

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD MINUTES

1. Call to Order

President Joseph Chmielewski called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. on October 24, 2007.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

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

Others

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

Dr. Shiveley introduced Dr. Kenneth E. Voss as the new director of the Nonpublic School Services Division.

4. Presentation of PASBO (PA Association of School Business Officials) Certificate of Professional Registration
  - (a) Stan Wisler
  - (b) Joe Harrington

Mr. Joseph Harrington was presented with a certificate granting him the status of Pennsylvania Registered School Business Specialist and Mr. Stan Wisler was presented with a certificate granting him the status of Pennsylvania Registered School Business Administrator. These professional registrations granted by the Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials (PASBO) require that school business officials meet high personal, ethical and professional standards which include formal education, experience and continuing education.

5. Approval of Minutes of September 26, 2007

**Motion:** It was moved by Ms. Cole and seconded by Mr. Miller that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the minutes of the September 26, 2007 Board meeting.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

6. Public Comments on Agenda Items

Mr. Chmielewski asked if there were any public comments regarding agenda items. Since there were none, the board proceeded with their agenda.

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

Ms. Knox presented the September Treasurer's Report to the Board. The cash balance as of September 30, 2007, was \$12,971,699.95.

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

**Motion passed unanimously.**

8. Personnel Report

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

**Motion passed unanimously.**

9. Review of Procedures for 2008/2009 Budget Approvals

Dr. Shiveley reviewed the timeframe for the presentations and approvals of the 2008-2009 MCIU General Operating Budgets.

10. First Review of Proposed 2008/2009 Intermediate Unit General Operating Budgets

Mr. Stan Wisler presented a PowerPoint overview of the Proposed 2008/2009 Intermediate Unit General Operating Budgets, including the General Administrative Services Budget, Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development Services Budget, Legislative Services and Grant Development Budget, and Technology and Information Services Budget. The four budgets account for \$6.8 million of the \$115 million overall intermediate unit financial operation. The proposed decrease in the district contributions to the four general operating budgets is 20.1%.

11. Reports of Staff:

a. Dr. Jeanmarie Mason

Maria DeLuca, Asst. Director of Special Education, reported in Dr. Mason's absence and informed the board that Dr. Mason is attending the Eastern PA Special Education Administrators' Conference in Hershey, PA. The compliance monitoring of the Montgomery County Youth Center was completed and there were no items out of compliance for the Facilitated Self Assessment or for the Teacher Interviews. Ms. DeLuca also described the work of the Training and Consulting (TAC) Advisory Committee, which is comprised of special education administrators from each of the school districts in Montgomery County.

b. Mr. Stan Wisler

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Grispon and seconded by Ms. Knox that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the following Action Items:

**A. Nonpublic School Services**

**1. Recommendation to approve the Project Continuation for the 2007-2008 Homeless Children's Initiative-Region #8 Agreement**

The administration requests Board approval to continue the agreement with Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 whereby the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit will administer the general operation of Region #8, Homeless Children's Initiative Program as it pertains to Montgomery County, Pa for the period of October 1, 2007 and ending September 30, 2008 for a sum not to exceed \$56,466.00. Last Board action was October 25, 2006.

**B. Special Education Division**

**1. Request approval to accept grant award from PDE/Office of Elementary and Secondary Education for Montgomery County Corrections Facility**

Approval to accept an official grant award from the PDE/Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, for the Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth Program at the Montgomery County Corrections Facility, in the amount of

\$9,693.00 for the period 7/1/07 to 6/30/08. Previous Board Action was November 15, 2006.

**2. Request approval to accept grant award from PDE/Office of Elementary and Secondary Education for the Anderson School**

Approval to accept an official grant award from the PDE/Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, in the amount of \$75,390.00 for the period 7/1/07 to 6/30/08. Previous Board Action was November 15, 2006

**Motion passed unanimously.**

c. Dr. Sharon Richardson

Dr. Richardson reported on the School Based Medicaid Reimbursement program noting that the public comment period on proposed Rule CMS 2287 is open until November 7, 2007. Dr. Richardson also reported that the school districts of Montgomery County, along with the majority of school districts in the state, have rejected the governor's *Common Cents Initiative*, choosing not to participate in the program as it was proposed.

d. Mrs. Gail Kennedy

Mrs. Kennedy reported that the TIS division has completed its evaluation of Upper Moreland School District's use of technology in which they studied curriculum, hardware infrastructure, software applications, professional development, resources, policy and procedures, and communication. Mrs. Kennedy also informed the board that the MCIU has earned approximately \$16,000 selling used equipment through eBay. The plan is to pilot this program in-house with the intention of developing procedures in an effort to offer the service to the school districts.

Attention was brought to the Resolution to authorize the Intermediate Unit No. 23 administration to participate in the PAIUnet Initiative pending the outcome of the competitive telecommunication services procurement process and the e-Fund grant application. The purpose of this initiative is to join all networks across the entire state for the benefit of sharing services and information.

**Motion:** It was moved by Ms. Knox and seconded by Mr. McKeever to approve the Resolution to Authorize the Intermediate Unit No. 23 Administration to participate in the PAIUnet Initiative.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

e. Dr. Peter Grande

Dr. Grande reported that the MCIU is preparing to support districts in their efforts to understand and take advantage of Pennsylvania's Dual Enrollment Program, and will be offering an information exchange event in the coming months. The program provides students the opportunity to experience postsecondary coursework while still in the local

high school environment. The 2007-08 state budget includes \$10 million for this program. In order to receive grant funding for the 2008-09 school year, a district must submit an application by February 15, 2008.

f. Dr. Ken Voss

Dr. Voss expressed that he was happy to be the new director of the Nonpublic School Services division of the MCIU. He reported that he had met with his division's supervisors during the past week and that he would be going out to visit the schools that his division serves. Dr. Voss also reported that the Norristown Area School District was a recipient of the Classrooms for the Future grant. In accordance with the Equitable Nonpublic Participation Section 9501 requirements, the Nonpublic School Services Division of the MCIU will receive \$19,837 to provide services to all nonpublic schools in the Norristown School District attendance area who wish to participate in Title II D (Enhancing Education through Technology).

g. Dr. Janet Sloand

Dr. Sloand reported that specialized support is provided to over 2800 students with deafness or hearing loss in public schools and that PaTTAN, with support from the Bureau of Special Education, continues to make the Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA) available to local education agencies across Pennsylvania to assess interpreter's skills.

12. Report of the Solicitor

Mr. Sultanik had no report.

13. Report of the Executive Director

Dr. Shiveley reported that he, Mrs. Mansuy and Mr. Wisler interviewed applicants for the newly created position of Public Safety Liaison. This person will be housed at the MCIU, but paid by the county. Dr. Shiveley also said that he and Dr. Richardson attended a press conference this week which was organized by the Montgomery County Commissioners and held at the Stewart Middle School in Norristown. The new Panic Button system was demonstrated by school principal, Rachel Holler.

Report of Board Committees

Mr. Chmielewski reported that the Executive Committee had met to discuss the Executive Director's goals for 2007-2008. Mr. Chmielewski also reported that an Executive Session was held prior to tonight's board meeting to present the Executive Directors' goals for 2007-2008 to the board.

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. McKeever that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the Executive Director's goals for 2007-2008.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

14. Old Business

There was no old business.

15. New Business

There was no new business.

16. Additional Public Comments

There were no additional public comments.

17. The date of the next Intermediate Unit Board Meeting will be **Wednesday, November 14, 2007, West Norriton Conference Room at 7:45 p.m.**

18. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Mr. Grispon and seconded by Mr. Hartman the meeting was adjourned at 9:22 p.m.