



MCIU HIGHLIGHTS

AN UPDATE FROM OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

January 27, 2016 Board Actions

BOARD BUSINESS

- Approved the minutes from the November 18, 2015 MCIU Board Meeting.
- Accepted the resignation of Rick Rabinowitz, MCIU Board member from Pottsgrove School District.
- Appointed and welcomed new MCIU Board member Diane Cherico, Pottsgrove School District.
- Appointed board members to serve on the Board Negotiations and Board Wellness Committees.
- Approved the second reading and adoption of the following new policy:

POLICY #	TITLE
801	Public Records (New)

- Acknowledged the first reading of the following new and revised policies:

POLICY #	TITLE
210	Use of Medications (New)
210.1	Asthma Inhalers (New)
622	GASB Statement 34/Capital Assets (Revised)
828	Fraud (New)

BUDGET APPROVALS

- Approved the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit District Membership Services Budget for 2016-2017.

CONTRACTS & SERVICE AGREEMENTS

- Authorized contract agreements with the Borough of Pottstown, Montgomery County Community College, and West Catholic Senior High for the purpose of fingerprinting services.
- Authorized a services agreement for the Head Start Program with the Pennsylvania Department of Education Division of Food and Nutrition Services for the Child and Adult Care Food Program.
- Authorized contracts with Colonial, Perkiomen Valley, Upper Dublin and Wissahickon School Districts to provide food services to the Head Start classrooms.
- Ratified a service agreement with the School District of Springfield Township for an ACCESS program evaluation.
- Authorized declaration of a list of equipment obsolete and available for recycling from the Office of Technology Services.
- Authorized a change order agreement with Worth and Company in the amount of \$37,884.59 for replacement and re-piping of one of the condensing boilers.
- Authorized contracts with a list of individuals/organizations who are presenting at the 2016 PDE Conference.
- Authorized contracts with a list of consultants to support the Deaf/Blind Project.
- Authorized contracts with a list of entities/individuals to provide support and guidance for the continuation of development and implementation of Project MAX.
- Authorized a contract with Joseph Coleman for general special education oversight at the Chester-Upland School District.
- Authorized a service agreement with Upper Perkiomen School District to provide Central Office Administration transition support.
- Authorized a service agreement with the School District of Cheltenham Township to provide Central Office Administration transition support.



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CONTRACTS & SERVICE AGREEMENTS (CONTINUED)

- Authorized service agreements with Methacton, Perkiomen Valley and Pottsgrove School Districts for a collaborative mathematics program review.
- Authorized a professional development training agreement with the North Penn School District for two Carnegie Math Academies.
- Authorized a professional development training agreement with the Perkiomen Valley School District for elementary school teachers for Carnegie Math Academies.
- Authorized a contract with the Capital Area Intermediate Unit (CAIU) to accept funds and to serve as the Regional Math Design Collaborative (RMDC) point of contact.
- Authorized a service agreement with the Upper Merion Area School District to provide Elementary ELA Core Literacy instruction.
- Authorized a professional development training agreement with the Souderton Area School District for follow-up Literacy consultation for 6-7-8 grades Reading and English teachers.
- Authorized a contract with the Penn Literacy Network (PLN) to partner in the delivery of a professional development/curriculum enhancement program.
- Authorized a professional development training agreement with the Upper Perkiomen School District for on-site new teacher induction sessions.
- Authorized a professional development training agreement with Mount Saint Joseph Academy for training on Differentiated Instruction and mentoring of instructional coaches.
- Authorized a professional development training agreement with the North Penn School District for instructional technology presentations to secondary teachers.
- Authorized a contract with Richard Kiker to present Google Educator Certification Boot Camp Levels 1 and 2.
- Authorized a contract with Colonial and Upper Perkiomen School Districts to participate in the Virtual High School (VHS) consortium.
- Authorized a service agreement with the School District of Cheltenham Township and the North Penn School District to participate in the Montgomery Virtual Program (MVP).
- Authorized a professional development training agreement with the School District of Springfield Township for various topics including Emerging Technology and Reaching the Advanced Learner and Universal Design for Learning (UDL).
- Authorized a contract with the Family and Friends Daycare to provide a workshop on behavioral strategies to support student success in the preschool classroom.
- Authorized a contract with PSA Healthcare for nursing services to the Head Start program.
- Authorized a contract with Terri Erbacher, Ph.D. to present a workshop.
- Authorized a contract with Linda Knauss to present a workshop.
- Authorized a contract with Progressus Therapy, LLC to provide speech therapy.
- Authorized a contract with Associated Production Services to provide school age therapy services.
- Authorized a consultant contract with the International Institute for Behavior Development/Education Designers for early intervention services for PCA and behavior supervision consultation.
- Authorized a consultant contract with Helping Hands for school age therapy services.
- Approved an Enrollment Reduction Proposal for the Head Start Program.
- Ratified the Canvas LMS agreement with the Colonial School District.
- Ratified a service agreement with the School District of Cheltenham Township for a 40 hour support block of PowerSchool.



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- Authorized a service agreement with the Baldwin School for Discovery Education Streaming Plus package.
- Ratified an eRate service agreement with the Pottsgrove School District.
- Ratified an addendum to the Internet Services agreements with the Hatboro-Horsham School District for an additional 250 MB of internet services.
- Authorized a contract with Instructure for a subscription.

JANUARY 27, 2016 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE – Dr. John J. George

- Board Appreciation Month: On behalf of the MCIU Administration, Dr. George thanked the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit's Board of Directors for their dedication and commitment to helping improve education for children in Montgomery County.
- Pennsylvania Budget: While school districts have received temporary relief of the budget impasse with the release of approximately 45% of their budget distribution, intermediate units have been fortunate to receive a distribution of approximately 95%.
- Pre-K Counts Grant: On January 8, 2016, the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit received notification that we have been awarded a Pre-K Counts grant. This grant will allow us to deliver high-quality pre-kindergarten programs to 100 age-appropriate children at no cost to income eligible families. MCIU facilities staff have been working with the MCIU Board Facilities Committee to reopen and repurpose the building at 1605 West Main Street in Norristown as an Early Learning Academy which will house five Pre-K Counts classrooms in February 2016.
- Head Start Reduction Proposal: MCIU is requesting a reduction in the number of required students enrolled in the Head Start Program from 490 to 450 and reallocation of the revenue to implement a new wage rate for Head Start employees. This proposal is contingent upon approval from the Office of Head Start.
- Building Signage: The work on the interior signage for the MCIU office at 2 West Lafayette Street has been completed. Installation of exterior signage has been delayed due to zoning issues but will be completed in the near future.
- Commendations: Dr. George thanked members of the MCIU facilities staff for their dedication and efforts in plowing the office parking lot following this past weekend's blizzard. Many thanks to Mark Brooks, John Connell, and Keith Henley for their excellent work!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| • February 24, 2016 | Next MCIU Board Meeting |
| • March 8, 2016 | MCIU Academic Competition |
| • March 15-May 3, 2016 | MCIU Reading Olympics Competitions |
| • April 5, 2016 | MCIU Regional Computer Fair |
| • April 8, 2016 | MCIU Legislative Breakfast |
| • April 13, 2016 | MCIU Diversity Fair |
| • May 9, 2016 | MCIU Education Foundation Golf Classic |