

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD MINUTES

1. Call to Order

President David Hasiuk called the meeting to order at 8:04 p.m. on September 27, 2006.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

David A. Hasiuk, President, Upper Moreland Township	Present
S. Troy Miller, Vice President, Perkiomen Valley	Present
Cedric McKeever, Secretary, Lower Moreland Township	Present
Marie A. Knox, Treasurer, Upper Merion Area	Present
Dr. Russel S. Bleiler, Hatboro-Horsham	Absent
Joseph Chmielewski, Upper Dublin	Present
Tracy G. Cole, Souderton Area	Present
Boo Crofton, Wissahickon	Present
Diane DiBonaventuro, Lower Merion Area	Absent
Malcolm Gran, Springfield Township	Absent
John S. Grispon, Spring-Ford Area	Present
Robert H. Hartman, Jr., Pottstown	Present
Marc Lieberon, Cheltenham	Absent
Vicki J. Lightcap, Upper Perkiomen	Present
Jeannette Maitin, Abington	Absent
Margaret M. Martinez, Methacton	Present
Ted Miller, Jenkintown	Absent
Janice Pearce, Norristown Area	Absent
Thayer Pendleton, Bryn Athyn	Absent
Vincent Sherpinsky, North Penn	Absent
Gordon Whitlock, Pottsgrove	Present
Mitch Zimmer, Colonial	Present

Others

Dr. Jerry W. Shiveley	Present
Jeffrey Sultanik, Solicitor	Present

Mr. Hasiuk announced that Mrs. Jeannette Maitin has been selected by the Abington School District to replace Mr. Peter Dreifus. The vacancy will be officially filled at the next Intermediate Unit Board meeting. Mr. Hasiuk also took this time to welcome the new Director of PaTTAN, Dr. Janet Sloand.

4. Approval of Minutes of August 23, 2006

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Zimmer and seconded by Mr. Chmielewski that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the minutes of the August 23, 2006 Board meeting.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

5. Public Comments on Agenda Items

Mr. Hasiuk asked if there were any public comments regarding agenda items. Since there were none, the Board proceeded with the agenda.

6. Approval of Bills as Included in the Treasurer's Report

Ms. Knox presented the August Treasurer's Report to the Board. The cash balance as of August 31, 2006, was \$10,105,800.15.

**Motion:** It was moved by Ms. Knox and seconded by Mr. Troy Miller that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the August Treasurer's Report and the payment of bills.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

7. Personnel Report

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Whitlock and seconded by Mr. Troy Miller that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the personnel recommendations listed as Item 2.

**Motion passed 12 yea and 1 nay by Ms. Lightcap.**

Dr. Shiveley introduced the new Director of Communications, Ms. Laurie Smith-Wood who was observing the meeting from the audience. Ms. Smith-Wood begins her position on October 9, 2006.

8. Reports of Staff:

a. Dr. Jeanmarie Mason

Dr. Mason's report contained information on the Life Skills Summer Project where teachers developed a series of performance activities and assessment tools to correlate to the instructional goals identified within the Life Skills Curriculum to align to the PA State Standards and the GRIP Curriculum. Dr. Mason also highlighted the Parent Groups that have been formed to partner with the IU and school districts to promote better understanding and cooperation.

b. Mr. Stan Wisler

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Hartman and seconded by Mr. Grispon that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the following Action Item and Continuing Project:

**Action Item: 2006-2007 Transportation Contracts**

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Total Amt./Day</u>	<u># of Vehicles</u>	<u># of Students</u>
Balgo Co., Inc.	\$ 2,556.00	28	46
James O. Sacks	\$ 2,045.00	20	48
Suburban Transit/ Network Transnet	\$10,250.00	52	108
Transportation Svcs.	\$ 615.80	1	2

