

MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD MINUTES

1. Call to Order

President Marc Lieberson called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m. on November 17, 2010.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Marc Lieberson, 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	Present
Yuri Khalif, Lower Moreland Township	Absent
R. Bud Miller, Souderton Area	Absent
Ted Miller, Jenkintown	Present
Janice Pearce, Norristown Area	Present
Thayer Pendleton, Bryn Athyn	Absent
Louis Polaneczky, Hatboro-Horsham	Present
Burunda Prince-Jones, Wissahickon	Present
Frederick P. Remelius, Pottsgrove	Absent
Vincent Sherpinsky, North Penn	Present
Mitch Zimmer, Colonial	Present

Others

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

4. Approval of Minutes of October 27, 2010

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Zimmer and seconded by Dr. Hakes that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the minutes of the October 27, 2010 board meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Public Comments on Agenda Items

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

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

Mr. Sattler presented the November Treasurer's Report to the Board. The cash balance as of October 31, 2010 was \$42,092,651.11.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

7. Report of Board Committees

Executive Committee: Mr. Lieberman reported that the Executive Committee met this week to formulate the recommendations for the renewal of the four year commission and the compensation plan for Jane Mansuy as Assistant Executive Director and Director of Human Resources.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Hartman and seconded by Mr. Sherpinsky that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the Resolution to extend the Commission for Jane Mansuy as Assistant Executive Director and Director of Human Resources for another 4 years starting January 1, 2011.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lieberman recommended that the Board approve the Compensation Plan as set forth by the Executive Committee and adjusted by the Board.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Maitin and seconded by Mrs. Prince-Jones that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the Compensation Plan as submitted and adjusted for Jane Mansuy as Assistant Executive Director and Director of Human Resources for 4 years starting January 1, 2011.

Motion passed as follows: Aye – 12, Nay – 3, Abstention - 2

8. Human Resources Report

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

Motion passed unanimously.

9. First Review of Proposed 2011/2012 Intermediate Unit General Operating Budgets

Mr. Wisler gave a PowerPoint presentation of the 2011/2012 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 totaling \$7,829,031. The average projected increase in the districts' contribution is \$886 or 1.4%. The individual district contribution varies based on enrollment and a wealth formula calculated by the state. MCIU Board Action on this budget is scheduled for January 26, 2011.

10. First Review of Proposed 2011/2012 Special Education Budget

Dr. Barbara Burke-Stevenson gave a PowerPoint presentation of the proposed Special Education budget for first review by the Board. The projected budget represents an overall decrease of 2.79% for a total proposed budget of \$75,120,439. Nineteen new services have been proposed for 2011-2012.

11. Reports of Staff:

a. Dr. Barbara Burke-Stevenson

Dr. Burke-Stevenson introduced the interim principal of The Anderson School, Mr. George Carlino. Dr. Burke-Stevenson informed the Board that Mr. Carlino is working to change the culture at Anderson and congratulated him on the success of his efforts in the short time that he has been at the school.

b. Mr. Stan Wisler

Mr. Wisler reported on the following Action Items:

NONPUBLIC SCHOOL SERVICES

Recommendation to accept the 2010-2011 Title I District Contract

The Administration requests Board approval to accept the 2010-2011 Title I Funds from Lower Merion School District to operate their Title I reading and/or math programs for students in nonpublic schools for the 2010-2011 school year.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Recommendation to accept a subcontract agreement between the Eastern Center for Arts and Technology and the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit.

The Administration recommends approval to accept a subcontract agreement between the Eastern Center for Arts and Technology and the

Montgomery County Intermediate Unit for Vocational Evaluation Services, under the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998, P.L. 105-332 in the amount of \$65,000 for the period September 9, 2010 to June 30, 2011.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Zimmer and seconded by Mr. Ted Miller that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the Nonpublic School Services and Special Education Division Action Items listed above.

