
CAIU BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The following actions were taken at the **July 24, 2014** meeting held at the Enola Office of the Capital Area Intermediate Unit.

Reports/Updates

- The Board recognized Sue Shirk, EPP, Early Intervention, retirement after 11 years of service.
- Alicia McDonald, Director of Student Services, shared information about the ESY Fishing Derby that was held at South Middleton Township Park on Wednesday. There were 88 students who participated this year. This annual event is organized by the Yellow Breeches Anglers & Conservation Association (see attached news article). Also, she invited the Board Members to visit the Delbrook Preschool Center in Mechanicsburg immediately following the Board meeting.
- Theresa Kinsinger, Director of HR, Business and Communications, shared that the HR team is very busy with filling positions. There have been several resignations over the summer. Currently, we have 16 openings to fill before the end of August. About half of the openings are part-time paraprofessional positions. The Pennsylvania Association of School Personnel Administrators (PASPA) recently completed a salary audit for several positions at the CAIU that do not fall into the PSBA classifications. Most positions reviewed were being paid within the expected salary range for the type of work performed. This month's personnel report includes the positions where recommendations were made to adjust the salaries for those staff. Also, in August the CAIU will be contracting with Source4Teachers for substitute services. Theresa will assist this vendor in recruitment efforts for substitutes in our region.
- Brian Griffith, Director of Curriculum Services, shared an update on the Regional Blended Learning Grant process. Last week, we held a webinar to provide a review of the grant application process. Eighteen of our twenty-four districts either attended the webinar or reviewed the webinar recording. Schools will notify the CAIU by August 1st if they intend to submit a grant application. This grant opportunity is designed to help school buildings develop a vision/plan for Blended/Personalized Learning in their school. Several vendors have offered to help sponsor this initiative. These funds will help offset the costs of the grant.
- Daren Moran, Business Manager, continues to work with the State Auditors who are nearing completion of their audit. The business office is busy closing the 2013-14 books in preparation for the local audit. Our local auditors will begin the 2013-14 fiscal audit on August 15.
- David Martin, Director of Technology Services, reported that the new Content Filter appliance has been installed. Several districts have turned on the filter and are working to make sure that content is being filtered properly. We recently completed the Internet upgrade that doubled the available bandwidth. This will allow us to accommodate districts that may have a need for additional bandwidth. The CAIU recently upgraded to a CISCO VoIP phone system. The installation went well. We are continuing to make small changes to individual's phone configurations.
- Cindy Mortzfeldt, Executive Director, shared that in addition to Extended School Year sessions for school-age students, summer educational programs continue this month for early intervention students, Diakon students, and students at Hershey Medical Center. Also, a summer tutoring program is being held at Holy Family School for the nonpublic school students. She also attended the face to face Data Quality Curriculum training session. Additional online work must be completed over the next few months. This training is also available for school district staff responsible for PIMS administration. The Cabinet members

met on a 2-day retreat to establish organizational goals, review policies, and revise business procedures. An action plan will be brought back to the board next month for review. On behalf of Len Kapp, Supervisor of Operations & Transportation, she reported that the first phase of the restroom renovations is complete. The restrooms off the middle lobby reopened on Monday. The contractors are currently working on the restrooms near the front lobby. More extensive work needs to be completed with these restrooms to bring them into ADA compliance. Work is expected to be completed by late August.

Executive Session – An Executive Session was held to discuss a personnel matter.

