



# MCIU HIGHLIGHTS

AN UPDATE FROM OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

## February 22, 2017 Board Actions

### BOARD BUSINESS

- Approved the minutes from the January 25, 2017 MCIU Board Meeting.
- Approved the Guidelines for Conducting the Nomination of Intermediate Unit Board Members and appointed Jeffrey T. Sultanik, Esq. as the Judge of Elections.

### BUDGET/GRANT APPROVALS

- Approved the Student Services Budget for 2017-2018.
- Approved the Transportation Services Budget for 2017-2018.
- Approved the Transportation Fee Based Budget for 2017-2018.
- Approved the Effective Standards Based Instruction Federal Grant for 2016-2017.
- Approved the Effective Standards Based Instruction State Grant for 2016-2017.
- Approved the Head Start Program Narrative for 2017-2018.
- Approved the Title II A Budget Revision for 2015-2016.

### CONTRACTS & SERVICE AGREEMENTS

- Approved a contracted service agreement with the Methacton School District to provide Transportation Support Services to the District for the period 2/1/17 – 6/30/18.
- Approved a contract agreement with Monica McHale-Small, Ph.D. to deliver consultation, coordination, professional development and technical assistant services for the Pennsylvania Department of Education and Bureau of Special Education Dyslexia Pilot Program.
- Approved a contract agreement with Rebecca Renshaw to provide webinar trainings on various dates to prepare specialist for the Orientation & Mobility (O&M) test.
- Approved contract agreements with Ashlea Rineer-Hershey and Clarion University of Pennsylvania for SPDG-PROJECT MAX.
- Approved contract agreements with various consultants to present at the March 2017 PDE conference.
- Approved a contract agreement between Apple Computer, Mick Weeks and the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit to provide professional development on Transforming ELL Instruction through the Infusion of Technology Training.
- Approved a Memorandum of Understanding between the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit and the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit 27 to collaborate to create professional online learning courses.
- Approved a contract agreement between the Upper Merion Area School District and the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit to provide professional development.
- Approved a general consultant agreement with Heinemann to provide full day trainings.
- Approved a general consultant agreement with Wilson Language Training Corporation to provide professional development workshops on Wilson Foundations Level K and Level 1.
- Approved a general consultant agreement with the Institute for Multi-Sensory Education (IMSE) to provide professional development workshops on Introductory Orton Gillingham Training.
- Approved a general consultant agreement with Karen Allison Sergovic to provide professional development workshops for ESL Program Specialist course instruction.



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- Approved addendums to the 2016/2017 district cost plans between the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit and the Perkiomen Valley School District and School District of Upper Dublin.
- Approved a professional development training agreement with the Lower Merion School District to provide Non-Violent Crisis Prevention trainings.
- Approved a professional development training agreement with the Derry Township School District to provide a workshop on Managing Behaviors on the Bus.
- Approved a general consultant agreement with Doris Lebischak, M.D. to provide psychiatric services.
- Approved a general consultant agreement with Envision CVI Consulting, Mary Anne Roberto, to provide trainings.
- Approved a general consultant agreement with Daniel Benonis to provide music therapy for hearing classrooms.
- Approved a professional development training agreement with Melissa A. Louvar Reeves, Ph.D., NCSP to present the PREPaRE Training of Trainers workshop.
- Approved a Memorandum of Understanding between Chester County Intermediate and the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit to provide EI services.
- Approved a contract agreement between the North Montco Technical Career Center and the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit to provide a Canvas Cloud 3-year Subscription.
- Approved a contract agreement with the School District of Cheltenham Township for 40 hour PowerSchool End User support/customizations/development.
- Approved a service agreement with Instructure.

## FEBRUARY 22, 2017 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE – Dr. John J. George

- Pennsylvania Budget: Governor Wolf presented his \$32.3 billion Proposed 2017-18 PA Budget. His proposal calls for an overall spending increase of \$670 million, or 2.1%, from the current 2016-17 state budget including the following increases: Basic Education Funding (1.7% increase); Special Education (2.3% increase); Preschool Early Intervention (4.6% increase); Pre-K Counts (44% increase); Head Start (20% increase); and PASSHE (2% increase).
- Federal Medicaid Cuts: Tina Viletto reported that the House and Senate are considering a reduction of federal Medicaid with a shift in distribution to a per-capita cap or Medicaid block grant. The House 2017 Budget proposed a cut to Medicaid spending by 25%. This is highly significant to intermediate units and school districts because of Medicaid reimbursement for early intervention services and school age special education services. Ms. Viletto urged school board members to contact federal legislators to voice their concerns.
- MCIU Budget: Dr. George stated that a number of member districts have already voted for approval of the 2017-2018 Montgomery County Intermediate Unit District Membership Services Budget. As a reminder, all voting results are due to the MCIU by Friday, April 7, 2017.
- Head Start Policy Council: At a recent meeting of the Head Start Policy Council, it was suggested that the meeting minutes and accompanying reports be shared with the MCIU Board of Directors. Dr. George announced that this information will be made available to our board members on a monthly basis moving forward as a standing report by Dr. Robinson.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 7, 2017 MCIU Regional Computer Fair
- March 10, 2017 MCIU Academic Competition
- March 22, 2017 Next MCIU Board Meeting
- March 21-May 9, 2017 MCIU Reading Olympics Competitions
- April 7, 2017 Legislative Breakfast, MCIU
- May 9-10, 2017 Math 24 Countywide Tournament
- May 15, 2017 MCIU Education Foundation Golf Classic