

MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Vice President John Grispon called the meeting to order at 7:48 p.m. on November 19, 2008.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Joseph Chmielewski, President, Upper Dublin	Absent
John S. Grispon, Vice-President, Spring-Ford Area	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
Diane DiBonaventuro, Lower Merion Area	Absent
Malcolm Gran, Springfield Township	Present
Dr. David Hakes, Upper Moreland Township	Present
Robert H. Hartman, Jr., Pottstown	Absent
Yuri Khalif, Lower Moreland Township	Present
Marc Lieberon, Cheltenham	Present
Ted Miller, Jenkintown	Absent
Janice Pearce, Norristown Area	Absent
Thayer Pendleton, Bryn Athyn	Absent
Burunda Prince-Jones, Wissahickon (Arrived 8:15 PM)	Present
Frederick P. Remelius, Pottsgrove	Present
Daniel B. Sattler, Methacton	Present
Vincent Sherpinsky, North Penn	Present
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 22, 2008

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Sherpinsky and seconded by Ms. Knox that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the minutes of the October 22, 2008 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. 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, 2008 was \$25,988,484.17.

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.

7. Personnel Report

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

Motion passed unanimously.

8. First Review of Proposed 2009/2010 Special Education Budget

The proposed 2009/2010 Special Education Budget was presented by Dr. Jeanmarie Mason for first review by the Board.

9. Reports of Staff:

a. Dr. Jeanmarie Mason

Dr. Mason stated that she would highlight her division during the Division Spotlight segment of the board meeting.

b. Mr. Stan Wisler

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Maitin and seconded by Mr. Gran that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the Financing Plan for the Anderson School building

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Maitin and seconded by Mr. Zimmer that the Intermediate Unit Board exercise the Purchase Option for the Anderson School Building.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Lieberman and seconded by Mr. Gran that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the Proposed 2009-2010 Intermediate Unit General Operating Budget.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

Recommendation to accept a Pennsylvania Department of Education Safe School's Initiative Grant

The administration recommends acceptance of a Pennsylvania Department of Education Safe School's Initiative Grant in the amount of \$10,000 for the period of September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. This grant will provide funding to help the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit in its capacity to assist schools with emergency response, crisis management, and other school safety and security issues.

Recommendation to Authorize Computer Lease Agreement with TD Bank

The administration is requesting authorization to enter into a three-year lease agreement for computer equipment with TD Bank (Commerce) at an interest rate of 3.05%, subject to review and approval of lease documents by MCIU administration and the solicitor's office.

Recommendation to authorize the administration to enter into an agreement to secure EasyProcure cards through the EasyProcure program

The Administration is requesting authorization to participate in the EasyProcure Program and to secure EasyProcure cards that will increase MCIU's ability to obtain best pricing and in some circumstances reduce administrative processing costs.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Wisler also reported that the state auditors completed their audit of MCIU for the years 2004-2005 and 2005-2006. The results of the audit were reported on November 18, 2008 and were excellent.

c. Dr. Mary Jane Gales

Dr. Gales reported that the election results were attached to her board report and that the winners of the election were highlighted in bold. Bills in the House and Senate that do not pass by the end of November will die and could be reintroduced in January.

d. Mrs. Gail Kennedy

Mrs. Kennedy highlighted the Technology Conference held at Montgomery County Community College. Mrs. Kennedy and Richard Greenwood, a retired community college professor co-presented. Mrs. Kennedy also reported that the TIS division is working with BIG FIX to initiate possible energy saving solutions in technology throughout the county.

e. Ms. Kendall Glouner

Ms. Glouner reported that Barnes & Noble raised \$1,000 to benefit the Reading Olympics during the weekend of November 15-16, 2008. Books can also be purchased at the Plymouth Meeting Barnes & Noble from November 1, 2008 through January 1, 2009 and donated to the Reading Olympics.

f. Dr. Kenneth E. Voss

Dr. Voss informed the board members that 1/3 of the nonpublic schools had not yet completed their student enrollment forms. Completion of the form is required for Act 89 funding. Dr. Voss reported that the technology directors in the Nonpublic Schools Services Division are reestablishing their relationship with the Technology & Information Services Division to better serve the nonpublic schools technology needs.

g. Dr. Janet Sloand

Dr. Sloand highlighted the information in her report on Accessible Instructional materials (AIM). Versions of standard curriculum textbooks are converted to formats such as Braille, large print, audio, and digital text that can be used by the disabled. PaTTAN develops and provides training to assist schools in understanding the process and tools that are available.

h. Mrs. Kristen Rawlings

Mrs. Rawlings reported that the 3rd Annual Voices of Inspiration Award for Teaching Excellence is scheduled for May 7, 2009. Information will be sent to all of the school districts in the near future.

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

Dr. Mason gave a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed 2009-2010 Special Education Budget, noting that an increase of 3.18% is proposed. Dr. Mason highlighted the Preschool (Early Intervention) and the School Age Programs in her budget presentation, as well as the services of the Training and Consulting team and the Behavior Management Specialists within the Special Education Division.

13. Report of the Solicitor

Mr. Fitzgerald had no report.

14. Report of the Executive Director

Superintendents' 2008 Summer Meetings Survey – Dr. Shiveley welcomed questions and comments regarding the survey that was distributed to the board at the previous board meeting.

Dr. Shiveley announced that there would be a tour of the Anderson School building at the end of this evening's board meeting.

Dr. Shiveley informed the board members that are attending the AESA Conference that the van will leave the MCIU for the airport at 6:30 a.m. on December 2, 2008.

Dr. Shiveley reported that the MCIU continues to maintain a good faith effort to remove the students from the MCIU building at 1605 W. Main Street in response to the mandate process established when the building was purchased. The number of classrooms has dropped from five to one. MCIU recently received a letter from PDE adding new requirements to the original agreement. MCIU solicitor, Jeffrey Sultank will be addressing this new development.

15. Report of Board Committees

Policy Committee: Dr. Hakes reported that the Policy Committee continues to meet to revise the Board Policy/Procedures/Administrative Regulations. Dr. Hakes announced that it was his intention to bring forward eleven policies that were reviewed by the committee and submitted to the board in their current board meeting packet of information. After some discussion, the following motions were made:

MOTION: It was moved by Dr. Hakes and seconded by Mr. Lieberon that the Intermediate Unit Board accept ten of the policies of the Board Procedures for second reading as follows:

- 000. Board Policy/Procedure/Administrative Regulations
- 001. Name and Classification
- 002. Authority and Powers
- 004. Membership
- 005. Organization

- 006. Meetings
- 006.1 Attendance at Meetings Via Electronic Communications
- 007. Distribution
- O11. Board Governance of Standards/Code of Conduct
- 249. Bullying/Cyberbullying

Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: It was moved by Dr. Hakes and seconded by Mr. Zimmer that the Intermediate Unit accept the following Policy of the Board Procedures for second reading.

- 003. Functions

Motion passed by a vote of 13-1 in favor of the recommendation

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 28, 2009, West Norriton Conference Room at 7:45 p.m.**

20. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Mr. Sherpinsky and seconded by Mr. Gran the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.