

MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD MINUTES

1. Call to Order

President Joseph Chmielewski called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. on November 14, 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	Absent
Randy Bennett, Perkiomen Valley	Present
Dr. Russel S. Bleiler, Hatboro-Horsham	Absent
Boo Crofton, Wissahickon	Absent
Diane DiBonaventuro, Lower Merion Area	Present
Malcolm Gran, Springfield Township	Present
David Hakes, Upper Moreland Township	Present
Robert H. Hartman, Jr., Pottstown	Absent
Marc Lieberon, Cheltenham	Present
Vicki J. Lightcap, Upper Perkiomen	Absent
Cedric McKeever, Lower Moreland Township	Present
Jeannette Maitin, Abington	Present
Margaret M. Martinez, Methacton	Absent
Ted Miller, Jenkintown	Present
Janice Pearce, Norristown Area	Absent
Thayer Pendleton, Bryn Athyn	Absent
Vincent Sherpinsky, North Penn	Present
Gordon Whitlock, Pottsgrove	Present
Mitch Zimmer, Colonial	Absent

Others

Dr. Jerry W. Shiveley	Present
Brian E. Subers, Solicitor	Present

4. Approval of Minutes of October 24, 2007

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Cole and seconded by Mr. Miller that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the minutes of the October 24, 2007 board meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Public Comments on Agenda Items

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

6. American Education Week – Recognition of MCIU Staff

Acknowledging American Education Week, President Chmielewski recognized the dedicated people who serve the children in the Montgomery County public school system. Special thanks were extended to the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit professionals, teacher assistants, and support staff who provide top quality professional services to the schools and students of Montgomery County.

At this time in the meeting President Chmielewski thanked the six outgoing members of the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Board of Directors for their dedicated service to MCIU. Certificates of Appreciation were presented to:

Tracy G. Cole, Souderton	Cedric McKeever, Lower Moreland
Boo Crofton, Wissahickon	Marge Martinez, Methacton
Vicki Lightcap, Upper Perkiomen	Gordon Whitlock, Pottsgrove

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

Mr. Grispon presented the November Treasurer's Report to the Board. The cash balance as of October 31, 2007 was \$26,401,684.10.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Grispon and seconded by Mr. McKeever that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the October Treasurer's Report and the payment of bills.

Motion passed unanimously.

8. Board Action to Approve December Bills and Make Administrative Decisions in Lieu of December Board Meeting

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Maitin and seconded by Mr. Sherpinsky that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the payment of the December 2007 bills and make administrative decisions as necessary to provide for the orderly operation of the Intermediate Unit between the November and January Board meetings per the Resolution.

Motion passed unanimously.

9. Personnel Report

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

Motion passed unanimously.

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

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Maitin and seconded by Mr. Grispon that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the Proposed 2008-2009 Intermediate Unit General Operating Budgets.

Motion passed unanimously.

11. Reports of Staff:

a. Dr. Jeanmarie Mason

Dr. Mason reported that the MCIU will be hosting the inaugural meeting for instructional leaders in health, safety and physical education, the purpose of which is to discuss the essential content framework released by PDE and to help all school districts in the writing and implementation of PA Standard #10.

b. Mr. Stan Wisler

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Sherpinsky that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the following Action Items:

A. Nonpublic School Services

1. Recommendation to approve

The administration requests Board approval to continue the agreement with the Southeastern Pennsylvania (SEPA) Tobacco Project for the period covering October 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008 for funds in the amount of \$68,000. November 7, 2007

B. Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development

1. Recommendation to approve the 2007/2008 Grant Agreement

The administration requests approval of the 2007-2008 Grant Agreement between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Education and the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit for the No Child Left Behind Program in the amount of \$37,801.00 for the period of September 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008. The grant provides Level I funding for the IU Capacity Building Initiative which supports school improvement services

with an emphasis on providing technical services for schools that did not make AYP in 2006-2007.

