

MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD MINUTES

1. Call to Order

President David Hasiuk called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m. on November 15, 2006.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

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

Others

Dr. Jerry W. Shiveley	Present
Bonnie Sheehan, Solicitor	Present

4. Approval of Minutes of October 25, 2006

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Whitlock and seconded by Ms. Knox that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the minutes of the October 25, 2006 board meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Public Comments on Agenda Items

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

6. American Education Week - Resolution to Honor MCIU Education Employees

Mr. Hasiuk spoke of the value of public education and the dedication of teachers, board members and all of those involved in public education

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Lieberson and seconded by Mr. Grispon that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the Resolution to Honor the MCIU Education Employees in recognition of American Education Week.

Motion passed unanimously.

After a 15 minute break to honor the MCIU Education Employees with cake and snacks, the board reconvened the regular meeting at 8:07 p.m.

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

Ms. Knox presented the October Treasurer's Report to the Board. The cash balance as of October 31, 2006 was \$18,667,524.46.

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Knox and seconded by Mr. Zimmer 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 Ms. Knox that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the payment of the December 2006 bills and make administrative decisions per the Resolution.

Motion passed unanimously.

9. Personnel Report

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

Motion passed unanimously.

10. Review and Approval of Proposed 2007/2008 Intermediate Unit General Operating Budgets

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Lieberman and seconded by Ms. Knox that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the Proposed 2007-2008 Intermediate Unit General Operating Budgets.

Motion passed unanimously.

11. Reports of Staff:

a. Dr. Jeanmarie Mason

Dr. Mason reported on the 10th Annual Special Education Administrators' Conference and the Regional District Special Education Administrators' meetings both held recently and both well attended. Dr. Mason also informed the Board that she had received the PDE Management Review Report on Early Education, which listed 19 items for improvement.

b. Mr. Stan Wisler

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Grispon and seconded by Ms. Martinez that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the following continuing projects:

PROJECT APPROVAL - Curriculum, Instruction, and Professional Development

Approval is requested to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) and the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit for the Intermediate Unit Capacity Building Project, Level I funding. The amount of the funding is \$37,801 and the term of the agreement shall be from October 16, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

PROJECT CONTINUATION – Special Education Division

(1) 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 \$7,182, for the period July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007. Previous Board Action was October 26, 2005.

(2) 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 Anderson Alternative School, in the amount of \$63,612, for the period July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007. Previous Board Action was October 26, 2005.

Motion passed unanimously.

c. Dr. Lorie Stout

Dr. Stout reported that 99% of her report was correct as submitted, but due to the timing of the recent elections a handout of election results was distributed. Both the House and Senate return this month for a “sine die” session. Bills that do not pass will be reintroduced in January with new numbers attached. The new leadership will be posted on the MCIU website after next Tuesday’s leadership elections.

With this being Dr. Stout’s last board meeting before her retirement, various board members expressed their gratitude and high regard for Dr. Stout.

d. Mr. Dick Luoma

Mr. Luoma was not in attendance.

e. Dr. Robert Shields

In addition to the items in Dr. Shields’ report, he added that his division is busy working with the school districts on Level 1 funding initiatives, school improvement, data analysis and AYP (Annual Yearly Progress). He also reported that the school districts have been very proactive in developing plans to address No Child Left Behind.

f. Mrs. Elizabeth Weber

Mrs. Weber reported that she is working closely with Dr. Jeanmarie Mason on the Equitable Participation in IDEA to arrange workshops for the non public schools using the Equitable Participation funds in compliance with IDEA’s regulations.

g. Dr. Janet Sloand

Dr. Sloand’s report included the list of publications that PaTTAN creates, prints and distributes for the MCIU, noting that PaTTAN supports the IU, the county school districts and the PA Department of Education, taking the publications from concept to completion.

h. Ms. Laurie Smith Wood

Mrs. Smith Wood reported that the Annual Report is ready to go to print and will be available in a few weeks. Mrs. Smith Wood also reported that she will be reconvening the Communications Advisory Council in January.

12. Report of the Solicitor

Ms. Sheehan had nothing to report.

13. Report of the Executive Director

Dr. Shiveley informed the board that the MCIU was hosting the Joint Suburban Superintendents' Study Council meeting on November 17th. Ms. Terri Duggan Schwartzbeck, Senior Policy Analyst at AASA, is scheduled to speak about NCLB.

Dr. Shiveley advised the group that he is scheduled to meet with Andrew Pack, Director of the Variety Club, to discuss the Anderson School property. He and Mr. Wisler looked at a building this week as a potential facility for the school when the current lease with Variety Club expires. Dr. Shiveley will be drafting a plan for presentation to the board at the January meeting.

Cabinet and Administrators' Retreats have been scheduled with Ray Jorgensen later in November as an extension of the Mission, Vision and Values work. Mr. Jeff Sultanik will make a presentation to the attendees on the topic of how the MCIU can better serve the school districts in the era of Act 1 of 2006.

With the reorganization of the IMS division continuing, Dr. Shiveley will be meeting with Allan November, the premier technical authority in the United States, in December.

Dr. Shiveley has spoken with the Executive Director of ARC of Pennsylvania who is creating a position paper to address the movement of funds to the school districts. The Montgomery County Executive Director, Paul Stengle, chaired the task force that is developing the paper. Dr. Shiveley and Mr. Stengle will be meeting in December.

14. Report of Board Committees

No report.

15. Old Business

Mr. McKeever noted that Mr. Dreifus' name still appears on the MCIU letterhead and suggested that the letterhead be placed on a template to save the cost of printing new stationery each time a board member is replaced.

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, January 24, 2007, West Norriton Conference Room at 7:45 p.m.**

19. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Ms. Martinez and seconded by Ms. Knox the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Mr. Hasuik wished all of those in attendance a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, and Happy New Year!