

MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD MINUTES

1. Call to Order

President Lieberson called the meeting to order 8:07 p.m. on February 23, 2011.

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	Absent
Randy Bennett, Perkiomen Valley	Present
Mel Brodsky, Colonial	Present
Joseph Chmielewski, Upper Dublin	Absent
Thomas DiBello, Spring-Ford Area	Absent
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	Present
Ted Miller, Jenkintown	Absent
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

Others

Dr. Jerry W. Shiveley, Executive Director	Present
Jeffrey Sultanik, Solicitor	Present

4. Accept resignation of MCIU Board Member, Mitch Zimmer, Colonial School District

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Polaneczky and seconded by Mr. Sherpinsky that the Intermediate Unit Board accept the resignation of Mitch Zimmer.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Appoint and Welcome New MCIU Board Member

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Hartman and seconded by Mr. Bennett that the Intermediate Unit Board appoint Mel Brodsky, Colonial School District, nominated to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Mitch Zimmer.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lieberman and the MCIU Board members welcomed Mr. Brodsky to the board.

Mr. Lieberman welcomed the new Director of Special Education, Dr. Lois Robinson.

6. School Directors' Recognition

Dr. Shiveley recognized the board members as the MCIU celebrates the School Directors' Recognition Month for the State of Pennsylvania that was postponed from the cancelled January board meeting. Dr. Shiveley extended his gratitude on behalf of all of the MCIU staff. He brought attention to the certificates of recognition handed out to the board members and the ceramic starfish made by the students of the Anderson School. Mr. George Carlino, Acting Principal of Anderson School, explained the significance of the starfish and thanked the board members for their dedication to education.

7. Approval of Minutes of November 17, 2010

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Sherpinsky and seconded by Ms. Prince-Jones that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the minutes of the November 17, 2010 board meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

8. 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.

9. Special Presentation of 25 Year Employee Awards

The Intermediate Unit honors employees who have completed twenty-five years of service. President Lieberman thanked the staff members for their service to the students and districts of Montgomery County. The following dedicated staff members were recognized and honored:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Robin Boehning	Special Education Supervisor
Judith Hans	Nonpublic School Services Speech
Tom Hehmeyer	Nonpublic School Services Guidance
Margaret Lutz	Special Education Teacher
Teri Cohen-Johnson	Special Education Teacher
Stanley Rybicki	Orientation Mobility Specialist
Judy Stayton	Special Education Teacher

Gail Hall
Evan Malin
Pamela Nemitz
Cathy Taylor
Carol Platt
Carolyn Bergman
Sue Kilian
Joan Evans

Nonpublic School Services Teacher
Special Education Teacher
Special Education Teacher
Secretary
Special Education Teacher
Secretary
Technology Specialist
Special Education Supervisor

Mr. Lieberson introduced Mr. Anthony Quinn, School District of Springfield Township, who was seated in the audience as an observer in anticipation of replacing Mr. Malcolm Gran who will be resigning from the MCIU Board of Directors.

10. Approval/Ratification of Bills as Included in the Treasurer's Reports

Mr. Sattler presented the November Treasurer's Report to the Board for approval. The cash balance as of November 30, 2010 was \$41,688,267.21.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sattler presented the December Treasurer's Report to the Board for approval. The cash balance as of December 31, 2010 was \$34,796,240.93.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Polaneczky and seconded by Ms. Prince-Jones that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the December Treasurer's Report and the ratification of the payment of bills.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sattler presented the January Treasurer's Report to the Board for approval. The cash balance as of January 31, 2011 was \$41,170,606.04.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

11. Human Resources Report

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Maitin and seconded by Mr. Sherpinsky that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the personnel recommendations listed as Item 2 with the revision of the resignation date for the Assistant Director of Human Resources, Leticia Rodriguez, from February 28, 2011 to March 5, 2011.

Motion passed unanimously.

12. Review of Procedures for 2011-2012 Board Member Election

Dr. Shiveley reviewed the Procedures for the 2011-2012 Board Member Election. There will be five three-year terms, one two-year term, and one one-year term available on the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Board this June. A memo seeking candidates for these seven positions will be sent out with the nomination form in early March. The Nomination Form has a due date of April 18, 2011.

