



MCIU HIGHLIGHTS

AN UPDATE FROM OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

August 26, 2015 Board Actions

BOARD BUSINESS

- Approved the minutes from the June 24, 2015 MCIU Board Meeting.
- Appointed Maura Buri as PSBA Voting Delegate to the PSBA 2015-2016 Delegate Assembly.
- Approved the second reading and adoption of the following new policies:

POLICY #	TITLE
806	Child Abuse
818	Contracted Services
819	Suicide Awareness/Attachment

BUDGET APPROVALS & BID SCHEDULES

- Approved a change to an initial budget to amend the amount from PDE for the PaTTAN King of Prussia office.
- Authorized equipment surplus/obsolete from the PaTTAN-King of Prussia facility.
- Acknowledged the 2015-2016 preliminary supply and services bid schedules.

CONTRACTS & SERVICE AGREEMENTS

- Approved contract agreements with the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, St. Vincent Seminary, Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Parish, Little Flower High School, Montgomery County Behavioral Health, and the Wissahickon and Perkiomen Valley School Districts for fingerprinting services.
- Authorized a service agreement for the ACCESS Program with the Upper Moreland School District.
- Authorized a sub-grant agreement for implementation of Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act-B (IDEA) Use of Funds Agreements with Abington, Colonial, Hatboro-Horsham, Lower Merion, Lower Moreland, Methacton, Norristown Area, North Penn, Souderton, Spring-Ford, Springfield Township, Upper Merion, Upper Perkiomen and Wissahickon School Districts.
- Authorized a sub-grant agreement for implementation of Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act 619 (IDEA) Use of Funds Agreements with Abington, Colonial, Hatboro-Horsham, Lower Merion, Lower Moreland, Methacton, Norristown, North Penn, Pottsgrove, Pottstown, Spring-Ford, Springfield Township, Souderton, Upper Merion, Upper Perkiomen, and Wissahickon School Districts.
- Authorized a service agreement for consulting services with Salanik School Business Consulting.
- Authorized a service agreement for medical practitioner review and authorization of paperwork for the School Based ACCESS Program with Pottstown School District.
- Authorized a contract with the Hershey Lodge for the PDE Education Annual Conference.
- Ratified a contract with Kathryn Snow to present at the Family Learning Conference.



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- Authorized a contract with Melissa Smith to present at the PaTTAN Educational Interpreter Summer Institute.
- Authorized a contract with Leaderservices to create databases for Project Max and support the deaf/blind project.
- Authorized contracts with presenters and consultants for the Low Incidence Institute.
- Authorized contracts with presenters and consultants to provide consultation and technical assistance in the support of Project MAX, as well as independent evaluations for both Project Max and the Deaf/Blind Project.
- Authorized a contract with Nanette Wood to provide consultative assistance to ERCHL and AT initiatives and provide leadership to the Low Incidence Institute.
- Authorized a contract with the Parent Education and Advocacy Leadership Center (PEAL) to work collaboratively together and with BSE and PaTTAN to support the development of the statewide network and assistance with trainings and product development.
- Approved a service agreement with the North Penn School District for professional development and consultation to provide Keystone to Opportunity (KtO) Trainers for staff development.
- Approved a contract with Texas Instruments for consultant Mr. Dana F. Morse to provide a math workshop.
- Approved a contract with Eileen Kern to conduct a three hour training on Library Model Curriculum.
- Approved a contract with Andrew Colson, MIND Research Institute to present on the topic of implementation programs with fidelity and effective program evaluation strategies at the MCIC members' summer retreat.
- Approved a professional development training agreement with the Lower Moreland Township School District for paraprofessional training.
- Approved a service agreement with Central Montco Technical High School to provide Smartboard Training.
- Authorized a service agreement with Fuel Education LLC to provide online courses.
- Authorized a service agreement with Learning A-Z for PA Common Core bundle.
- Authorized a service agreement with The Virtual High School (VHS) for consortium participation for districts.
- Approved 2015-2016 district cost plans/service agreements with Commonwealth Connections Academy, Pennsylvania Leadership Charter School, and the Norristown Area, North Penn, and Souderton Area School Districts.
- Authorized consultant contracts to provide services to students from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.
- Authorized a consultant contract with Phillip Kendall, Ph.D. to present a workshop on identifying and working with anxiety in the school setting.
- Authorized a consultant contract with the Center on Central for music and art therapy.



