



# MCIU HIGHLIGHTS

AN UPDATE FROM OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

## February 24, 2016 Board Actions

### BOARD BUSINESS

- Approved the minutes from the January 27, 2016 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.
- Approved the second reading and adoption of the following new and revised policies:

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

- Acknowledged the first reading of the following new policies:

<b>POLICY #</b>	<b>TITLE</b>
716	Integrated Pest Management (New)
808	Food Services (New)

### BUDGET APPROVALS

- Approved the acceptance of funds for the 2015-2016 Pre-K Counts Grant.
- Approved the Student Services Budget for 2016-2017.
- Approved the Head Start Budget for 2016-2017.
- Approved the Transportation Services Budget for 2016-2017.
- Approved the revised Head Start Budget for 2015-2016.

### CONTRACTS & SERVICE AGREEMENTS

- Approved the transfer ownership of 1605 W. Main Street from the MCIU to the State Public School Building Authority (SPSBA) and the leaseback of the property from the SPSBA to the MCIU contingent upon solicitor review and approval of the deed and lease, and upon PDE approval of the lease if needed.
- Approved the Montgomery County School Entities fuel bid for 2016-2017.
- Authorized a service agreement with the School District of Springfield Township for the MCIU to provide ACCESS Program administration.
- Authorized a contract agreement with Gwynedd Mercy University School of Education to provide support and guidance to MCIU to develop strategies and implementation of Project MAX.
- Authorized a professional development agreement with the School District of Springfield Township for the MCIU to provide literacy professional development Promoting Critical Thinking to K-1 Art, Music, and PE classroom and special education teachers.
- Authorized a professional development agreement with the Spring-Ford Area School District for the MCIU to provide hybrid coaching services for elementary students.
- Authorized a professional development agreement with Boyertown School District for the MCIU to provide Professional Development at Techfest for the Boyertown administration, teachers and staff.



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## **CONTRACTS & SERVICE AGREEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

- Authorized a contract agreement with Lower Moreland Township School to participate in the Montgomery Virtual Program (MVP) for the 2015-2016 school year.
- Authorized a contract agreement with instructor Richard Kiker to provide continuing professional education online courses.
- Authorized a contract agreement with Wilson Language Training Corporation to present a number of programs.
- Authorized a professional development agreement with the Norristown Area School District for the MCIU to provide review of the 2015-2016 Indicator 13 and its requirements (as related to Secondary IEP) for the leadership and teaching staff.
- Authorized a service agreement with the School District of Jenkintown for the MCIU to provide PowerSchool 20 hours support block.
- Authorized a service agreement with the North Penn School District for the MCIU to provide fifty (50) Zoom rooms.
- Ratified an addendum to the Internet Consortia contract with the Upper Perkiomen School District for the MCIU to provide for an additional 50MB of Internet Services.
- Ratified an addendum for fiber connections with SUNESYS adding 1605 W. Main Street to support the Pre-K Counts program.
- Authorized a list of equipment as surplus/obsolete. MCIU will attempt to sell these items on e-Bay.
- Ratified a service agreement with the Centennial School District for the MCIU to facilitate a board retreat for the superintendent and Board of Directors.

## **FEBRUARY 24, 2016 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE – Dr. John J. George**

- Pre-K Counts Grant: Dr. Lois Robinson, Director of the Office of Student Services, was pleased to announce the opening of the Pre-K Counts Program on Monday, February 29, 2016. Five Pre-K Counts classrooms will be fully operational to deliver high-quality pre-kindergarten programs to 100 age-appropriate children at no cost to income eligible families. The program will be housed in the newly repurposed Early Learning Academy at 1605 West Main Street in Norristown. Dr. George invited all board members to stop in to visit the classrooms beginning on Monday, February 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Superintendent Searches: The Montgomery County Intermediate Unit continues to support school districts by offering superintendent search services to assist school boards in finding replacements for retiring superintendents. Drs. George and Landis are currently in the process of assisting The School District of Jenkintown and Pottstown School District in their search for new superintendents.
- MCIU Budget: Dr. George stated that a number of member districts have already voted for approval of the 2016-2017 Montgomery County Intermediate Unit District Membership Services Budget. As a reminder, all voting results are due to the MCIU by Friday, April 8, 2016.
- Legislative Breakfast: The Montgomery County Intermediate Unit will once again be hosting the Legislative Breakfast at 2 West Lafayette Street in Norristown on Friday, April 8, 2016. Invitations have been sent to all Montgomery County superintendents with additional information.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 8, 2016 MCIU Academic Competition
- March 15-May 3, 2016 MCIU Reading Olympics Competitions
- March 23, 2016 Next MCIU Board Meeting
- April 5, 2016 MCIU Regional Computer Fair
- April 8, 2016 MCIU Legislative Breakfast
- April 13, 2016 MCIU Diversity Fair
- April 22, 2016 MCIU Celebrates Earth Day
- May 9, 2016 MCIU Education Foundation Golf Classic