

MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD MINUTES

1. Call to Order

President Joseph Chmiewlewski called the meeting to order at 7:51 p.m. on February 27, 2008

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Joseph Chmielewski, President, Upper Dublin	Present
John S. Grispon, Vice-President, Spring-Ford Area	Absent
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	Present
Malcolm Gran, Springfield Township	Absent
Dr. David Hakes, Upper Moreland Township	Absent
Robert H. Hartman, Jr., Pottstown	Present
Yuri Khalif, Lower Moreland Township	Present
Marc Lieberon, Cheltenham	Present
Mary Rives Young, Upper Perkiomen	Present
Ted Miller, Jenkintown	Present
Janice Pearce, Norristown Area	Present
Thayer Pendleton, Bryn Athyn	Absent
Burunda Prince-Jones, Wissahickon	Present
Frederick P. Remelius, Pottsgrove	Present
Daniel B. Sattler, Methacton	Present
Vincent Sherpinsky, North Penn	Absent
Mitch Zimmer, Colonial	Present

Others

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

4. Approval of Minutes of January 23, 2008

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Hartman that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the minutes of the January 23, 2008 board meeting.

Motion passed unanimously

5. Public Comments on Agenda Items

Mr. Chmielewski 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 January Treasurer's Report to the Board. The cash balance as of January 31, 2008 was \$33,497,692.85.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

7. Personnel Report

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Lieberson and seconded by Mr. Miller that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the personnel recommendations listed as Item 2 and corrected to reflect the start date of January 12, 2008 on item 1.4.1, page 2.

Motion passed unanimously.

8. Reports of Staff

a. Dr. Jeanmarie Mason

Dr. Mason presented a slide show of the Anderson School Dedication Ceremony, held on February 2, 2008. Dr. Mason thanked all of those involved in the success of this event, with special thanks going to Board President, Joseph Chmielewski for his support and fine speech, and MCIU Executive Director/CEO, Dr. Jerry W. Shiveley without whom the event would not have been possible.

b. Mr. Stan Wisler

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

2007/2008 Budget Revision

The administration requests Board approval to revise the 2007/2008 Act 89 and Title I budgets. This process is done annually to reflect the changes that occur in state allocation, Title I contracts, and earned interest. The revision reflects the final staffing levels and all planned expenditures for the current year.

**Montgomery County Intermediate Unit
Non-Public School Services Budget (Act 89)
Revised 2007-08**

Revenue

	07/08 Approved Budget	07/08 Revised Budget	\$ Incr/(Decr)	% Incr/(Decr)
Act 89 Allocation	\$ 10,288,787	\$ 10,149,283	\$ (139,504)	-1.4%
Interest Earnings	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	-	0.0%
Soc Sec - state share	\$ 281,332	\$ 270,541	\$ (10,791)	-3.8%
Retire - state share	\$ 258,342	\$ 248,432	\$ (9,910)	-3.8%
Total	\$ 10,978,461	\$ 10,818,256	\$ (160,205)	-1.5%

Expense Summary

	07/08 Approved Budget	07/08 Revised Budget	\$ Incr/(Decr)	% Incr/(Decr)
100 Salaries	\$ 7,539,576	\$ 7,179,190	\$ (360,386)	-4.8%
200 Employee Benefits	\$ 2,452,445	\$ 2,219,846	\$ (232,599)	-9.5%
300 Contracted Prof & Tech Svcs	\$ 252,500	\$ 88,513	\$ (163,987)	-64.9%
400 Purchased Property Svcs	\$ 174,600	\$ 293,560	\$ 118,960	68.1%
500 Other Purchased Services	\$ 160,840	\$ 74,723	\$ (86,117)	-53.5%
600 Supplies	\$ 187,500	\$ 243,043	\$ 55,543	29.6%
700 Equipment	\$ 89,000	\$ 54,840	\$ (34,160)	-38.4%
800 Other Objects	\$ 11,000	\$ 7,000	\$ (4,000)	-36.4%
900 Other Financing Uses	\$ 111,000	\$ 657,541	\$ 546,541	492.4%
Total	\$ 10,978,461	\$ 10,818,256	\$ (160,205)	-1.5%

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Maitin and seconded by Mr. Miller that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the Non-Public School Services 2007-2008 Budget Revision.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Zimmer and seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the 2008-2009 Special Education Division Budget.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Maitin and seconded by Ms. Knox to accept the 2006-2007 Audited Financial Statements as prepared by Maillie Falconiero and Company

Motion passed unanimously.

c. Dr. Sharon Richardson

Dr. Richardson brought attention to the Open Records segment of her Board report, noting that SB 1 was signed into law as Act 3 of 2008 by Governor Rendell. Districts are already operating under the Sunshine Law, but the exemptions included in the law that are relevant to school districts are listed on page 3 of Dr. Richardson's report.

