



MCIU HIGHLIGHTS

AN UPDATE FROM OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

September 30, 2015 Board Actions

BOARD BUSINESS

- Approved the minutes from the August 26, 2015 MCIU Board Meeting.
- Approved the first reading of the following new and revised policies:

POLICY #	TITLE
333	Professional Development (Revised)
346	Workers' Compensation Insurance (New)
347	Workers' Compensation Transitional Return to Work Program (New)
602	Budget Planning (Revised)

BUDGET APPROVALS & ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS

- Approved submission of the P.L. 108-446/IDEIA Regular Project for School Age Programs.
- Approved acceptance of a grant award subcontracted from Tuscarora Intermediate Unit 11 for the Early Intervention Project funded under P.L. 108-446 for the PaTTAN King of Prussia Office.
- Approved acceptance of additional funds from PDE/Bureau of Special Education for the State Early Intervention Project.
- Approved the acceptance of the budget revision to increase Race to the Top funds for 2014-2015.

VOLUNTEER INDUCTION PROFESSIONALS

- Approved a list of Volunteer Induction Professionals (VIP's) for the one year induction process for 2014-2015.

RESOLUTIONS

- Approved a Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Revenue Anticipation Note, Series of 2015 in a principal amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 and within certain other parameters as specified in the Note Resolution.

CONTRACTS & SERVICE AGREEMENTS

- Ratified a service agreement with PDE/Bureau of Special Education for the school based ACCESS Program (SBAP).
- Approved service agreements for the ACCESS Program with Abington and Hatboro-Horsham School Districts.
- Approved an agreement with Kremmer's Café and Catering, LLC to provide food services for the Head Start Program.
- Approved lease agreements for the purposes of operating Head Start programs at the following facilities/districts:
 - Abington School District – Abington School District Administration Building Room #8A
 - EADEAH Enterprises (4 sites) –
 - 1240 West Main Street (2800 sq. ft.)
 - 151 West Marshall Street, Building #2
 - 151 West Marshall Street, Building #3 (2756 sq. ft.)
 - 151 West Marshall Street, Building #3 (1934 sq. ft.)
 - First Baptist Church – 301 King Street, Pottstown
 - Perkiomen Valley School District – Schwenksville Elementary School, Room #133
 - Play and Learn, Inc. – 3004 Main Street, Green Lane
 - Township of Upper Dublin – 212 Girard Avenue, North Hills
 - Wissahickon School District – 571 Houston Road, Lower Gwynedd Elementary



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- Approved lease agreements with UNIVEST Bank and Trust Co. for the purposes of operating a Head Start program at 521 W. Main Street, Lansdale.
- Accepted letters of agreement for Title I, Part D funds for the prevention and intervention programs for children and youth who are neglected, delinquent, or at risk of dropping out of an institution.
- Authorized contracts with presenters and consultants for the Low Incidence Institute.
- Authorized contracts to provide consultation and technical assistance in support of Project MAX.
- Authorized a contract with Central Intermediate Unit #10 for staff support for child care at the Low Incidence Institute.
- Authorized a contract with Cathy Rhoten to provide consultative support to ERCHL.
- Authorized a contract with Batya Elbaum to provide analysis of the 2015-2016 School Age Parent Survey and presentations at the PDE Conference.
- Authorized a contract with Boys Town National Research Hospital to provide EIPA training and videoconferencing.
- Authorized a contract with Karen Narvol to plan and present seven bookshare webinars.
- Authorized a contract with the Parent Education and Advocacy Leadership Center (PEAL) to design and deliver a workshop to families/parents/guardians based on the newly developed PDE permission to evaluate and reevaluate request and consent forms.
- Authorized service agreements with Christopher Dock Mennonite High School, Colonial Intermediate Unit, Merion Mercy Academy, Penn View Christian School, Perkiomen Valley School District and Phil-Mont Christian Academy to participate in the Montgomery Virtual Program (MVP) for the 2015-2016 school year.
- Authorized Memorandums of Understanding with the Jenkintown, Lower Merion, Methacton, Perkiomen Valley, Pottsgrove, Pottstown, Springfield Township, Spring-Ford Area, Upper Perkiomen, and Wissahickon School Districts for the 2015-2016 MCIU Title III Consortium.
- Authorized service agreements with the Springfield Township, Spring-Ford Area, and North Penn School Districts to participate in the Virtual High School (VHS) consortium.
- Ratified a service agreement with Methacton School District for assessment literacy training for Methacton High School.
- Ratified a service agreement with the School District of Cheltenham Township for principal effectiveness and leadership training for Wyncote Elementary.
- Authorized a service agreement with the Northwest Council for Computer Education to conduct a Microsoft Innovative Educator Teacher Academy.
- Authorized a service agreement with Colonial School District for professional development training for the district administration, elementary reading specialist, and elementary literacy coaches.
- Authorized a service agreement with the North Penn School District for KtO staff development and HEAT: Technology Tools.
- Authorized a contract agreement with Lisa Van Gemert for a workshop on The New Essentials: Creativity and Instructional Strategies.
- Authorized a contract agreement with Rick Kiker for consultant services for fall courses.
- Authorized a contract agreement with Jorgensen Learning Center for consultant services for a workshop on learning focused collaborative conversation.
- Approved a service agreement with the Capital Area Intermediate Unit for PIIC mentoring services.



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- Authorized a consultant contract with Monica Goss for bilingual speech and language evaluations.
- Authorized a consultant contract with Jennifer Horos for bilingual psych evaluation services.
- Authorized consultant contracts for early intervention provider services.
- Authorized a service agreement with Learn360 for a digital license agreement for Upper Merion Area School District.
- Authorized a service agreement with Colonial School District for an internet consortium contract addendum to include the bandwidth from 150MB to 300MB.
- Authorized a service agreement with Donegal School District for a half day PowerSchool 101 training.
- Ratified eRate service agreements with the School District of Cheltenham Township and Tredyffrin-Easttown School District.
- Ratified a service agreement with Spring-Ford Area School District for a Hybrid Learning Institute.
- Ratified a service agreement with Souderton Area School District for a BrightBytes Parent Feature.
- Ratified the eRate service agreement with the School District of Cheltenham Township.
- Ratified the Canvas Cloud Subscription agreement with Hatboro-Horsham School District.
- Approved a service agreement with St. Mary's Catholic School for the Moodle Basic Service agreement.
- Authorized a service agreement with Armenian Sisters Academy for Discovery Education basic services.
- Ratified a service agreement with the School District of Cheltenham Township for PowerSchool support.
- Ratified an Internet Services agreement with Lansdale Catholic High School and Upper Merion Area School District.

SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE – Dr. John J. George

- Pennsylvania Budget: The current state budget impasse, which has stopped the flow of State and Federal funds to the MCIU, has created a need to put alternative funding in place should the impasse continue into November. Therefore, the Administration is requesting approval this evening of a financing resolution.
- Head Start: Dr. Robinson reported that the Head Start Program had a strong start to the 2015-16 school year. There are currently 448 students registered for the available 490 slots (91% enrollment). Students who meet income eligibility requirements are still being accepted, and it is expected that the program will reach full enrollment prior to November 22.
- Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts Grant: The MCIU is awaiting approval of a proposal submitted 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.
- Temple University Partnership: Dr. Landis announced that the MCIU is partnering with Temple University. It is anticipated that the MCIU facility at 2 West Lafayette Street in Norristown will serve as a satellite campus for evening programs in educational leadership beginning in January 2016.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 28, 2015 Next MCIU Board Meeting
- November 13, 2015 MCIUEF Fall Fundraiser at Lower Providence Fire Company Hall