

MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD MINUTES

1. Call to Order

President Lieberson called the meeting to order at 7:59 p.m. on February 24, 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	Absent
Dr. R. Paul Baumgartner, Souderton Area	Present
Randy Bennett, Perkiomen Valley	Present
Joseph Chmielewski, Upper Dublin	Absent
Thomas DiBello, Spring-Ford Area	Present
Malcolm Gran, Springfield Township	Present
Dr. Susan Guthrie, Lower Merion Area	Absent
Dr. David Hakes, Upper Moreland Township	Present
Robert H. Hartman, Jr., Pottstown	Present
Yuri Khalif, Lower Moreland Township	Present
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	Present
Vincent Sherpinsky, North Penn	Present
Mitch Zimmer, Colonial	Absent

Others

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

4. Approval of Minutes of January 27, 2010

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

Motion passed unanimously

5. Public Comments on Agenda Items

Mr. Leiberson 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 Reports

Mr. Sattler presented the January Treasurer's Report to the Board for approval. The cash balance as of January 31, 2010 was \$35,652,521.77.

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.

7. Human Resources Report

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

Motion passed unanimously.

8. Reports of Staff

a. Dr. Jeanmarie Mason

Dr. Mason reported that the school districts have been very responsive to her customer satisfaction visits and the results include satisfaction with the intermediate unit's responsiveness, services and trainings. Improvements have been requested in the early intervention process, increasing transition services and additional autism and secondary emotional support.

Dr. Mason also brought attention to the upcoming Montgomery County Education Foundation Annual Golf Classic, and encouraged the board members to participate as golfers or contributors.

b. Mr. Stan Wisler

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

Management Services

- ◆ Recommendation to Accept the 2008-2009 Audited Financial Statements as prepared by Maille Falconiero and Company
- ◆ Recommendation to Approve the All City Transportation, Inc. transportation contract and the medical transportation systems contract.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Maitin and seconded by Mr. Sattler to approve the Action Items listed above.

Motion passed unanimously.

c. Dr. Mary Jane Gales

Dr. Gales reported that Governor Rendell's 2010 budget reflects an increase of 6.4% in education, which includes \$748 million from the federal stimulus bill. A 1% decrease in funding for Intermediate Units has been proposed.

Democratic and Republican leaders of the U.S. House of Representatives' Committee on Education and Labor are starting to conduct bipartisan hearings as they begin the work to reform ESEA.

d. Mrs. Gail Kennedy

Mrs. Kennedy reported that the Western Center for Technical Studies is now connected to the regional network. Three additional school districts will be joining by the end of the year at which time all of the districts will be connected.

In an effort to realign technology services with school district needs, Mrs. Kennedy informed the board members that the division is in the process of restructuring programs, services and staff.

e. Ms. Kendall Glouner

Ms. Glouner informed the board members that the districts have been notified that registrations are being taken for the Reading Olympics. Volunteer opportunities are available by contacting the MCIU.

Ms. Glouner also brought attention to the Keystone Exams Fact Sheet that is attached to her written report. A committee has been formed to create the implementation guidelines.

f. Dr. Kenneth Voss

Dr. Voss reported that two nonpublic elementary schools will be combined next year due to decreasing enrollment. There is also the possibility that two other archdiocesan elementary schools and one non-archdiocesan school will be closing. Because transportation needs will change due to these closings, Dr. Voss stated that he will be sure that the public school superintendents are aware of which schools in their district are affected.

g. Dr. Janet Sloand

Dr. Sloand reported that PaTTAN's use of Blogs has enabled teachers to access information from trainings in which they may not have been able to

participate. Sharing of ideas, questions and information through this medium has been beneficial to many. Webinars have also become a popular form of training and professional development by allowing groups to participate from the comfort of their own school, office, or home, eliminating the need for travel.

h. Mrs. Kristen Rawlings

With the Communication Division taking the Spotlight at tonight's board meeting, Mrs. Rawlings said that her written report stands as submitted.

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

Mrs. Rawlings gave a PowerPoint presentation on the various services that are offered to the school districts through the Communications Division. Special attention was given to the Freedom Credit Union/Montgomery County Intermediate Unit *Voices of Inspiration for Teaching Excellence Award* and the upcoming Montgomery County Schools Fitness Challenge.

11. Report of the Solicitor

Mr. Sultanik had no report.

12. Report of the Executive Director

Dr. Shiveley had no report.

13. Report of Board Committees

There were no committee reports.

14. Old Business

There was no old business.

15. New Business

Dr. Baumgartner reported that he did not get very many responses to the survey he sent to the board members regarding their districts' legislative activities. Asking for a show of hands on the question of whether or not the districts discuss legislative activities at their board meetings, all members in attendance raised their hands, responding in the affirmative.

16. Additional Public Comments

There were no additional public comments.

17. The date of the next Intermediate Unit Board Meeting will be **March 24, 2010, West Norriton Conference Room B3/B4 at 7:45 p.m.**

18. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Mr. Gran and seconded by Mr. Sattler the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.