Dr. Richardson noted that highlights from Governor Rendell's Proposed 2008-09 Commonwealth Budget are attached to her report. Dr. Richardson informed the Board that funding for intermediate units has been flat since 1996. Also of note is that "save harmless" is now called "transitional funding". Districts considered to be at their adequate funding level or close to it would be guaranteed at least a 1.5% basic education funding increase. This "transitional funding" is proposed to be eliminated the remaining years of the formula implementation. In addition, \$15 million has been budgeted to develop the General Competency Assessments (GCA's) and the \$1.5 million budgeted for science can only be used for the "Science, It's Elementary" initiative.

Dr. Richardson encouraged the group to visit the PDE website for more information on the PA school funding campaign.

d. Mrs. Gail Kennedy

Mrs. Kennedy remarked that she would be expounding on much of what was in her written report during the *Spotlight on an MCIU Division* segment of the Board meeting.

e. Dr. Peter Grande

Dr. Grande brought attention to the attachment to his Board report which included information on the MCIU 2008 Professional Learning Series. Dr. Grande noted that the school district educators will have an opportunity to participate in a number of highly regarded professional development workshops and classes. These workshops are being offered at MCIU in response to the districts desire to have their educators and staff hear these nationally renowned speakers without having to travel great distances.

f. Dr. Kenneth Voss

Dr. Voss encouraged all of the districts to participate in the Tobacco Prevention Commercial competition which is being sponsored by The Southeastern PA Tobacco Control Project. Dr. Voss also made note of the announcement by the Philadelphia Archdiocese regarding the merger of two high schools and the relocation of another. With these changes and the move of another private school out of Montgomery County, Act 89 funds to the MCIU could be cut.

Dr. Voss also brought attention to the addition of a Boys' Leadership Camp to be held this summer in cooperation with LaSalle College High School and the MCIU.

g. Dr. Janet Sloand

Dr. Sloand was not in attendance. Her board report stands as sent. Dr. Shiveley informed the Board that Dr. Sloand was attending the PDE Conference which she and the PaTTAN staff organized.

h. Mrs. Kristen Rawlings

Mrs. Rawlings reported that there were several positive news articles in the local media recently, including Channel 6 coverage of The Anderson School dedication. Attention was brought to the Times Herald article about the IU that was handed out prior to this evening's meeting. Mrs. Rawlings also reminded the Board that the deadline for nominations for the Voices of Inspiration awards is March 10, 2008.

9. Spotlight on an MCIU Division – Technology & Information Services - Mrs. Gail Kennedy

Mrs. Kennedy offered a PowerPoint presentation on the recent changes, updates and initiatives within the Technology & Information Services division entitled "*Moving Forward at the Speed of Light*". Information was shared on the redesigned MCIU Website being readied for rollout later in March, new services offered, partnerships and the newly formed Montgomery County Regional Wide Area Network.

10. Report of the Solicitor

Mr. Sultanik had no report.

11. Report of the Executive Director

Dr. Shiveley reported that he and Mr. Wisler had met with and addressed the Upper Perkiomen Board of Directors at a recent board meeting. Both the IU and the Upper Perkiomen Board of Directors gained a better understanding of each other.

Ms. Risa Ferman, Montgomery County District Attorney has reached out to the IU and will be attending the March Superintendents' Advisory Council meeting. She will be discussing school safety.

12. Report of Board Committees

Mr. Chmielewski reported that the Finance Committee met this evening prior to the regular Board meeting. He also informed the Board that the Executive Committee met to review the Executive Directors' mid-year goals. Dr. Shiveley is on target at mid-point. An Executive Session will be held on this topic at a later date.

13. Old Business

There was no old business.

14. New Business

There was no new business.

15. Additional Public Comments

There were no additional public comments.

16. The date of the next Intermediate Unit Board Meeting will be **March 26, 2008, West Norriton Conference Room B3/B4 at 7:45 p.m.**

17. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Mrs. Maitin and seconded by Mr. Zimmer the meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.