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- Authorized a consultant contract with George McCloskey, Ph.D. to present a workshop for psychologists on the advanced interpretation of the WISC-V in learning and behavior.
- Authorized a contract with Eric Smith to provide training in crisis intervention, resolution, planning and stabilization.
- Authorized a lease agreement with the Audubon YMCA, West Norriton for an early intervention classroom.
- Authorized consultant contracts for early intervention and school age provider therapy services for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.
- Ratified Internet Services agreements with Ancillae-Assumpta Academy, Archbishop Ryan High School, PaTTAN King of Prussia, and Hatboro-Horsham, Lower Merion, and Upper Dublin School Districts.
- Ratified Canvas LMS agreements with Mt. St. Joseph's and Ancillae-Assumpta Academies.
- Ratified service agreements with The Anderson School and Cheltenham Township, Colonial, and Pottsgrove School Districts.
- Approved service agreements with Pottstown and Wissahickon School Districts to renew the Moodle Plus Service agreements.
- Approved service agreements with The Shipley School for shared Moodle hosting.
- Ratified a service agreement with the Wissahickon School District for monitoring renewal.
- Ratified a service agreement with The Anderson School to provide services described in the Hybrid Learning Design Plan for operations support, professional development and coaching.
- Ratified service agreements with Pottsgrove, Pottstown, and Rosemont School Districts for Discovery Education Streaming Plus package.
- Ratified SAFARI Montage service agreements with Abington, Spring-Ford Area, and Upper Perkiomen School Districts.
- Ratified eRate service agreements with Central Montco Technical High School, Western Montgomery Career and Technology Center, and Colonial School District.
- Ratified Internet Services agreements with Bishop McDevitt High School, Mt. St. Joseph's Academy, Waldron Mercy Academy, and Pottstown, Springfield Township, and Wissahickon School Districts.
- Ratified an addendum with Digicert for an enterprise managed K-PKI Access agreement.
- Authorized a service agreement with the Central Montco Technical High School for a full-day onsite consultation.
- Authorized a service agreement with the Pottsgrove School District for a Schoology subscription.
- Authorized a reseller agreement with CloudLock, Inc.
- Authorized a service agreement with Discovery Education.
- Authorized a service agreement with Instructure for subscription and support for students, teachers and administrators for grades K-12.



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ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS

- Authorized submission of carryover/revision of Title II (Part A) Improving Teacher Quality Program funds.
- Authorized submission of continuation and acceptance of preliminary Title I Neglected Program funds in Carson Valley Children's Aid (located in the Springfield Township School District), Anchor House (located in the North Penn School District) and The Villa Therapeutic Center at Fox Chase, formerly known as St. Mary's Villa for Children and Families, (located in the Upper Dublin School District).
- Authorized submission of continuation and acceptance of the preliminary Title I Delinquent Program Funds in New Life Youth and Family Services (located in the Souderton School District) and St. Gabriel's Hall (located in the Methacton School District).
- Authorized acceptance of Title II-Part A funds for Hatboro-Horsham, Methacton, North Penn, Perkiomen Valley and Souderton Area School Districts.
- Authorized acceptance of Title I funds from Abington, Cheltenham Township, Colonial, Hatboro-Horsham, Lower Moreland Township, Methacton, Norristown Area, North Penn, Owen J. Roberts, Pennridge, Perkiomen Valley, Pottsgrove, Pottstown, Souderton Area, Springfield Township, Springfield Area, Upper Merion Area, Upper Moreland, and Wissahickon School Districts to operate their Title I reading and/or math programs for students in nonpublic schools.

AUGUST 26, 2015 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE – Dr. John J. George

- MCIU Opening Day: For the first time ever, all 495 staff members will gather together for an Opening Day kick-off to the 2015-16 school year. This includes 113 new employees who were hired this past summer. This event is scheduled for August 27, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. at North Penn High School. All MCIU board members are invited to attend.
- Governor's Budget/Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts Grant: The MCIU has submitted a proposal for the state-funded Pre-K Counts Grant which is targeted at providing economically disadvantaged children an opportunity to experience a high quality pre-kindergarten program. Funding for this program is contingent upon approval by the Pennsylvania Legislature. The MCIU continues to keep a careful watch on the status of the Governor's budget and is taking the necessary precautions to ensure cash flow during this time.
- Head Start: Dr. Robinson provided an update regarding the launch of the Head Start program. A total of 27 classrooms are fully staffed with 4 remaining vacancies. Current enrollment in the program is approximately 550 children. Inspection and review of all facilities has been completed and additional facilities have been secured as needed.
- Facilities Committee: The MCIU Board Facilities Committee will reconvene to address a number of key issues which include: remaining issues at 2 West Lafayette Street; development of an interim plan for the facility at 1605 West Main Street; and the potential relocation of the PaTTAN King of Prussia office due to space constraints.



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- IRS Audit: Mr. Wisler reported that the IRS audit of the 2013 fiscal year has been completed but a final report has not yet been issued. The Office of Business Services has been apprised of a number of issues which arose as a result of the audit that will have accompanying fines. Corrective measures have been put in place to ensure future compliance.
- Papal Visit: The Norristown Regional Rail has been designated as one of the transportation centers to remain open during Pope Francis' visit scheduled for the end of September. With the support of the Board of Directors, the MCIU will be selling spots in our parking lot next to the transportation center over the weekend. It is anticipated that this will generate over \$20,000 in revenue. Additionally, the MCIU is working together with police and fire personnel to utilize the front and back of our building as a staging ground and use of our restroom facilities for emergency personnel.
- Office of Professional Learning: Mrs. Gaffney reported that the Montgomery Virtual Program (MVP) has had a successful launch this past summer. A total of 280 students participated in 370 course offerings, generating \$38,000 in profit. The Office of Professional Learning anticipates expanding this program in 2015-16. Additionally, an agreement to contract with Colonial Intermediate Unit 20 to provide MVP services is awaiting approval by CIU20's Board.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 27, 2015 MCIU Opening Day Event at North Penn High School
- September 30, 2015 Next MCIU Board Meeting
- November 13, 2015 MCIUEF Fall Fundraiser at Lower Providence Fire Company Hall