

MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Vice President, S. Troy Miller, called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. on March 28, 2007.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

David A. Hasiuk, President, Upper Moreland Township	Present *
S. Troy Miller, Vice President, Perkiomen Valley	Present
Cedric McKeever, Secretary, Lower Moreland Township	Present
Marie A. Knox, Treasurer, Upper Merion Area	Present
Dr. Russel S. Bleiler, Hatboro-Horsham	Absent
Joseph Chmielewski, Upper Dublin	Present
Tracy G. Cole, Souderton Area	Present
Boo Crofton, Wissahickon	Absent
Diane DiBonaventuro, Lower Merion Area	Absent
Malcolm Gran, Springfield Township	Present
John S. Grispon, Spring-Ford Area	Present
Robert H. Hartman, Jr., Pottstown	Absent
Marc Lieberon, Cheltenham	Present
Vicki J. Lightcap, Upper Perkiomen	Absent
Jeannette Maitin, Abington	Absent
Margaret M. Martinez, Methacton	Present
Ted Miller, Jenkintown	Present
Janice Pearce, Norristown Area	Present
Thayer Pendleton, Bryn Athyn	Absent
Vincent Sherpinsky, North Penn	Absent
Gordon Whitlock, Pottsgrove	Present
Mitch Zimmer, Colonial	Absent

* Arrived at 8:07 p.m.

Others

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

4. Approval of Minutes of February 28, 2007

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Ted Miller and seconded by Mr. McKeever that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the minutes of the February 28, 2007 board meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Public Comments on Agenda Items

Mr. Miller 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

Ms. Knox presented the February Treasurer's Report to the Board. The cash balance as of February 28, 2007 was \$32,188,956.48.

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Knox and seconded by Ms. Martinez 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 Mr. Whitlock and seconded by Mr. Ted Miller that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the personnel recommendations listed as Item 2.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Mansuy congratulated Dr. Jeanmarie Mason on her transition from Acting Director to her appointment as the Director of Special Education, and asked Dr. Mason to address the board on the restructuring of the Special Education division. Dr. Mason spoke about the changes which are being made due in part to Act 1 legislation and the Gaskins Settlement. Dr. Mason informed the board that a Special Education Cost Plan document is being sent to all of the superintendents, special education directors and business managers. This document includes a survey which asks the districts what new services they would like to see the IU provide.

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. Chmielewski 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. Whitlock and seconded by Ms. Martinez 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 22, 2007 and that each budget was approved in accordance with the school code as follows:

	<u>Weighted Aye Votes</u>
General Administrative Services	351
Curriculum/Staff Development Services	368
State and Federal Legislative Services	321
Instructional Material Services	322

11. Reports of Staff

a. Dr. Jeanmarie Mason

Dr. Mason brought attention to the Children's Aid Society Holiday Champion for Children Award presented to the staff of the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit. Dr. Mason said that this was a living example of the IU staff exemplifying the Mission, Vision and Values of the IU by their generosity in providing 476 families with holiday gifts.

b. Mr. Stan Wisler

Mr. Wisler announced that the Finance Committee met prior to the regular board meeting to review the Action Items listed in his report. Mr. Wisler asked for approval on the following action items:

1. Recommendation to Accept the 2005-06 Audited Financial Statements
2. Recommendation to Award Supply Bids for Montgomery County School Entities Joint Purchasing Board
3. Recommendation to Approve a Contract with PHM Associates (Phil Mowry) and Schiller and Hersch Engineers to provide services for the design, specification development and project management for 930 Jefferson Avenue Project (Anderson Alternative School) subject to administration and solicitor approval of contract language.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Grispon and seconded by Mr. Gran that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the Recommendation to Accept the 2005-2006 Audited Financial Statements, the Recommendation to Award Supply Bids for Montgomery County School Entities Joint Purchasing Board, and the

Recommendation to Approve a Contract with PHM Associates and Schiller and Hersch Engineers.

Motion passed unanimously.

c. Dr. Sharon Richardson

Dr. Richardson was on vacation and her legislative report remains as submitted.

d. Mrs. Gail Kennedy

Mrs. Kennedy drew attention to the new server that has been set up at the IU for use by the school districts. This new technology, known as Moodle, is a classroom management system that allows teachers to easily create online courses. If the school districts express enough interest, this will be available to them as a fee-based service.

e. Dr. Robert Shields

Dr. Shields reported that the Reading Olympics are in full swing and will continue through April 19th. All of the school districts are participating under the leadership of Maria Johns. Dr. Shields brought attention to the Governor's Commission on College and Career Success Final Report, which amends Chapter 4, and noted that many of the twelve items listed are already underway.

f. Ms. Elizabeth Weber

Mrs. Weber informed the board that The Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids is celebrating Kick Butts Day today, March 28th. This is an annual celebration of youth advocacy and leadership against smoking. Several Montgomery County schools are participating by sending upper school age students into the lower schools to advocate for tobacco prevention. Mrs. Weber also announced that Methacton High school won top honors in the MTV tobacco prevention commercial contest.

g. Dr. Janet Sloand

Dr. Sloand was absent due to her attendance at the PDE conference in Hershey, PA. Dr. Sloand's PaTTAN report remains as submitted.

12. Spotlight on MCIU Division – Technical Information Services: The Future Direction of the Technical Information Services Division - Mrs. Gail Kennedy

Gail Kennedy began her presentation with a four-minute slide presentation entitled "Did you Know..." and followed that with a PowerPoint presentation on the future direction of the Technology and Information Services division.

13. Report of the Solicitor

There was no report.

14. Report of the Executive Director

a. Appointment of Solicitor for 2007-2008

Dr. Shiveley recommended that the board renew Fox Rothschild's contract based on the retainer agreement for solicitor services for the school year 2007-2008 as included in the board packet.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Whitlock and seconded by Mr. Chmielewski that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the Recommendation to Accept the Fox Rothschild LLP Retainer Agreement for Solicitor Services for School Year 2007-2008.

Motion passed unanimously.

b. Staff Reductions and Reorganization of Divisions

Dr. Shiveley said that Mrs. Mansuy and Dr. Mason spoke effectively on this subject earlier in the meeting.

15. Report of Board Committees

Mr. Hasiuk reported that a three-member Nominating Committee has been appointed to nominate the new board officers (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer). The three committee members are John Grispon, Marge Martinez and David Hasuik. A slate of officers will be presented at the May board meeting and a vote taken at the June board meeting. If anyone is interested in running for these positions, please contact a member of the committee.

Mr. Hasiuk reported that the Executive Committee will be meeting prior to the April board meeting to discuss the process of evaluating the Executive Director.

16. Old Business

There was no old business.

17. New Business

There was no new business.

18. Additional Public Comments

Mr. James Fee, a resident of the North Penn School District whose son receives services through MCIU, addressed the board. Mr. Fee expressed his concern about the fact that the board member representing North Penn, Mr. Vincent Sherpinsky has not attended the last four board meetings. He asked that this be addressed so that his school district can be better represented and that the North Penn School District can be better informed of what occurs at the IU board meetings.

19. The date of the next Intermediate Unit Board Meeting will be **April 25, 2007, West Norriton Conference Room at 7:45 p.m.**

20. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Mr. Lieberson and seconded by Mr. Chmielewski the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.