Approved Action Items

- Election of the following CAIU Board Members for a new three-year term from July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2017:
 - Dr. Elisabeth McLean, Northern York County School District
 - Mrs. Judith Quigley, Mechanicsburg Area School District
 - Mrs. Laurie Reichert, Lower Dauphin School District
 - Mrs. Jean Rice, West Perry School District
 - Mr. Wilbur Wolf, Big Spring School District
- Election of the following CAIU Board Members to fill an unexpired term:
 - Dr. Fred Baldwin, Carlisle Area School District, beginning December 19, 2013 and ending June 30, 2016
 - Mr. Clifton Edwards, Susquehanna Township School District, beginning January 23, 2014 and ending June 30, 2016
 - Mrs. Maryellen Sheehan, Derry Township School District, beginning February 27, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015
 - Mrs. Trudy Withers, Halifax Area School District, beginning December 3, 2013 and ending June 30, 2016
- Election of the following CAIU Board Members to fill a partial term:
 - Mrs. Brenda Myers, Susquenita School District, beginning July 1, 2014 and ending November 20, 2014
- Election of officers as follows: Mrs. Jean Rice, President; Dr. Anthony Tezik, Vice-President; Daren Moran, Treasurer; and Rennie Borrelli, Secretary
- Appointment of Nancy Otstot as PSBA Voting Delegate to the Legislative Policy Council
- Selection of Harrisburg Patriot-News as newspaper of general circulation
- Appointment of Committee Chairs/Members
- Minutes from the June 26, 2014 CAIU Board Meeting
- Treasurer's Report and Payment of Bills – a total of \$6,502,907.86 in receipts and \$9,929,002.11 in expenditures for June 2014
- Summary of Operations for the 2013-14 fiscal year showing revenues of \$68,310,743.61 and expenses of \$67,307,988.54
- Budget Administration:
 - Proposed 2014-15 Original Budget – Preschool Inclusion Grant in the amount of \$65,000
- Other Fiscal Matters
 - 2014-15 Special Education Service Contracts for the following: Agora Cyber Charter School, Donegal School District, Infinity Charter School, Juniata County School District, Premier Arts and Science Charter School, and Sylvan Heights Science Charter School
 - Appointment of Hartman Underhill & Brubaker as CAIU Solicitor and General Legal Counsel
- Policies & Programs
 - First Reading Revised Policy #203.1 – HIV Infection
 - First Reading Revised Policy #235 – Student Rights and Responsibilities
 - First Reading Revised Policy #235.1 – Surveys

- Personnel Items – see attached report

Executive Director's Report

- See attached written report.

President's Report

- Mrs. Rice thanked the Board members for their attendance.

Board Member Sharing of Information

Information Items

- See AgendaMan at www.caiu.org for additional miscellaneous correspondence

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, August 28, 2014, 8:00 a.m., Board Room, CAIU Enola

DATE SAVER: Immediately following the August meeting, an overview of the Hospital Programs will be provided.

Personnel and Policies/Programs Highlights from the Capital Area Intermediate Unit Board of Directors' Meeting

A. RESIGNATIONS:

LAUREN FRISBIE, speech pathologist, Early Intervention effective August 29, 2014. Reason: Personal.

BETH LIGHT, educational consultant, Student Services effective July 18, 2014. Reason: Accepted a position outside of the CAIU.

MAURA RENGERT, itinerant teacher, Reading effective July 18, 2014. Reason: Personal.

DELILAH SISLER, part-time speech pathologist, Early Intervention effective July 30, 2014. Reason: Personal.

ROBERT SPRENKLE, part-time educational paraprofessional, Emotional Support effective July 18, 2014. Reason: Personal.

CHERIE WILLIAMS, teacher, emotional support effective July 3, 2014. Reason: Health related.

B. RECOMMENDED FOR EMPLOYMENT OR CONTRACT:

LAURA BLANCHFIELD, inclusion consultant, Early Intervention effective July 17, 2014. Base salary of Masters, Step 3, \$47,523 for 189 days of service will be prorated for a total of 179 days. This is a new position funded through the MAWA Budget.

ALEXANDRA CARRASCO-VELEZ, service coordinator, Early Intervention effective August 25, 2014. Base salary of Bachelors, Step 1, \$42,872 for 192 days of service will be prorated for 170 days. This is a new position funded through the MAWA Budget.

KYNISHA CLOUD, speech/language clinician, Early Intervention effective August 25, 2014. Base salary of Masters, Step 5, \$49,466 for 192 days of service will be prorated for 170 days. This is a replacement position funded through the MAWA Budget.

CARLA FONTANELLA, remedial specialist, ANPS effective August 25, 2014. Salary will be based on Masters, Step 2, \$46,604 for 192 days of service. This is a replacement position funded through the ANPS Budget.

KELLY FORTNEY, educational consultant, Curriculum Services effective August 25, 2014. Salary will be based on Masters, Step 5, \$49,756 for 192 days of service. This is a new position funded through the Comprehensive Planning Budget.

KRISTIN GARDNER, school counselor, ANPS. Salary will be based on Masters, Step 5, \$49,756 for 192 days of service. Start date and number of prorated work days to be determined when released from current school district. This is a replacement position funded through the ANPS/Act 89 Budget.

