

March 25, 2009
West Norriton, PA

MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD MINUTES

1. Call to Order

President Joseph Chmielewski called the meeting to order at 7:55 p.m. on March 25, 2009.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Joseph Chmielewski, President, Upper Dublin	Present
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	Absent
Dr. Russel S. Bleiler, Hatboro-Horsham	Absent
Diane DiBonaventuro, Lower Merion Area	Absent
Malcolm Gran, Springfield Township	Present
Dr. David Hakes, Upper Moreland Township	Absent
Robert H. Hartman, Jr., Pottstown	Present
Yuri Khalif, Lower Moreland Township	Present
Marc Lieberson, Cheltenham	Present
Ted Miller, Jenkintown	Absent
Janice Pearce, Norristown Area	Absent
Thayer Pendleton, Bryn Athyn	Absent
Burunda Prince-Jones, Wissahickon	Absent
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

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

4. Approval of Minutes of February 25, 2009

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Gran and seconded by Mr. Sherpinsky that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the minutes of the February 25, 2009 board meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Public Comments on Agenda Items

Mr. Chmielewski 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

Mrs. Knox presented the February Treasurer's Report to the Board. The cash balance as of February 25, 2009 was \$33,597,246.16.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

Report on Superintendents' Advisory Committee on Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development

At this point in the board meeting, Mr. Chmielewski invited Dr. Robert Milrod, Superintendent, Upper Moreland School District, to speak to the board members about the work of the Superintendents' Advisory Committee on Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development. Dr. Milrod gave a PowerPoint presentation on the process which included the purpose and background, trends and patterns, validations, recommendations and next steps for the committee as they continue to review the division's services and structures.

7. Human Resources Report

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Grispon and seconded by Mr. Lieberman 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. Grispon and seconded by Mr. Zimmer that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the Guidelines for Conducting the Nomination of Intermediate Unit Board Members.

Motion passed unanimously.

9. Appointment of Judge of Elections

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Hartman and seconded by Dr. Baumgartner that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the appointment of Jeffrey Sultanik as Judge of Elections.

Motion passed unanimously.

10. Report of Judge of Elections on Intermediate Unit Budgets

Jeffrey Sultanik (Judge of Elections) reported that the ballots for budget approval were counted on March 24, 2009 and that each budget was approved in accordance with the school code as follows:

	<u>Weighted Aye Votes</u>
General Administrative Services	343
Curriculum, Instruction & Professional Development Services	351
Legislative Services & Grant Development	321
Technology & Information Services	303

11. Reports of Staff

a. Dr. Jeanmarie Mason

Dr. Mason brought attention to the Transition to Adult Life Resource Fair scheduled for April 23, 2009 at Wissahickon High School. Sessions for youth with disabilities will address self-advocacy, employment skills and interview skills.

Dr. Mason also brought attention to the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Education Foundation Annual Golf Classic brochure in the board packet. The golf outing is scheduled for May 11th at the Blue Bell Country Club. Even non-golfers are encouraged to participate by donating to this worthy cause.

b. Mr. Stan Wisler

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

- (1) Recommendation to Award Supply Bids and Fixed Rate Discount Bids for Montgomery County School Entities Joint Purchasing Board
- (2) Recommendation to Accept Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Alternative Fuels Incentive Grant.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Maitin and seconded by Mr. Gran that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the Recommendation to Award Supply Bids and Fixed Rate Discount Bids for Montgomery County School Entities Joint Purchasing Board and the Recommendation to Accept Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Alternative Fuels Incentive Grant.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Wisler also brought attention to the information item listed as Act 32 of 2008 – Earned Income Tax Collection Consolidation. The act mandates the creation of a new governmental entity called the Tax Collection Committee (TCC). The Montgomery County Intermediate Unit recommends that each school district board appoint their districts' business manager to this committee. The deadline for appointments to the committee is September 15, 2009 and Mr. Wisler urged the board to make their appointments as quickly as possible.

c. Dr. Mary Jane Gales

Dr. Gales reported that the General Assembly is back in session and that the budget and stimulus package is the topic of discussion. Dr. Gales informed the board members that there is a state law that requires all federal funds coming to the state be re-appropriated by the General Assembly. It is possible that the General Assembly may not accept the governor's recommendations. If the federal funds are not used to fund Pennsylvania's adequacy and equity formula, they must be allocated using the federal Title I formula.

d. Mrs. Gail Kennedy

Mrs. Kennedy noted that she would defer giving her report until later in the meeting when the division of Technology and Information Services would be in the Spotlight.

e. Ms. Kendall Glouner

Ms. Glouner congratulated Mr. Chmielewski on the success of Upper Dublin's students who placed first in the recently held Academic Competition at MCIU.

Ms. Glouner also highlighted the Health, Physical Education and Nurses Symposium which was offered by the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit that saw 15 districts represented with 256 professionals participating.

f. Dr. Kenneth Voss

Dr. Voss reported that 33 nonpublic schools participated in this year's Reading Olympics, the goal of which is to increase students' reading for enjoyment as well as enhance their reading skills. Dr. Voss also reported that he anticipates a 1% decrease in Act 89 funds next year, and that the annual needs assessment process to determine the services that will be required for next year continues through May.

g. Dr. Janet Sloand

Dr. Sloand informed the board of a new program that is being offered this summer for the blind and visually impaired. A two-week residential camp in the Altoona area will be offered for college bound students with visual impairments. The focus will be on teaching life skills for independent living on the college campus. Applications are welcome.

h. Mrs. Kristen Rawlings

Ms. Rawlings' report included information about recent media coverage of the MCIU Academic Competition which was covered by Channel 10 and The Times Herald. Channel 6 reported on the kick-off event for the Reading Olympics. Ms. Rawlings also reported that 1,086 teachers were nominated for the Voices of Inspiration Awards. All 21 school districts, the MCIU and 8 private schools are represented. Participation at the awards ceremony on May 7, 2009 at Normandy Farms is encouraged.

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

Mrs. Kennedy gave a PowerPoint presentation describing the improved services to the districts, the reduction in core contribution fees and the service credit that allows districts to choose services from the fee-based offerings. Mrs. Kennedy's report also included division highlights from the past year, new services being offered and services in development for the future.

13. Report of the Solicitor

Mr. Sultanik had no report.

14. Report of the Executive Director

a. Appointment of Solicitor for 2009-2010

Dr. Shiveley recommended that the board renew Fox Rothschild's contract based on the retainer agreement for solicitor services for the school year 2009-2010 as included in the board packet.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Maitin and seconded by Mr. Lieberman that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the Recommendation to Accept the Fox Rothschild LLP Retainer Agreement for Solicitor Services for School Year 2009-2010.

Motion passed unanimously.

b. MCIU Leadership Purpose & Operating Principles

Dr. Shiveley informed the board that the MCIU leadership has created the MCIU Leadership Purpose & Operating Principles document as a means to operationalize the MCIU's Mission, Vision and Values as approved by the board in May 2006. The Cabinet members presented a PowerPoint presentation describing the process employed to bring the resulting document to fruition.

15. Report of Board Committees

There were no committee reports.

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 **April 22, 2009, West Norriton Conference Room at 7:45 p.m.**

20. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Mrs. Maitin and seconded by Mr. Zimmer the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.