13. Review of the Approval Procedures for the 2011-2012 General Operating Budget

Dr. Shiveley reviewed the dates that action is required to be taken by the local districts on the MCIU General Operating Budget and when the resolutions and ballots are due to MCIU.

14. Reports of Staff

a. Dr. Barbara Burke-Stevenson & Dr. Lois Robinson

Dr. Robinson reported that she has been working with Dr. Barbara Burke-Stevenson to develop an efficient transition plan into her new role as Director of Special Education Services.

Dr. Robinson reported that the verification by OCDEL (Office of Child Development and Early Learning) for the MCIU's Early Intervention program is scheduled to take place in March. This process ensures compliance with federal and state requirements for children identified as eligible for Early Intervention Services.

b. Mr. Stan Wisler

Mr. Wisler asked for approval on the following action items:

MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Recommendation to Accept the 2009-2010 Audited Financial Statements as Prepared by Maillie Falconiero and Company

The Administration recommends acceptance of the 2009-2010 Audited Financial Statements as Prepared by Maillie Falconiero and Company

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Maitin and seconded by Mr. Sherpinsky to approve the 2009-2010 Audited Financial Statements.

Motion passed unanimously.

Recommendation to approve the 2011-2012 General Operating Budget

The Administration requests approval of the 2011-2012 General Operating Budget that was presented at the November 17, 2010 board meeting. The budget document provides details on each of the four (4) budgets that make up

the proposed Montgomery County Intermediate Unit's General Operating Budget for 2011-2012. The total 2011-2012 General Operating Budget amount is \$7,829,031.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Maitin and seconded by Mr. Hartman to approve the 2011-2012 General Operating Budget.

Motion passed unanimously.

Recommendation to Authorize Computer Lease Agreement with TD Bank

The Administration requests authorization to enter into a three (3) year lease agreement for computer equipment with TD Bank. The computer equipment will be purchased from consortium and/or state contract bid lists as appropriate.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Maitin and seconded by Mr. Sherpinsky to approve the three (3) year Computer Lease Agreement with TD Bank.

Motion passed as follows: Aye – 13, Abstention – 1 (Mr. R. Bud Miller abstained because he is an officer with TD Bank.)

PaTTAN

Recommendation to Accept Grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Education

The Administration recommends that the board accept the State Personnel Development Grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Education in the amount of \$1,167,632.21 from January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Hartman and seconded by Mr. Sherpinsky to accept the State Personnel Development Grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Motion passed unanimously.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Recommendation to Approve the 2011-2012 Special Education Division Budget

The Administration requests the approval of the 2011-2012 Special Education Division Budget that was presented at the November 17, 2010 board meeting. The total amount of the 2011-2012 Special Education Budget is \$75,120,439.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Maitin and seconded by Dr. Hakes to approve the 2011-2012 Special Education Budget.

Motion passed unanimously.

Recommendation to Accept Special Education Performance Grant Program

The Administration requests the approval to accept a subcontract from the Pennsylvania Department of Education in the amount of \$35,000 for the period of September 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. This agreement is between Intermediate Unit 1 and the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit for the transition from school to community based employment for students with autism spectrum disorder under the Special Education Performance Grant Program.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Polaneczky and seconded by Mr. Sherpinsky to approve the acceptance of a subcontract from the Pennsylvania Department of Education under the Special Education Performance Grant Program.

Motion passed unanimously.

c. Dr. Mary Jane Gales

Dr. Gales reported that Representative Warren Kampf, 157th District and Representative Todd Stephens, 151st District attended the February Montgomery County School Directors' Legislative Committee meeting. Dr. Gales also reported that a bill will be introduced allowing school districts to furlough employees for economic reasons. Furlough decisions would also be based on employee performance and qualifications rather than solely on seniority.

Hearings on Senate Bill 1, the Opportunity Scholarship Program, took place recently and the bill is scheduled to be voted on in the Senate Education Committee in March.