**Project Continuation – Special Education Division**

Vocational Evaluation Services

Approval to accept a subcontract agreement between the Eastern Center for Arts & Technology and IU 23, for Vocational Evaluation Services, under the Carl D. Perkins Vocational & Technical Education Act of 1998, P.L. 105-332, in the amount of \$65,000 for the period 8/17/06 to 6/30/07. Previous Board Action was 10/26/05.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

c. Dr. Lorie Stout

Dr. Stout reported that the Task Force on School Cost Reduction created by Act 1 of 2006 becomes active this month, and noted that cost reduction is separate from costing out. Costing out is the study that evaluates what it costs to educate a child to the required standards. Dr. Stout also gave a brief update on the committee issues that will be addressed when the legislative session resumes.

d. Ms. Holly Jobe

Ms. Jobe announced that IMS has welcomed Mr. Richard Luoma as the interim IMS Director and thanked the Board of Directors for their support, stating that it has been both challenging and wonderful working at the MCIU for the past 22 years. Ms. Jobe also reported that Upper Moreland Township School District has connected to the K12 MontCo Education Network (MCEN), bringing the total of connected school districts to 14. Four vocational schools and 6 non-public schools as well as PaTTAN and the Montgomery County Library Network Consortium are also connected. Ms. Jobe was also pleased to report that 8

Montgomery County school districts were awarded Classrooms for the Future grants.

e. Dr. Robert Shields

Dr. Shields advised the Board that his written report remains as is and that he would be presenting a PowerPoint presentation during the Spotlight segment of the meeting.

f. Mrs. Elizabeth Weber

Mrs. Weber brought attention to the New Principals' Orientation that will be hosted by the NPSS division this week. There are twenty new Non-Public School principals that will benefit from this program.

g. Dr. Janet Sloand

Dr. Sloand gave the Board a brief description of the Paraeducator Training listed on her report, noting that the training helps the paraeducators to improve their skills and obtain the credentials required by the state. Nearly 2000 paraeducators have been trained since the program began in 2003.

9. Spotlight on an MCIU Division – Dr. Robert Shields, Curriculum, Instruction, & Professional Development.

Dr. Shields presented a PowerPoint overview of the Division of Curriculum, Instruction, and Professional Development. Dr. Shields' presentation gave an extensive overview of continuing education, credentialing and the important issues for the 2006-2007 school year, including PVAAS and the PIL Grow program.

10. Report of the Solicitor

Mr. Sultanik had no report.

11. Report of the Executive Director

Dr. Shiveley reported that the Southeast PA Task Force on Early Intervention continues to meet. The group is currently looking for solutions to the new federal mandates regarding the ACCESS program. The federal government no longer allows passive permission from the parents. Active permission is now required to file a claim for the ACCESS funds.

Dr. Shiveley informed the Board that two committees within the Superintendents Advisory Council have been formed to meet and discuss critical issues. The Superintendents' Advisory Committee on Technology consists of seven

superintendents and their Technology Directors. This group is reviewing the core services and is in the process of crafting an agreement based on a survey recently completed by all of the school districts. An intermediary step will be in place this year with the intention of proceeding with a three-year rollout of the final plan. The Superintendents' Committee on Special Education is meeting to discuss bundled services versus unbundled services. A comparison of costs and services is currently being done.

Dr. Shiveley advised the group that he had met Dr. Troy Justesen, Assistant Secretary for Vocational & Adult Education, U.S. Department of Education, at a recent AESA legislative meeting. Dr. Justesen is one of the authors of the 1700 page document on rules for Special Education. Dr. Shiveley is working to bring Dr. Justesen to Montgomery County to speak to the superintendents, special education directors and the local community colleges.

12. Report of Board Committees

The Executive Committee met on Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Executive Director's compensation package for 2006-07.

An Executive Session was held prior to tonight's Board meeting to discuss personnel issues and the Executive Director's compensation package for 2006-2007.

13. Old Business

There was no old business.

14. New Business

There was no new business.

15. Additional Public Comments

At this time, Mr. Hasiuk informed the board members that he had an opportunity to extend greetings on behalf of the entire Board of Directors to both the Special Education staff and the Non-Public School Services staff at their in-service/training days in August.

16. The date of the next Intermediate Unit Board Meeting will be **Wednesday, October 25, 2006, West Norriton Conference Room B3/B4 at 7:45 p.m.**

17. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Ms. Martinez and seconded by Mr. Chiemelewski the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.