

MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD MINUTES

1. Call to Order

President John Grispon called the meeting to order at 7:54 p.m. on November 18, 2009.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

John S. Grispon, President, Spring-Ford Area	Present
Marc Lieberson, Vice-President, Cheltenham	Present
Jeannette Maitin, Secretary, Abington	Present
Marie A. Knox, Treasurer, Upper Merion Area	Present
Dr. R. Paul Baumgartner, Souderton Area	Present
Randy Bennett, Perkiomen Valley	Present
Dr. Russel S. Bleiler, Hatboro-Horsham	Absent
Joseph Chmielewski, Upper Dublin	Present
Malcolm Gran, Springfield Township	Present
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	Present
Ted Miller, Jenkintown	Absent
Janice Pearce, Norristown Area	Absent
Thayer Pendleton, Bryn Athyn	Absent
Burunda Prince-Jones, Wissahickon	Present
Frederick P. Remelius, Pottsgrove	Absent
Daniel B. Sattler, Methacton	Present
Vincent Sherpinsky, North Penn	Absent
Mary Young, Upper Perkiomen	Absent
Mitch Zimmer, Colonial	Present

Others

Dr. Jerry W. Shiveley	Present
Mark Fitzgerald, Solicitor	Present

4. Approval of Minutes of October 28, 2009

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Maitin and seconded Mr. Zimmer that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the minutes of the October 28, 2009 board meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Public Comments on Agenda Items

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

6. Recognition of Departing MCIU Board Member

Past President, Joseph Chmielewski thanked Mr. John Grispon for his dedicated service to the MCIU Board of Directors. Vice President, Marc Lieberon also extended thanks to Mr. Grispon, noting his dedication and commitment to MCIU and to his district.

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

Ms. Knox presented the November Treasurer's Report to the Board. The cash balance as of October 31, 2009 was \$31,427,826.72.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

8. Human Resources Report

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Prince-Jones and seconded by Dr. Baumgartner that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the personnel recommendations listed as Item 2.

Motion passed unanimously.

9. First Review of Proposed 2010/2011 Special Education Budget

Dr. Shiveley noted that the process of compiling the proposed 2010/2011 Special Education Budget was arduous and that it is important to note that it is not business as usual. Dr. Jeanmarie Mason gave a PowerPoint presentation of the proposed budget for first review by the Board. The projected budget represents an overall increase of 3.28% for a total proposed budget of \$77,276,428.

10. Reports of Staff:

a. Dr. Jeanmarie Mason

Dr. Mason Included her division report within her presentation of the proposed 2010/2011 Special Education Budget.

b. Mr. Stan Wisler

Mr. Wisler informed the Board that the proposed 2010-2011 Intermediate Unit General Operating Budget was approved by the Superintendents at their November meeting.

Motion: It was moved by Dr. Baumgartner and seconded by Mr. Gran that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the Proposed 2010-2011 Intermediate Unit General Operating Budget.

Motion passed unanimously.

MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Recommendation to approve Phase II Activities of the Initiative to Self-Fund the Rx portion of Medical Insurance

The Administration recommends that the Board authorize Mr. Robert Poore of The Elite Companies to proceed with Phase II of the self insured Rx process. Other Phase II activities include the development of a Trust Agreement to set the parameters for guiding the activities of the Trust members.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Chmielewski and seconded by Mr. Bennett that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the Phase II Activities of the Initiative to Self-Fund the Rx portion of the Medical Insurance.

Motion passed unanimously.

NONPUBLIC SCHOOL SERVICES

Recommendation to accept a Pennsylvania Department of Education Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Grant

The administration recommends acceptance of a Pennsylvania Department of Education Safe School's Initiative Grant in the amount of \$67,665 for the period of August 10, 2009 and ending September 30, 2010.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Recommendation for approval to submit an application to PDE/Bureau of Special Education for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

The Administration is requesting approval to submit an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education for the P.L. 108-446 and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, P.L. 111-5, IDEA/ARRA Part B, for Early Intervention Purposes, in the amount of \$239,518, for the period September 15, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Gran and seconded by Ms. Prince-Jones that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the Nonpublic School Services and Special Education Division Action Items listed above.

Motion passed unanimously.

Information Item

Mr. Wisler reported that the state audit exit conference was held on November 17th and there were no findings. A written report from the state is forthcoming.

c. Dr. Mary Jane Gales

Dr. Gales reported that the state budget is not yet complete as the House works to finalize the authorization of table games and the Senate awaits the House's proposal.

Final rules for Race to the Top have been published. Applications will be due mid-January.

Dr. Gales requested that all districts appoint a member of their board to the Montgomery County School Directors Legislative Council at the December reorganization meeting. Council meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month.

d. Mrs. Gail Kennedy

Mrs. Kennedy recognized TIS staff member Jackie Krail, who co-presented a workshop at the recent PASA-PSBA Annual Leadership Conference. The topic, "Buy it Now! Using eBay to Auction Obsolete Equipment", focused on how schools can use eBay to increase revenue while disposing of outdated or obsolete items.

e. Ms. Kendall Glouner

Ms. Glouner reported on the professional development workshops being offered by the Curriculum, Instruction & Professional Development division for professional staff, health and physical education teachers, reading/math specialists, nurses and librarians.

f. Dr. Kenneth E. Voss

Dr. Voss reported that the Nonpublic School Services division is working with the nonpublic schools to determine their current enrollment and what services they would like to receive. The 2010-2011 Act 89 funding allocations will be determined based on the student enrollment figures.

g. Dr. Janet Sloand

Referencing the Mentoring to Mastery color brochure in the meeting packet, Dr. Sloand reported on this program that is designed to provide training, support and mentoring to new special education administrators. PaTTAN supports this program by matching the mentors with novice administrators and offering them leadership activities and networking opportunities.

h. Ms. Kristen Rawlings

Ms. Rawlings reported that over 3,000 district and IU staff members are participating in the Montgomery County Fitness Challenge which ends on November 25th. An awards ceremony is planned for December 9th at 3:30 p.m. at MCIU.

11. Spotlight on an MCIU Division – Special Education – Dr. Jeanmarie Mason

There was no individual Spotlight presentation as Dr. Mason included a division spotlight within the PowerPoint presentation on the proposed 2010-2011 Special Education Budget presented as Agenda Item #9.

12. Report of the Solicitor

Mr. Fitzgerald had no report.

13. Report of the Executive Director

Dr. Shiveley had no report.

14. Report of Board Committees

Policy Committee: Dr. Hakes reported that the Policy Committee continues to meet to revise the Board Policies and brought forward Programs Polices (200's) for first reading. These policies will be brought forward at the January meeting for second reading and action to approve.

Nominating Committee: Mr. Grispon announced the Nominating Committee as follows: Joseph Chmielewski, Mitch Zimmer and Malcolm Gran.

Facilities Committee: Mr. Grispon announced that Robert Hartman has been appointed to replace Mr. Grispon on the Facilities Committee.

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, January 27, 2010, West Norriton Conference Room at 7:45 p.m.**

19. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Mr. Zimmer and seconded by Mr. Lieberon the meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m.