Motion passed unanimously.

c. Dr. Sharon Richardson

Dr. Richardson reported that the reauthorization of ESEA is being postponed until next year. The statewide Health Care Program for School Employees was also tabled in the Pennsylvania House this week. Dr. Richardson also reported that the PA Department of Education has released the Costing Out Study. A committee will be formed to analyze the results of this study.

Dr. Richardson reminded the Board that the MCIU and Fox Rothschild will conduct a workshop for new school board members on December 13, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at MCIU. Invitations will be mailed to all new school board members.

d. Mrs. Gail Kennedy

Mrs. Kennedy reported that the Pennsylvania Information Management System (PIMS) has been rolled out by PDE. This statewide system to improve data capabilities requires a quarterly submission of data by the school districts. The division of Technology and Information Services will assist any districts that require help with uploading data to PDE. Mrs. Kennedy also brought attention to the two Internet Safety Training workshops she attended in October.

e. Dr. Peter Grande

Dr. Grande informed the Board members that the newly formed Curriculum Technology Committee held their first meeting to set their goals and share current best practices. The group will meet again in January. Dr. Grande also reported that nineteen schools in Montgomery County are in warning regarding AYP (Annual Yearly Progress) and that the Grant Agreement approved by the Board will allow for the use of this grant money to assist these schools.

f. Dr. Kenneth E. Voss

Dr. Voss thanked the Board for their approval of the Tobacco Project grant, noting that it will allow trainings to be conducted related to cessation of smoking for both the public and nonpublic schools in Montgomery County.

g. Dr. Janet Sloand

Dr. Sloand's report included detailed information on the Competent Learner Model, designed to identify problems and find solutions to implement effective and sustainable programs for students with severe learning needs. PaTTAN King of Prussia autism consultants, in collaboration with IU and School District CLM coaches in training, are supporting 17 classrooms.

At the PA's Council for Exceptional Children Annual Conference in November, the PaTTAN Leadership Initiative was awarded the John Wilson Memorial Award of Excellence. This award was in recognition of the systemic and planful professional development PaTTAN is providing to special education leaders across Pennsylvania.

12. Spotlight on an MCIU Division – Special Education – The Anderson School Project

Ms. Maryann Franklin, Director of The Anderson School, gave a PowerPoint Presentation, highlighting the academic, behavioral and therapeutic approaches to success at The Anderson School. Former Anderson School student, Alana DeHart spoke about how her education and years at Anderson have impacted her life. A paper written by Ms. DeHart and entitled "*The Anderson Effect: Learning to Live*" was presented to the board members.

13. Report of the Solicitor

Mr. Subers had no report.

14. Report of the Executive Director

Dr. Shiveley restated Dr. Richardson's invitation to the New School Board Member Workshop scheduled for December 13, 2007.

Dr. Shiveley reported that Mr. Mike Bassinger, Director of Communicable Diseases at the Montgomery County Health Department, spoke about MRSA and the general overreaction to it at the last Superintendents' Advisory Council meeting.

According to Dr. Shiveley, Mr. Steven Becks, the new School Safety Coordinator will start working on November 26th. Mr. Becks will be housed at the MCIU and will report to Mr. Stan Wisler at the IU and Mr. Jessie Stemple at the Montgomery County Department of Public Safety. Dr. Shiveley also reported that the next Superintendents' Advisory Council meeting will be held at the Department of Public Safety with a tour of the new 911 facility and a noon interactive conversation between Mr. Becks and the superintendents.

15. Report of Board Committees

There were no board committee reports.

16. Old Business

There was no old business.

17. New Business

There was no new business.

18. Additional Public Comments

There were no additional public comments.

19. The date of the next Intermediate Unit Board Meeting will be **Wednesday, January 23, 2008, West Norriton Conference Room at 7:45 p.m.**

20. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Mr. Grispon and seconded by Mrs. Maitin the meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.