BRYAN GUERRISI, program assistant, Curriculum Services effective July 16, 2014. To be paid at the rate of \$19.49 per hour, based on Range 2 salary of \$38,000 for 12 months of service, prorated for a total of 250 days. This is a new position funded through the CAOLA Budget.

STEPHANIE KLEESE, long-term substitute speech/language clinician, Early Intervention effective August 25, 2014 through June 30, 2015. Salary will be based on Masters, Step 1, \$45,817 for 192 days of service. This is a new position funded through the MAWA Budget.

LISA KLINGLER, educational consultant, Curriculum Services effective August 25, 2014 (pending release from current school district). Salary will be based on Masters, Step 7, \$52,513 for 192 days of service. This is a replacement position funded through the IDEA Budget.

AMY LONG, speech pathologist, Early Intervention, full-time long-term substitute effective August 25, 2014 through June 30, 2015. Salary will be based on Masters, Step 4, \$49,107 for 189 days of service. Employee is eligible for speech/language stipend of \$2,500. This is a long-term substitute position funded through the MAWA Budget.

JENNIFER McGLAUGHLIN, teacher, Deaf/Hard of Hearing Support. Salary will be based on Masters +15, Step 15, \$69,941 for 192 days of service. Start date and number of prorated work days to be determined when released from current school district. This is a new position funded through the D/HH Support Budget.

DENNIS MORGAN, technology support specialist, Technology Services effective July 21, 2014. Range 1 base salary of \$41,306 (\$21.18 per hour) for 12 months of service will be prorated for a total of 246 days. This is a new position funded through the Network Services Budget.

STACY PAUL, speech pathologist, Early Intervention, full-time effective August 25, 2014. Base salary of Masters, Step 11, \$59,313 for 189 days of service will be prorated for a total of 170 days. This is a new position funded through the MAWA Budget.

MAGGIE SCHWAB, occupational therapist, OT/PT effective July 1, 2014. Salary will be based on Masters, Step 1, \$45,817 for 192 days of service. This is a new position funded through the EI OT/PT Budget.

LAURA WANENCHAK, speech/language clinician, Special Services, school-age effective August 25, 2014. Salary will be based on Masters, Step 1, \$45,817 for 192 days of service. This is a replacement position funded through the School-age Speech/language Budget.

C. CHANGES OF STATUS:

JOEI ASKEY, from long-term substitute to permanent full-time educational paraprofessional, Early Intervention effective August 25, 2014. Salary will be based on HS+30, Step 1, \$17,299 for 189 days of service, prorated for a total of 179 days. This is a replacement position funded through the MAWA Budget.

SARAH BETACK, change of status from full-time to part-time speech/language clinician, school-age effective August 25, 2014. Base salary of Masters, Step 5, \$49,756 for 189 days of service will be prorated for a total of 113 days.

VERONICA CHAPMAN, from part-time educational paraprofessional to full-time teacher, Early Intervention effective July 28, 2014. Base salary of Bachelors, Step 1, \$42,872 for 192 days of service will be prorated for a total of 174 days. This is a replacement position funded through the MAWA Budget.

BARBARA KLINE, from occupational therapist, OT/PT working on the preschool schedule to educational consultant, Curriculum Services working on the school-age schedule effective August 25, 2014. This is a new position funded through the IDEA/CSPD Budget.

MARYLEE MAGARO, from long-term substitute (2013/2014) to full-time permanent remedial specialist, ANPS effective August 25, 2014. Salary will be based on Masters +15, Step 9, \$56,932 for 189 days of service. This is a replacement position funded through the ANPS Budget.

LISA McCARTY, from part-time to full-time speech/language clinician, Early Intervention effective August 25, 2014. Base salary of Masters, Step 15, \$68,583 for 189 days of service will be prorated for 185 days. This position is funded through the MAWA Budget.

TARA SHOPE, from part-time to full-time educational paraprofessional, Early Intervention effective August 25, 2014. Base salary of HS, Step 1, \$15,963 for 189 days of service will be prorated for a total of 170 days. This is a replacement position funded through the MAWA Budget.

LINDSEY WEAVER, from part-time to full-time educational paraprofessional effective August 25, 2014. Base salary of HS+30, Step 1, \$17,299 for 189 days of service will be prorated for a total of 170 days. This is a new position funded through the MAWA Budget.

