



MCIU HIGHLIGHTS

AN UPDATE FROM OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

April 27, 2016 Board Actions

BOARD BUSINESS

- Approved the minutes from the March 23, 2016 MCIU Board Meeting.
- Appointed and welcomed new MCIU Board member Joshua Stein, Esq., Abington School District.
- Approved the appointment of Fox Rothschild LLP as Solicitor for the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit No. 23 for the time period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.
- Approved the second reading and adoption of the following new and revised policies:

POLICY #	TITLE
218.1	Weapons (New)
317.1	Weapons (New)
705	Safety (New)
718	Service Animals (New)

- Acknowledged the first reading of the following new policy:

POLICY #	TITLE
246	Student Wellness (New)

BUDGET APPROVALS

- Approved the grant between the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit for the School to Community Based Competitive Employment Performance Grant from 3/1/2016 through 9/30/2016.
- Approved the Nonpublic School Services Act 89 Budget for 2016-2017.
- Approved the acceptance of the budget revision to adjust the Title I A Improving Basic Programs for 2015-2016.
- Approved the Title II A Improving Teacher Quality budget revisions to various account codes for 2014-2015.
- Approved the IDEA-B budget revisions to various account codes for 2015-2016.

CONTRACTS & SERVICE AGREEMENTS

- Authorized a contract agreement with Perkiomen School for the purpose of fingerprinting services.
- Authorized an agreement for Act 30 contracts with the following Private Residential Institutions (PRRIs): Carson Valley Children's Aid and St. Gabriel's Hall System.
- Authorized declaration of a list of equipment from the PaTTAN office as surplus/obsolete. MCIU will attempt to sell, recycle, or dispose of these items.
- Authorized contract agreements with several presenters to present at the Low Incidence Institute.
- Authorized a contract agreement with Susan M. Bashinski for contracted services for the Family Learning Conference.
- Authorized a contract agreement with Don Johnston for contracted services for three days of training time and two one hour webinars for First Author Writing Curriculum and First Author Writing software to the PaTTAN staff.
- Authorized a contract agreement with Angela Gilbert to provide support to the Chester-Upland School District at the request of the Pennsylvania Department of Education Bureau of Special Education to provide leadership planning with district administrators and oversee the improvement of their special education programs and services.



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CONTRACTS & SERVICE AGREEMENTS (CONTINUED)

- Authorized a professional development agreement with the North Penn School District for contracted services for Promoting Critical Thinking and Analysis of Text Through Questioning.
- Authorized a professional development agreement with the Curious Kids Preschool for contracted services for Teacher Observation Cycle and completion of PDE 82-1.
- Authorized a professional development agreement with the Methacton School District for contracted services for elementary staff in-service on core instruction.
- Authorized a professional development agreement with the North Penn School District for contracted services for KTO Staff Development and HEAT Training.
- Authorized a professional development agreement with the School District of Upper Dublin for contracted services for various topics supporting differentiated instruction.
- Authorized a contract agreement with The College Board for consultant Dianna L. Frank to deliver a workshop.
- Authorized a contract agreement with instructor Joseph S. Agolino, Jr. of Agolino Educational Services, Inc. to teach online courses on Classroom-Based Interventions for Students with Emotional and Behavioral Disorders.
- Authorized a contract agreement with Margaret Smith to provide professional development on the effective teaching practices to teachers K-6 and 7-12.
- Authorized a contract agreement with Richard Kiker for online courses.
- Approved addendums to the 2015/2016 districts costs plans/services agreements between the Cheltenham Township, Lower Moreland Township, and Souderton Area School Districts.
- Approved a Memorandum of Understanding with Bucks County Intermediate to provide IEP services to pre-school children.
- Authorized a consultant contract for early intervention provider services with Valley Family Therapeutics, LLC to provide Speech/OT/PT; SLP/OT for Age of Beginner; Group rate SLP/OT/PT; PCA; Behavior Supervision consultation.
- Authorized service agreements with Ancillae-Assumpta Academy, The Carson Valley Children's, and Waldron Mercy Academy to facilitate the provisions of the RWAN services.
- Authorized service agreements with the Agora Cyber Charter School.
- Authorized service agreements with the Chester County Intermediate Unit for assistance with the installation of DDoS mitigation software for PIMS consultation support.
- Authorized a service agreement with PAIUnet Consortium contract for internet services.

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

- PaTTAN Office: Ann Hinkson-Herrmann, Director of the Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network (PaTTAN) Office in King of Prussia, provided an overview of this organization. Pennsylvania's education system consists of over 600 local educational agencies spread out over more than 46,000 miles. This large and diverse system requires that the Pennsylvania Department of Education work closely with many partners to effectively support the diverse needs and characteristics of the commonwealth's educators. The PaTTAN Office is one of the partners that works closely with PDE to ensure that all students, including students with disabilities, receive a quality education that prepares them for meaningful opportunities in post-secondary life. Additionally, the PaTTAN Office publishes approximately a half-million brochures to help support this mission.



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APRIL 27, 2016 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE – Dr. John J. George (CONTINUED)

- **MCIU Budget:** Dr. George announced that the 2016-2017 Montgomery County Intermediate Unit District Membership Services Budget was passed unanimously by all school districts. This was monumental as this was the first time the budget has passed unanimously in over a decade.
- **Student Services Updates:** Dr. Lois Robinson, Director of the Office of Student Services, stated that the enrollment quota has been met for the Pre-K Counts program and there is now a waiting list. She remains hopeful that additional dollars will be allocated towards expansion of this program. Dr. Robinson shared that the Head Start program is also at full capacity and now has a waiting list. With regard to Early Intervention, an additional 100 students have been served this past school year compared to last year. However, the funding level has remained the same. As previously discussed, Dr. Robinson remains optimistic that additional funding for this program will be supported in the future.
- **Facilities Update:** Mr. Wisler will be scheduling an MCIU Board Facilities Committee meeting in the coming weeks to address issues presented due to growth and expansion at the 1605 West Main Street building. Board members interested in joining the Facilities Committee should contact Mary Dougherty.
- **Student Art Work:** Montgomery County Intermediate Unit is proud to announce the unveiling of a display of art work from students throughout Montgomery County. These displays are located off the first floor lobby of the MCIU Office at 2 West Lafayette Street and will rotate bimonthly. Our first set of art work is courtesy of the Abington School District.
- **Valley Forge Tourism Board:** MCIU has recently become a member of the Valley Forge Tourism & Convention Board in an effort to expand marketing of our facility. MCIU is now featured on their website at www.valleyforge.org, in their visitors guide as well as other publications.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| • March 15-May 3, 2016 | MCIU Reading Olympics Competitions |
| • May 6, 2016 | Mental Health Panel and Resource Fair |
| • May 9, 2016 | MCIU Education Foundation Golf Classic |
| • May 12, 2016 | Countywide Math 24 Competition |
| • May 25, 2016 | Next MCIU Board Meeting |