

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD MINUTES

### 1. Call to Order

President Marc Lieberson called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. on March 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	Present
Thomas DiBello, Spring-Ford Area	Absent
Malcolm Gran, Springfield Township (Arrived 7:55 PM)	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	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	Absent
Mitch Zimmer, Colonial	Absent

### Others

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

4. Approval of Minutes of February 24, 2010

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Polaneczky and seconded by Mr. Chmielewski that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the minutes of the February 24, 2010 board meeting.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

5. Public Comments on Agenda Items

Mr. Lieberman asked if there were any public comments regarding agenda items. Since there none, the board proceeded with the agenda.

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

Mr. Sattler presented the February Treasurer's Report to the Board. The cash balance as of February 28, 2010 was \$35,780,848.70.

**Motion:** It was moved by Dr. Baumgartner and seconded by Mrs. Prince-Jones that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the February Treasurer's Report and the payment of bills.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

7. Human Resources Report

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

**Motion passed unanimously.**

8. Review and Approval of Guidelines for Conducting the Nomination of Intermediate Unit Board Members

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Hartman and seconded by Mrs. Prince-Jones that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the Guidelines for Conducting the Nomination of Intermediate Unit Board Members and the Appointment of Jeffrey Sultanik as Judge of Elections.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

9. Appointment of Judge of Elections

See Action taken in Item #8.

10. Report of Judge of Ballots on Intermediate Unit Budgets

Jeffrey Sultanik (Judge of Ballots) reported that the ballots for budget approval were counted on March 10, 2010 and that each budget was approved in accordance with the law as follows:

	<u>Weighted Aye Votes</u>
General Administrative Services	371
Curriculum, Instruction & Professional Development Services	374
Legislative Services & Grant Development	344
Technology & Information Services	368

11. Reports of Staff

a. Dr. Jeanmarie Mason

Dr. Mason reported that the Transition to Adult Life Resource Fair for youth with disabilities will be held on Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at the Wissahickon High School. Dr. Mason also reported that over 130 school districts' PRRI and IU administrators and teachers attended workshops on Standard Aligned IEPS. Trainings provided information on how to assess student skills relative to the Pennsylvania State Standards.

b. Mr. Stan Wisler

Mr. Wisler asked for approval on the following Action Item:

- (1) Recommendation for approval to submit Application to PDE/Bureau of Special Education for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Polaneczky and seconded by Mr. Chmielewski that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the Action Item listed above.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

c. Dr. Mary Jane Gales

Dr. Gales reported that Pennsylvania is one of 16 finalists for Phase I of RTTT funding. The announcement of the Phase I winners is expected in early April. Dr. Gales also reported that President Obama has released the blueprint for the reauthorization of ESEA. Achievement gaps between poor and affluent students and academic growth for all students are just two of the areas that will be addressed in upcoming discussions.

Mr. Sultanik reported that the newly signed federal legislation known as the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act will have a major impact on school districts. Mr. Sultanik noted that guidance from the federal government has not yet been given and certain regulations are still anticipated. He suggested that district administrators will need to be sensitive to the challenges of the new legislation.

d. Mrs. Gail Kennedy

Mrs. Kennedy reported that the Technology and Information Services division hosted the Annual Computer Fair. Students from Upper Dublin, Colonial, Hatboro-Horsham, North Penn, and Saint Hilary of Poitiers participated. Mrs. Kennedy also informed the Board that Seneca-Highland Intermediate Unit 9 has contracted with TIS to conduct a technology audit. Partnership opportunities between IU 9 and IU 23 could result.

e. Ms. Kendall Glouner

Ms. Glouner reported that 508 teams with over 7,000 students are participating in this year's Reading Olympics which run from March to May. Ms. Glouner also reported that Cheltenham High School was the winning school in the recently held Academic Competition hosted by CIPD at the Montgomery County Community College.

f. Dr. Kenneth Voss

Dr. Voss reported that Title I coordinators representing public school districts met with nonpublic school administrators to focus on changes in protocol and required documentation for math and reading services that are provided to eligible students. In addition, Dr. Voss reported on a presentation that was given at a recent Children's Roundtable meeting on the subject of gang-related issues in the schools.

g. Dr. Janet Sloand

Dr. Sloand reported on the PaTTAN initiative on visual impairments which provides assistance to local education agencies, intermediate units, private schools and families. Of special note is the summer camp for high school students with visual impairments which will teach living skills that will aid in their success in college.

h. Mrs. Kristen Rawlings

Mrs. Rawlings reported that the external newsletter, MCIU *Update*, will be distributed to Board members this week via email. Mrs. Rawlings also informed the Board members that nearly 600 nominations were received for the Voices

of Inspiration Award for Teaching Excellence. Every district, the MCIU and the nonpublic schools were represented.

12. Spotlight on MCIU Division – Human Resources - Mrs. Jane Mansuy

Mrs. Mansuy spotlighted a provision of the school code known as Transfer of Entities (Section 1113). Transfer of Entities relates to what happens to professional employees when entities such as school districts “take back” students and tenured professionals with the sending entity no longer have a position within that sending entity.

13. Report of the Solicitor

Mr. Sultanik had no report.

14. Report of the Executive Director

Report from the School Safety Coordinator, Mr. Steve Beck.

Mr. Beck presented an overview of his responsibilities, informing the Board that he has joint reporting responsibilities to the county Public Safety Department and the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit. Mr. Beck offers a variety of support services to the districts including trainings, consultation on emergency preparedness, crisis communications and protective services. Mr. Beck is also working closely with the Montgomery County District Attorney, Risa Ferman, on organizing a county-wide school safety coordination group that will address all current and future aspects of school safety.

15. Report of Board Committees

There were no committee reports; however, Mr. Chmielewski asked if the Facility Committee had anything new to report. Dr. Shiveley said that the perfect building has not yet been found and that the Facilities Committee will be meeting again soon.

16. Old Business

There was no old business.

17. New Business

Mr. Lieberson reminded the Board members that their Financial Disclosure forms are due to Dr. Shiveley by April 16, 2010.

18. Additional Public Comments

There were no additional public comments.

19. The date of the next Intermediate Unit Board Meeting will be **April 28, 2010, West Norriton Conference Room at 7:45 p.m.**

20. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Mrs. Maitin and seconded by Mr. Gran the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.