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**LYCOMING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2022  
10:00 A.M.**

**Present In-Person: Commissioner Metzger, Commissioner Mussare, Commissioner Mirabito, Director McDermott. Via Telephone: J David Smith, Solicitor**

**1.0 OPERATIONS**

- 1.1 Opening Prayer
- 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.3 Convene Commissioners' Public Meeting
- 1.4 Approve the Minutes of the Previous Meeting
- Mr. Mirabito moved to approve. Mr. Mussare 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0.**
- 1.5 Public Comment on Agenda Items Only  
**None.**
- 1.6 Non-Profit Informational Series: "What They Do for You?"
  - Dr. Brooke Beiter – Blast IU17  
<https://www.iu17.org/>

**2.0 REPORTS**

- 2.1 Brandy Clemens – Vote to ratify accounts payable cash requirement report in the amount of \$1,493,104.04, for invoice due 04/27/2022 and paid on 04/21/2022.  
**Mr. Mirabito moved to approve. Mr. Mussare 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0.**

**3.0 INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 3.1 Austin Daily – Update on Bridge Bundle 2 Project.

**4.0 ACTION ITEMS**

- 4.1 Mya Toon – (via telephone) Vote to approve Change Order No. 1 with RLS Construction Group for the Construction of the Health and Wellness Center (2022 budgeted item).  
**Mr. Mirabito moved to approve. Mr. Mussare 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0.**

- 4.2 Lauren Strausser – (Jason Yorks presenting) Vote to approve 903 County Recycling Coordinator Grant application with Department of Environmental Protection.  
**Mr. Mirabito moved to approve. Mr. Mussare 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0.**
- 4.3 Jason Yorks –Vote to approve the purchase of landfill tarps from AAA Tarps (2022 budgeted item).  
**Mr. Mirabito moved to approve. Mr. Mussare 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0.**
- 4.4 Jason Yorks –Vote to approve the purchase of Carbonate Scale Control from General Products & Supply, Inc. (2022 budgeted item).  
**Mr. Mirabito moved to approve. Mr. Mussare 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0.**
- 4.5 Jason Yorks –Vote to approve Change Order No. 1 with Fairbank Scales for the Landfill Scale System Rebuild Project (2022 budgeted item).  
**Mr. Mirabito moved to approve. Mr. Mussare 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0.**
- 4.6 Jason Yorks – Vote to approve the purchase of a replacement control panel for CAT Generator from Cleveland Brothers Equipment Company, Inc. (2022 budgeted item).  
**Mr. Mirabito moved to approve. Mr. Mussare 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0.**
- 4.7 Billy Clees – Vote to approve Municipal Waste Planning Grant project with Department of Environmental Protection.  
**Mr. Mirabito moved to approve. Mr. Mussare 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0.**
- 4.8 Billy Clees – Vote to approve Subrecipient Agreement with Old Lycoming Township (CAP grant).  
**Mr. Mussare moved to approve. Mr. Mirabito 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Approved 3-0.**
- 4.9 Beth Baylor – (via telephone) Vote to approve Amendment with Skyhook, Inc. (2022 budgeted item).  
**Mr. Mirabito moved to approve. Mr. Mussare 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0.**
- 4.10 Cindy Newcomer – (presented by Mya Toon) Vote to approve Fee Agreement with Citizens & Northern Bank Wealth Management.  
**Mr. Mirabito moved to approve. Mr. Mussare 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0.**
- 4.11 Shannon Rossman – Vote to approve Change Order #1 with Larson Design Group for the design, bidding and miscellaneous items required for the advancement of the Timber Run Industrial Park Driveway Improvement project (2022 budgeted item).  
**Mr. Mirabito moved to approve. Mr. Mussare 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0.**

## 5.0 COMMISSIONER COMMENT

Mr. Metzger attended a Chamber event that discussed how the County of Lycoming housing situation is at a critical level. Over the next few years, we will have increase in needed workforce for incoming manufacturing. Those workers and families need to have housing. Our housing availability is down 83%. We will be having a meeting with a Housing Task Force to discuss our infrastructure and protecting our tax base. Housing is also a national problem.