D. CHANGES OF SALARY:

SARAH BAHN, change of salary for completion of Masters +15 credits effective the first pay of the 2014/2015 school year. New salary will be based on Masters +15, Step 7, \$53,875 for 189 days of service.

JUDITHE DUNKLE, social worker, Pupil Services, change of salary for completion of Masters +15 credits effective the first pay of the 2014/2015 school year. Salary will be based on Masters +15, Step 11, \$60,965 for 189 days of service.

TIMOTHY ELLISON, network operations manager, Technology Services, change of salary as per recommendation made in the salary audit conducted by PASPA. Salary increased to \$83,000 (from \$80,648.07) for 12 months of service, retroactive to July 1, 2014. This position is funded through the Technology Entrepreneurial Budget.

RYAN KLINEPETER, technology support coordinator, Technology Services, change of salary as per recommendation made in the salary audit conducted by PASPA. Salary increased to \$44,919 (from \$43,611) for 12 months of service, retroactive to July 1, 2014. This position is funded through the General Operating Budget.

TRACEY KNAUSS, service coordinator, early intervention, payment of \$2,500 National Board Certification stipend effective for the 2013/2014 school year.

LISA McCARTY, change of salary due to decrease in number of work days for the 2014/2015 school year. Base salary of Masters, Step 15, \$68,583 for 189 days of service will be prorated for 130 days through June 30, 2015.

DAVID NICHOLS, applications support coordinator, Technology Services, change of salary as per recommendation made in the salary audit conducted by PASPA. Salary increased to \$44,919 (from \$43,611) for 12 months of service, retroactive to July 1, 2014. This position is funded through the Technology Entrepreneurial Budget.

LORI ROGERS, change of status from Range 4 secretary to Range 2 program assistant, Curriculum Services effective July 1, 2014. Change of status results in a change of salary to Range 2, \$33,852 (17.36 per hour) for 12 months of service.

DAWN SAGER, accountant, Business and HR, change of salary as per recommendation made in the salary audit conducted by PASPA. Salary increased to \$47,414 (from \$44,312.15) for 12 months of service, retroactive to July 1, 2014. This position is funded through the General Operating Budget.

LAUREN ASHLEY SCHAEFFER, accountant, Business and HR, change of salary as per recommendation made in the salary audit conducted by PASPA. Salary increased to \$48,300 (from \$44,312.15) for 12 months of service, retroactive to July 1, 2014. This position is funded through the General Operating Budget.

JANICE SUSI, occupational therapist, OT/PT, payment of \$2,500 National Board Certification stipend effective for the 2013/2014 school year.

KARIN TOPPING, occupational therapist, OT/PT, payment of \$2,500 National Board Certification stipend effective for the 2013/2014 school year.

E. LEAVES OF ABSENCE:

ERICA OVERBAUGH, educational paraprofessional, early intervention requesting leave of absence without pay effective August 27, 2014 through December 10, 2014. Leave is requested to complete student teaching for early childhood certification.

Executive Director's Report

July 24, 2014

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

Summer Programs

Several CAIU educational programs continue throughout the month of July. Our Preschool students participate in classroom programs, itinerant services, and a variety of therapy services. Also, screenings and assessments take place throughout the year. The school age special education students are enjoying Extended School Year (ESY) classes provided at Hill Top Academy and in Derry Township SD. School age students also participate in classes held at the Center for Industrial Training (CIT) and Goodwill Industries. Students in our nonpublic schools have an opportunity to participate in a six week summer tutoring program held at Holy Family School in Harrisburg. This program is funded through federal Title I dollars. Summer programming is also provided at Diakon Youth Center and at the Hershey Medical Center - Penn State Children's Hospital.

NEWS

CAIU Cisco VoIP Phone System

The CAIU technology services team completed a migration of the entire organization to a Cisco VoIP phone system. The team has been supporting the Cisco VoIP system at the CAIU for the past several years and for five of our local school districts.

This move to Cisco serves two purposes:

1. Our current system was going "end of life" and would no longer be supported.
2. Our technology services team has standardized on a Cisco solution for the CAIU with all networking equipment (switches, wireless, servers, firewalls and phones).