Dr. Gales announced that the Annual Legislative Breakfast is scheduled for Friday, April 29, 2011 at the William Penn Inn. Invitations will be sent to the superintendents.

d. Mrs. Gail Kennedy

Mrs. Kennedy brought attention to the new restrictions regarding gifts provided by vendors that provide eRate eligible services, noting that the new rules apply to everyone, including school board members, in any district participating in eRate.

e. Ms. Kendall Glouner

Ms. Glouner reported on a new joint venture with Drexel University's School of Education, the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit, Chester County Intermediate Unit and Delaware County Intermediate Unit. The partnership has been designed for individuals who wish to pursue an administrative career in education and are seeking to advance their professional growth.

f. Dr. Kenneth Voss

Dr. Voss reported that the marketing brochures for the Nonpublic School Services summer camps are ready for distribution. This year, there are five different camps being offered at 11 sites the week of June 20-24.

Dr. Voss also informed the board members that NPSS will be hosting a Meaningful Consultation Meeting this month for all the public school districts who contract with NPSS for the delivery of Title I services in the nonpublic schools.

g. Dr. Janet Sloand

Dr. Sloand's report highlighted a new professional development opportunity entitled "*Inclusive Education: Leading and Improving School-Based Practices*", a series which is designed to support core school-based leadership teams to effectively implement evidence-based inclusive practices.

h. Mrs. Kristen Rawlings

Mrs. Rawlings reported that the deadline for nominating teachers for the Voices of Inspiration Award for Teaching Excellence is March 10, 2011.

Mrs. Rawlings also brought attention to the 2011 Annual Golf Classic brochure noting that funds raised benefit the MCIU Education Foundation. Players and sponsors are welcome.

15. Spotlight on an MCIU Division – Communications - Mrs. Kristen Rawlings

Mrs. Rawlings' spotlight presentation was postponed due to the large agenda for tonight's board meeting.

16. Report of the Solicitor

Mr. Sultanik had no report.

17. Report of the Executive Director

Dr. Shiveley reported that the Secretary of Education Elect, Ron Tomalis, met with the PAIU Executive Directors recently, telling the group that he will be reviewing current issues, including the Keystone Exams, and will be making decisions from a parent's perspective rather than an administrator's.

Dr. Shiveley also informed the board members that the MCIU recently hosted a Symposium on Budgeting and Staffing for the districts' superintendents, business managers and human resource directors. The event was well attended and well received. A similar program is being developed by a consortium of statewide organizations and will be presented as an online symposium.

Dr. Shiveley introduced Dr. Charles Amuso, former Superintendent of Spring-Ford Area School District and the consultant working with the Superintendents' Task

Force on Cooperative Services. Dr. Amuso presented a PowerPoint outlining the mission, purpose and challenges of the task force. Also included in Dr. Amuso's report were lists of potential new and/or expanded services that have been developed by the task force.

Dr. Shiveley asked Ms. Prince-Jones and Mrs. Maitin to report on their attendance at the AESA Conference held in December. Ms. Prince-Jones spoke about the fiscal challenges facing the education community and the creative ways that are being explored to face the challenges. It was a sobering and inspiring experience. Mrs. Maitin agreed and said that it was very interesting to hear what is going on in other parts of the country.

18. Report of Board Committees

Executive Committee: Mr. Lieberman reported that the Executive Committee met to discuss the establishment of a corporation for the Partial Hospitalization Program to be known as Reflections, Inc.

Recommendation to Approve the Resolution to authorize the Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director to take all action and execute any and all documents necessary to form Reflections, Inc., and obtain a federal income tax exemption on its behalf.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Polaneczky and seconded by Mrs. Maitin to approve the Resolution to form Reflections, Inc. and obtain a federal income tax exemption.

Motion passed unanimously.

19. Old Business

There was no old business.

20. New Business

There was no new business.

21. Additional Public Comments

There were no additional public comments.

22. The date of the next Intermediate Unit Board Meeting will be **March 23, 2011, West Norriton Conference Room B3/B4 at 7:45 p.m.**

23. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Mr. Hartman and seconded by Dr. Hakes the meeting was adjourned at 9:38 p.m.