Mr Mussare – Looks at utilizing available funding in terms of an investment and what the return will be. We need to grow our tax base and do a tax reassessment. We need the housing and infrastructure to come back. In regards to the opioid crisis he spoke of hearing a father on the television say, “they should stop saying overdose and say poisoned”, he agrees.

Mr. Mirabito commented that the last housing study for the County was done in 2012. A new would help us. The study will validate our needs and show us where to focus when reaching out for grants monies and other funding sources. Also, spoke of the opioid litigation settlement which Lycoming County will be other participating counties will share in the settlement. The settlement monies are distributed over the course of years. The amounts to be distributed are based upon that areas related deaths and overdoses from opioids.

## 6.0 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Speakers who wish to address the Board of Commissioners will be limited for no more than three (3) minutes on any particular item. The speaker must state his/her name and address for the record. Any deviation from this rule must be approved by the Board Chairman.

YouTube Live Comments:

None.

**Thomas Adams/Williamsport**

**Would like people to reconsider taking prescribed drugs with out doing their research on the drugs. Drug side-effects are terrible. Also spoke of the importance of voting in elections and especially for school board elections.**

## 7.0 NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next Commissioners Public Meeting will be held on **Thursday, April 28, 2022**, at 10:00 A.M. in the Commissioner’s Board Room, 1st Floor, Executive Plaza, 330 Pine Street, Williamsport, PA 17701.

**TO VIEW THIS MEETING PLEASE GO TO:**  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eJ\\_y62SgQ7k](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eJ_y62SgQ7k)

TRANSFORMING LIVES  
AND COMMUNITIES THROUGH  
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES



# FAST FACTS 2021-22

Created by the Pennsylvania General Assembly in 1971, BLaST Intermediate Unit 17 is an educational service agency meeting the needs of Bradford, Lycoming, Sullivan and Tioga Counties. Serving 19 public schools, two career centers and 12 non-public schools, BLaST's vision is to transform lives and communities through educational services. These services are organized into four major divisions: Student Services, Educational Planning, Technology and Management Services. In partnership with Educational Staffing Solutions (ESS), BLaST employs approximately 323 staff with a majority of staff working in the division of Student Services providing early intervention and school-age special education services.



**SCHOOL DISTRICTS SERVED**

ATHENS  
CANTON  
EAST LYCOMING  
JERSEY SHORE  
LOYALSOCK TOWNSHIP

MONTGOMERY  
MONTOURSVILLE  
MUNCY  
NORTHEAST BRADFORD  
NORTHERN TIOGA

SAYRE  
SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT  
SOUTHERN TIOGA  
SULLIVAN COUNTY  
TOWANDA

TROY  
WELLSBORO  
WILLIAMSPORT  
WYALUSING

## THE VISION - OUR MISSION:

BLaST'S VISION IS TO TRANSFORM LIVES AND COMMUNITIES THROUGH EDUCATIONAL SERVICES. IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THIS VISION, BLaST'S EVERYDAY MISSION IS TO PROVIDE, CREATE, AND FACILITATE HIGH QUALITY EDUCATIONAL SOLUTIONS.



## OUR CORE VALUES:

**INTEGRITY** - DOING WHAT IS RIGHT BY CHOOSING COURAGE OVER COMFORT AND PRACTICING VALUES RATHER THAN PROFESSING THEM.

**COMMUNICATION** - COMMITTING TO AND PRACTICING HONEST AND OPEN COMMUNICATION.

**RESPECT** - VALUING OURSELVES AND EACH OTHER WHILE ACTING WITH COURAGE, CONSIDERATION, AND EMPATHY.

**SAFETY** - INTEGRATING PHYSICAL, SOCIAL, AND EMOTIONAL SAFETY THROUGH OUR THOUGHTS, WORDS, AND ACTIONS.

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**323**  
STAFF & EMPLOYEES  
(INCLUDING ESS)

**4,000**  
SQUARE MILES COVERED

**19**  
SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**\$37.1M**  
TOTAL BUDGET

## STUDENT SERVICES

The Division of Student Services provides high quality programs to eligible preschool and school age students in our four counties. Our goal is to design instruction and support to maximize the potential of our students based on their strengths and unique needs. Services are delivered in a variety of educational environments by highly-qualified staff.