Motion passed unanimously.

c. Dr. Mary Jane Gales

Dr. Gales reported that the Senate amended version of the Pension bill, **HB-2497** passed the Senate and House with a vote of 165 to 31.

Dr. Gales also reported on the passage of **HD-101**, the omnibus education bill. The House voted 171-24 to override the Governor's veto of the bill and the Senate voted 42-7 to override the veto.

Dr. Gales informed the Board that John Kline will chair the Federal House Education and Labor Committee.

d. Mrs. Gail Kennedy

Mrs. Kennedy brought attention to the Virtual PowerSchool User Group meeting held in September using Elluminate and presented through a partnership between the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit, and the Capital Area and Carbon-Lehigh Intermediate Units. The technology division is working collaboratively with several other intermediate units to expand the ability to offer services statewide.

e. Ms. Kendall Glouner

Ms. Glouner reported that CIPD, in partnership with Bucks, Chester, and Delaware County Intermediate Units, sponsored the first Delaware Valley English as a Second Language Conference last month. Title III funds support English as a Second Language and defray the cost of registration fees for the districts.

Ms. Glouner also reported that the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit has been approved to be a host site for the College Board Advanced Placement (AP) Summer Institutes in 2011.

f. Dr. Kenneth E. Voss

Dr. Voss reported that the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) has opened the Private Nonpublic Enrollment website for all approved nonpublic schools to list their student enrollment as of October 15, 2010. These

enrollment figures form the basis of the 2011-2012 Act 89 allocations to intermediate units across the state.

Dr. Voss also informed the Board that nonpublic school principals will report their special education child find students to the MCIU Director of Special Education as of December 1, 2010. Schools that have no special education students or choose not to file a report will not be eligible for Equitable Participation Funds.

g. Dr. Janet Sloand

Dr. Sloand reported that PaTTAN offered a training session for Local Education Agencies (LEAs) to assist them in effectively involving families in their children's education. PaTTAN in collaboration with a group of key stakeholders developed a series of training modules that schools can use to examine their current practices while developing strategies to support meaningful parent engagement of students with disabilities.

h. Mrs. Kristen Rawlings

Mrs. Rawlings reported that the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit is once again partnering with Freedom Credit Union for the 5th Annual Voices of Inspiration Award for Teaching Excellence. The nomination process has opened and can be submitted by students, parents, co-workers, administrators, and school employees. The awards ceremony is scheduled for May 3, 2011.

Mrs. Rawlings also brought attention to the Annual Report included in the Board meeting packet, noting that all of the division directors contributed information and highlights of the past school year.

12. Spotlight on an MCIU Division – Special Education – Dr. Barbara Burke-Stevenson

Dr. Burke-Stevenson gave a PowerPoint presentation which highlighted the three MCIU psychologists and the services that they provide to the school districts.

13. Report of the Solicitor

Mr. Subers had no report.

14. Report of the Executive Director

Dr. Shiveley brought attention to the *Summary of Comments from Summer Superintendents' Visits* included in the meeting packet and stated that it was formatted and grouped to include the raw data provided by the superintendents. Dr. Shiveley stated that the report will be shared with the intermediate unit's administrators and that the document is used to generate discussions about how the intermediate unit can improve and provide support and services to the districts.

Dr. Shiveley informed the Board that the MCIU Guide to Services is nearly ready to be printed and sent to the district board members and superintendents. This document lists all of the services that have been purchased by each individual district.

15. Old Business

There was no old business.

16. New Business

Mr. Zimmer reported that with the school district reorganization in December, he will be stepping down from his position as a member of the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Board of Directors. Mr. Zimmer said that he enjoyed getting to know the outstanding educators and administrators at the intermediate unit and it was a pleasure working with the dedicated volunteers who serve on the MCIU Board.

17. Additional Public Comments

There were no additional public comments.

18. The date of the next Intermediate Unit Board Meeting will be **Wednesday, January 26, 2011, West Norriton Conference Room at 7:45 p.m.**

19. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Mrs. Maitin and seconded by Mr. Hartman the meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.