The equipment includes over 300 Cisco VoIP telephones which were deployed in early July. The deployment of the new phones included the Enola office, Hill Top Academy, Delbrook Preschool Center, Holy Family, Capital Area School for the Arts Charter School, Diakon Youth Center, Lemoyne Preschool Center, Millersburg Preschool Center and Shippensburg Preschool Center. Our Help Desk team has been trained on the new phones and has been assisting CAIU Staff with the setup of their Cisco phones and voicemail.

Data Quality Curriculum (DQC) Update

Training in the Data Quality Curriculum is underway across the Commonwealth. Twenty-seven staff members from CAIU school districts attended the DQC rollout at the PDE Data Summit in May and are working through the curriculum in Moodle. An additional 24 people from our school districts attended the DQC session hosted by the CAIU on July 16 and will work on completing the curriculum in Moodle through November. Additional DQC sessions will be offered by CAIU beginning in October and February that will run for about 12 weeks each. The Data Quality Curriculum was developed by PDE to educate school personnel regarding data management from multiple perspectives: Data Entry, Entry Level PIMS Administrators, Experienced PIMS Administrators and LEA Administrators. Training is voluntary and free. Act 48 and Act 45 credits are available.

Student Services

Autism Support

Mr. Keith Imboden, program supervisor, has been working with districts to establish two new Autism Support classes in response to district needs for student placement options. One new class will be located at Susquehanna Township High School and the other class will be at East Pennsboro Middle School.

Capital Area Partial Program (CAPP)

Dr. Patrick Rieker, program director, continues to work directly with PerformCare to finalize the corrective action plan in order to gain approval for billing through insurance. We have submitted multiple revisions at their request.

Dr. Patrick Rieker and Ms. Alicia McDonald met with the two psychiatrists in the CAPP program in order to begin more strategic discussions about effective program design and implementation. This strategic planning will be ongoing throughout the 2014-15 school year, and we look to involve other stakeholders in this process.

Loysville Youth Development Center (LYDC)

Mr. Clyde Caldwell, principal, has been working with PDE to propose and prepare to submit revisions to our Planned Educational Program (PEP) which PDE approves for the operation of the educational program at LYDC. Revisions must be made and submitted for board and PDE approval since PDE has level funded the program, and we cannot continue current operations and programming without making some program reductions and changes.

Online Therapy with PresenceLearning

Mrs. Arlene Moll, project administrator, has been working with PresenceLearning and other IUs to establish processes for the provision of online therapy. We have three individual meetings established with other IUs (BLaST 17 - Williamsport Area, Central IU 10 - State College Area, and IU14 - Berks County).

Preschool Early Intervention

Ms. Terry Kennedy, preschool supervisor, applied for and received an Inclusion Performance Grant for 2014-2015 school year. We will continue our collaboration at Options Preschool and Day Care Program at Capital Area Children's Center (CACC) adding a 3rd inclusive classroom. Now all of the preschool classrooms at CACC are inclusive. A total of 60 children will receive services in this early childhood environment. In addition, we will collaborate with the preschool staff and families at the Naval Support Activity Child Development Center located in Mechanicsburg utilizing strategies through Positive Behavior Intervention Supports.

Mr. Eric Bostick, preschool supervisor, is working with Dr. Tierney, developmental pediatrician from Hershey Medical Center - Penn State Children's Hospital, and our IU team to prepare for our first collaborative evaluation. The collaborative evaluation consists of concurrent work from the CAIU staff, who will do developmental testing and an ADOS (Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule) to rule out autism spectrum disorders, and Dr. Tierney, who will make medical and behavioral health recommendations.

Pupil Services/Hospital/ELECT-EFI/Homeless

Dr. Janylyn Elias, pupil services supervisor, has been partnering with Diakon Youth Center and our local districts to create an alternative program option for districts to directly refer and

place students at that site for educational and mental health programming. Notification regarding the option for district referrals was disseminated the week of July 14.

R.A.V.E. 2014 (Resourceful. Adaptable. Versatile. Effective.)

The CAIU hosted the 3rd Annual Office Professional's Workshop on July 15th. Fifty-three office professionals from school districts and intermediate units attended this "action packed" day of professional development tailored directly to office professionals. Nine presenters offered a variety of small group sessions throughout the day.

