

MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD MINUTES

1. Call to Order

President Lieberman called the meeting to order at 8:17 p.m. on October 27, 2010.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Marc Lieberman, President, Cheltenham	Present
Marie A. Knox, Vice-President, Upper Merion Area	Present
Daniel B. Sattler, Treasurer, Methacton	Present
Jeannette Maitin, Secretary, Abington	Present
Jennifer Allebach, Upper Perkiomen	Present
Randy Bennett, Perkiomen Valley	Present
Joseph Chmielewski, Upper Dublin	Present
Thomas DiBello, Spring-Ford Area	Present
Malcolm Gran, Springfield Township	Absent
Dr. Susan Guthrie, Lower Merion Area	Present
Dr. David Hakes, Upper Moreland Township	Present
Robert H. Hartman, Jr., Pottstown	Absent
Yuri Khalif, Lower Moreland Township	Absent
R. Bud Miller, Souderton Area	Present
Ted Miller, Jenkintown	Absent
Janice Pearce, Norristown Area	Present
Thayer Pendleton, Bryn Athyn	Absent
Louis Polaneczky, Hatboro-Horsham	Present
Burunda Prince-Jones, Wissahickon	Present
Frederick P. Remelius, Pottsgrove	Present
Vincent Sherpinsky, North Penn	Absent
Mitch Zimmer, Colonial	Present

Others

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

4. Approval of Minutes of September 22, 2010

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Zimmer and seconded by Mr. Chmielewski that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the minutes of the September 22, 2010 Board meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Public Comments on Agenda Items

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

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

Mr. Sattler presented the September Treasurer's Report to the Board. The cash balance as of September 30, 2010 was \$25,246,317.49.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Sattler and seconded by Mrs. Maitin that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the September Treasurer's Report and the payment of bills.

Motion passed unanimously.

7. Human Resources Report

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

Motion passed unanimously.

8. Review of Revised Procedures for 2011/2012 Budget Approvals

Mr. Wisler reviewed the revised timeframe for the presentations and approvals of the 2011-2012 MCIU General Operating Budgets. The budgets will be presented for review at the November 17, 2010 Board meeting with Board action scheduled for January 26, 2011.

9. Changes in the MCIU – Mr. Stan Wisler and Dr. Jerry W. Shiveley

Dr. Shiveley reported that as he and Mr. Wisler worked through the budget process, they found it to be an opportune time to scrutinize costs and services. Based on that, documents were prepared which summarize the MCIU's efforts to reduce costs to member school districts and develop new services which better meet the districts' changing needs. The following documents as included in the Board packet outline the changes and challenges, concerns and needs.

- 1) Changes and Challenges: Executive Summary
- 2) Changes and Challenges
- 3) Facilities Concerns & Need For Action: Executive Summary
- 4) Facilities Concerns & Need For Action

Mr. Wisler gave a PowerPoint presentation that summarized the information included in the above named documents.

10. Reports of Staff:

a. Dr. Barbara Burke-Stevenson

Dr. Burke-Stevenson reported that she is working to change the profile of the services offered to the districts and continues to meet with district Special Education directors, supervisors and staff. Dr. Burke-Stevenson also informed the Board that the enrollment at The Anderson School continues to grow and that after-hours alternate uses for the school building are being investigated in an effort to bring in revenue.

b. Mr. Stan Wisler

Mr. Wisler reported on the following Action Items:

Management Services

1. Acknowledge Receipt of State Audit Report

Recommendation to acknowledge receipt of the written report from the state audit fieldwork that was conducted for the school years 2007-2008 and 2006-2007. The audit indicated that there were no findings or observations.

2. Recommendation to Accept PAIUnet Revised Budget for 2010-2011

Recommendation to approve the revised 2010-2011 PAIUnet budget in the amount of \$2,304,980. MCIU is reimbursed for costs to serve as the billing entity. Previous Board action on the initial budget was June 23, 2010.

