23, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the CIU20 Main Office.