NOTIFICATION OF ACTIVITIES

- Attended PASA's Women's Caucus Executive Board meeting. I was appointed as Treasurer for the Women's Caucus.
- Met with representatives from Central Penn College to finalize Mutual Aid Agreement that outlines their use of the Enola office facility as an Incident Command Center and the CAIU's use of their facility as an Evacuation site in the event of an emergency.
- Attended the face to face Data Quality Curriculum training session. Additional sessions will be completed online.
- ESY Fishing Derby will be held on July 23 at the South Middleton Park.
- The cabinet met for two days to discuss many items including business policy procedures, CAIU Technology Plan, and 2014-15 goals.
- Attended webinar on Educator Effectiveness and the PAIU-Curriculum Coordinators videoconference.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES – SAVE THE DATE

- Heather Donovan and the Carroll Elementary Preschool Staff would like to invite you to the **Preschool Graduation ceremony and End of the Year Celebration!** Dates and Times for the Celebration are as follows:

Tuesday, **July 29th** at 10:00am and 1:30pm
Wednesday, **July 30th** at 10:00am and 1:30pm

- **18th Annual CAIU Champions for Children Golf Tournament** – Fee is \$65.00 per player. Package includes green fee, cart, refreshments, dinner and other prizes. Awards Banquet immediately following Tournament.

Where: Cumberland Golf Club
2395 Ritner Highway
Carlisle, PA 17015

When: Tuesday, July 29, 2014 (Rain or Shine)
Registration begins at 11:00AM - Shot Gun Start at 12:00PM

Contact: Daren Moran, Golf Committee Chairperson
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PEPPER VALDA'S BEST HOMEPAGE 2013

FISHING

Yellow Breeches Anglers put on fishing derby for students



12 HOURS AGO • BY JOSHUA VAUGHN, THE SENTINEL

SOUTH MIDDLETON TOWNSHIP — According to 19th century philosopher Henry David Thoreau, many men go fishing their entire lives without knowing it's not the fish they are after.

For a group of students from the Capital Area Intermediate Unit, that could not have been closer to the truth Wednesday on the grounds of South Middleton Township Park.

For nearly 15 years, volunteers from the Yellow Breeches Anglers and Conservation

Association have organized a trout derby, giving children who otherwise might never get the chance to cast a line the excitement of catching a fish.

"Some of these youngsters might never go fishing, let alone catch something," said Tim McCurdy, treasurer of Yellow Breeches Anglers and Conservation. "This is one of the things in life that I have taken for granted, that I am fisherman and I go out and enjoy myself quite often. This is something the children don't get to do."

Volunteers from Yellow Breeches began setting up the day's activities at 4 a.m. A small pool was stocked with 300 trout, and at 8 a.m. more than 70 students from the intermediate unit arrived at the park to start fishing.

"The anglers really do all the work in setting this up," said Patti Bixler, educational consultant for Capital Area Intermediate Unit. "Those guys really do a lot of work, because it's all on a volunteer basis."

With the help of intermediate unit staff and volunteers from the Yellow Breeches, students reeled in their catch and took it to a station to be cleaned and filleted by volunteers. Students were able to take home their catch after it had been prepared.

"It's wonderful how the anglers support our kids," said Marie Muskey, a teacher at Capital Area Intermediate Unit. "They are right there holding the rods and putting the bait on. It's different when the community does it than when parents do it with their own child."

Along with the fishing, Yellow Breeches provided a picnic lunch for the students, as well as tours of fire engines provided by Citizens Fire Company. Alpacas were even brought in from Bent Pine Alpaca Farm.

For Muskey, Wednesday's trout derby was a chance for students to get away from the academic setting of learning to read and write, or in some cases learning to walk, and just have fun.

"This is a social opportunity that they wouldn't otherwise get a chance to do," Muskey said. "The focus is just on them having fun. ... We get caught up in the academic focus and forget that kids are kids and should be able to have fun."

In total, Yellow Breeches spent more than \$1,000 to host the event to the intermediate unit. But according to McCurdy, money is not a concern when the group has a chance to give back to the community.

"We at the Yellow Breeches Anglers we forget the big expenses for an event like this," McCurdy said. "It's for the kids."

Wednesday's event marked the intermediate unit's extended school year coming to a close, and while the day was focused on the children, it offered a great learning opportunity for the community.

"I think the community learns that these kids are capable," Muskey said. "These kids are capable of enjoying activities that non-handicapped kids or people enjoy. I think the community gets to see success, and that's important."