Nonpublic School Services

1. Recommendation to approve the Project Continuation for the 2010-2011 Homeless Children's Initiative – Region #8 Agreement

Request 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 for Montgomery County for the period of July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Maitin and seconded by Mrs. Prince-Jones that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the above Action Items:

Motion passed unanimously.

c. Dr. Mary Jane Gales

Dr. Gales reported that the General Assembly is in recess until after the elections and that the Governor vetoed School Code HB 101. Dr. Gales also reported that the future of the Senate-passed pension reform bill is questionable. In Federal news, Dr. Gales reported that the President's plan for the Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) continues to move forward.

d. Mrs. Gail Kennedy

Mrs. Kennedy reported on the creation of a partnership with GALE, a Cengage Learning Company that provides online research database products that will replace the diminishing state funds for PowerLibrary. TIS has also partnered with Hewlett-Packard (HP) to provide consortium pricing on HP's line of products through a joint agreement which will result in significant savings for districts.

e. Ms. Kendall Glouner

Ms. Glouner reported that twelve districts were represented at the first World Language Council meeting held at the MCIU in October. A comprehensive survey will be distributed to all Montgomery County school districts as a result of this meeting. Ms. Glouner also informed the Board that Dr. Richard Maraschiello from the Office of the Secretary at PDE spoke to the members of the Montgomery County Instructional Council (MCIC), updating them on the Keystone Exams and Classroom Diagnostic Tools.

f. Dr. Ken Voss

Dr. Voss informed the Board that a new ruling from PDE allows out-of-state students residing in approved Pennsylvania nonpublic boarding schools to be eligible for Act 89 services. The Nonpublic Schools Services division will be responsible to ensure that these schools properly report the out-of-state students on the annual enrollment report to PDE. Dr. Voss also reported that as part of a massive reorganization at PDE, the Office of Nonpublic Schools is now under the Division of School Options and Safety.

g. Dr. Janet Sloand

Dr. Sloand reported on PaTTAN's Behavior Initiative, a program designed to assist teachers in their efforts to create a supportive structure to proactively reinforce desired student behavior. Two two-day training sessions entitled, "The Essentials of Classroom Management: Prevention, Engagement & Intervention" will be presented within the 2010-2011 school year.

h. Mrs. Kristen Rawlings

Mrs. Rawlings reported that the MCIU Update, MCIU 2009-2010 Annual Report and the 2010-2011 Montgomery County School Directory have been completed. Mrs. Rawlings also reminded the Board members that tickets are available for the November 9th Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Education Foundation Fall Social and Fundraiser.

11. Spotlight on an MCIU Division – Mr. Stan Wisler, Management Services

Mr. Wisler gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the division's dual role of providing support to the MCIU and to the school districts. Mr. Wisler's report emphasized the division's efforts on behalf of the Regional Transportation Project, the Energy Building Group, and the Self-Insured Rx Program.

12. Report of the Solicitor

Mr. Sultanik had no report.

13. Report of the Executive Director

- a) New Superintendents' Mentoring Program: Dr. Shiveley reported that the five new superintendents and their mentors had their first meeting recently and will continue to meet throughout the year. New superintendents from Cheltenham, Hatboro-Horsham, North Penn, Pottstown and Springfield Township will meet under the guidance of Dr. Shiveley and retired superintendent, Dr. William Lessa.
- b) Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Education Foundation: Dr. Shiveley reminded the Board members that the foundations fall social and fundraiser is taking place on November 9, 2010.
- c) Superintendents' Task Force on Cooperative Services: The Task Force comprised of six superintendents had their first meeting and has drafted a list of potential services which would support districts' operations and help in efforts to cut costs. Retired superintendent, Dr. Charles Amuso, is leading this group.

14. Report of Board Committees

There were no committee reports.

15. Old Business

There was no old business.

16. New Business

There was no new business.

17. Additional Public Comments

There were no additional public comments.

18. The date of the next Intermediate Unit Board Meeting will be **Wednesday, November 17, 2010, West Norriton Conference Room B3/B4 at 7:45 p.m.**

19. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Mrs. Maitin and seconded by Mr. Chmielewski the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.