TOTAL STAFF (INCLUDING ESS)	CLASSROOM PROGRAM STAFF SCHOOL AGE	EARLY INTERVENTION	ITINERANT STAFF SCHOOL AGE	EARLY INTERVENTION
<b>235</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>29</b>

**1667** SCHOOL AGE STUDENTS SERVED  
**920** EARLY INTERVENTION STUDENTS SERVED

**SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES**

BLaST IU 17 offers an extensive range of Special Education Services in both our classroom and itinerant programs:

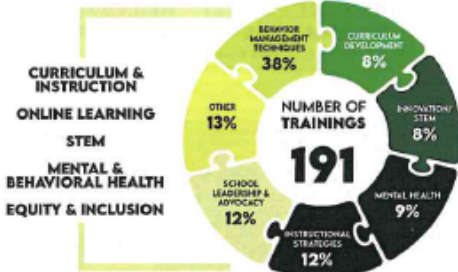
<b>AUDIOLOGY</b>	<b>EMOTIONAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>PARTIAL PROGRAMS</b>
<b>AUTISM SPECTRUM</b>	<b>LIFE SKILLS</b>	<b>PHYSICAL THERAPY</b>
<b>BLIND/VISUALLY IMPAIRED</b>	<b>MULTIPLE DISABILITIES</b>	<b>SPEECH THERAPY</b>
<b>DEAF/HEARING IMPAIRED</b>	<b>OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY</b>	<b>TRANSITIONAL/JOB COACHING /EXPLORE</b>

## EDUCATIONAL PLANNING

BLaST IU 17's Division of Educational Planning provides high-quality, personalized, professional development to school district teachers and staff, as well as business and community members.



### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:



### ONLINE LEARNING HUB FOR EDUCATORS

While the COVID-19 pandemic presented limitations to our face-to-face professional learning opportunities during the 20-21 school year, the Online Learning Hub provided continuity in professional learning for educators. Online Learning options were provided in both synchronous and asynchronous formats with

**2,545** PARTICIPANTS

### eQUIP ONLINE LEARNING PROGRAM:

eQUIP was created to meet the online learning needs of the school districts and private schools in our region and provides K-12 courses, summer school, credit recovery, electives, STEM, AP courses and more!

**63,077** COURSE ENROLLMENTS  
**5,877** REGISTERED STUDENTS  
**820** UNIQUE COURSE TITLES

## TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

BLaST Intermediate Unit 17's technology group provides a wide variety of services not only to our local school districts, but districts across the state.



### 98 TOTAL DISTRICTS AND IU'S RECEIVING TECHNOLOGY SERVICES ACROSS PA

**TECH HIGHLIGHTS:**



- 32 PHONE SYSTEMS DEPLOYED ACROSS THE STATE OF PA
- 1,100 MILES OF MANAGED FIBER NETWORKS
- 10 DISTRICT DATA CENTERS HOUSED AT IU 17
- 35 WEBSITES / MULTISITES DESIGNED AND HOSTED BY IU17
- 31 ORGANIZATIONS' APPLICATION SERVERS HOSTED BY IU17

**OTHER SERVICES:**

- LAN/WAN DESIGN
- JUNIPER SALES / INSTALLATION
- STORAGE, BACKUP AND VIRTUALIZATION DESIGN
- NETWORK SECURITY / AUDITING
- CONSORTIUM PRICING
- VIDEO & DOOR LOCK SECURITY
- VOIP PHONE SERVICES, DESIGN AND INSTALLATION
- SIP TRUNKING SERVICES, IP FAX
- WIFI NETWORK DESIGN / INSTALLATION
- WEBSITE DESIGN AND HOSTING
- DIGITAL SIGNAGE
- CUSTOM SOFTWARE DESIGN
- CONTENT FILTERING WITH CONTENTKEEPER
- VIDEO CONFERENCING INSTALLATION