

MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD MINUTES

1. Call to Order

President Joseph Chmielewski called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m. on April 22, 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	Absent
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	Present
Robert H. Hartman, Jr., Pottstown	Absent
Yuri Khalif, Lower Moreland Township	Present
Marc Lieberon, Cheltenham	Present
Ted Miller, Jenkintown	Present
Janice Pearce, Norristown Area	Absent
Thayer Pendleton, Bryn Athyn	Absent
Burunda Prince-Jones, Wissahickon	Present
Frederick P. Remelius, Pottsgrove	Absent
Daniel B. Sattler, Methacton	Present
Vincent Sherpinsky, North Penn	Present
Mary Young, Upper Perkiomen	Present
Mitch Zimmer, Colonial	Absent

Others

Jane Webster Mansuy, Assistant Executive Director	Present
Mark Fitzgerald, Solicitor	Present

4. Approval of Minutes of March 25, 2009

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Lieberman and seconded by Mr. Sherpinsky that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the minutes of the March 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 were none, the board proceeded with the agenda.

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

Mr. John Grispon presented the March Treasurer's Report to the Board. The cash balance as of March 31, 2009, was \$31,622,307.94.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Grispon and seconded by Dr. Baumgartner that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the March Treasurer's Report and the payment of bills.

Motion passed unanimously.

7. Presentation of the Bobbie S. Goodman Award

Bobbie S. Goodman was employed as a reading teacher in the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit, Non-Public School Services Division from 1979 to 1996. During her career Bobbie worked in twenty-one non-public schools and with more than one thousand students. A memorial fund has been established by Bobbie's family and friends in her honor to annually recognize a Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Non-Public School Services Division staff member who exemplifies Bobbie's characteristics which form the criteria for the award.

Dr. Ken Voss introduced Deb Booher, a Nonpublic School Services Speech Language Pathologist with the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit as this year's recipient of the award. The Bobbie S. Goodman Award Committee considered dedication to teaching, personal caring for students, creativity, professional support for colleagues, commitment to friendship and loyalty to the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit when making the choice of Deb for the award.

Mr. Chmielewski congratulated Ms. Booher on behalf of the entire Board of Directors and noted that the reasons that Ms. Booher received the award were obvious by the comments and observations she made in her acceptance speech.

The meeting was adjourned briefly so that the Board could celebrate with Ms. Booher, her family and the Nonpublic School Services Division staff in attendance.

President Chmielewski reconvened the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

8. 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.

9. Reports of Staff

a. Dr. Jeanmarie Mason

Dr. Mason brought attention to the MCIU Education Foundation Golf Outing scheduled for May 11th, reiterating that proceeds from the event benefit children in Montgomery County.

Dr. Mason also reported that Tourette Syndrome month runs from May 15th through June 15th and that PA-TSA, a non-profit organization offers assistance to schools through training programs.

b. Mr. Stan Wisler

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Maitin and seconded by Mr. Sherpinsky that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the following Action Items:

(1) The Recommendation to Accept the 2009- 2010 Act 30 contracts with the following residential rehabilitative institutions (PRRIs) for the period 7/1/2009 - 6/30/2010 in the amounts indicated. Previous Board action was 4/23/2008.

Carson Valley School	\$3,362,181
New Life Youth and Family Services	\$1,290,705
St. Gabriel's Hall System	\$6,936,754

(2) The Authorization to Declare Equipment Surplus/Obsolete as listed.

Motion passed unanimously.

c. Dr. Mary Jane Gales

Dr. Gales' was not in attendance and her written report stood as submitted.

d. Mrs. Gail Kennedy

Mrs. Kennedy reported that the Colonial School District has contracted with MCIU to provide the Pearson PowerSchool student information system. In addition, Mrs. Kennedy is representing Montgomery County in their efforts to create a business plan for PAIUnet, which will aid in resource sharing and management of revenues.

e. Ms. Kendall Glouner

Ms. Glouner was not in attendance and her written report stood as submitted.

f. Dr. Kenneth Voss

Dr. Voss noted that his report stands as submitted and stated that he would be presenting the Nonpublic School Services proposed budget during the Division Spotlight portion of the meeting.

g. Dr. Janet Sloand

Dr. Sloand's report highlighted the Statewide Behavior Initiative schedule of workshops and conferences developed by PaTTAN to support the needs of educators who work with students who exhibit behavioral challenges. Trainings will be more accessible as they are offered through a series of after school video conferences.

h. Mrs. Kristen Rawlings

Mrs. Rawlings reported that the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit received an "Award of Excellence" in the Pennsylvania School Public Relations Association Publications Contest for the 2007-2008 Annual Report.

The Communications Division is also helping to organize the first "Montgomery County Schools Fitness Challenge" which kicks off in the 2009-2010 school year.

9. Spotlight on an MCIU Division – Nonpublic School Services: 2009-2010 Nonpublic School Services Budget and Summer Camp Update – Dr. Ken Voss

Dr. Voss provided a first review of the NPSS 2009-2010 budget in a PowerPoint presentation. Action on this budget will take place at the May 27, 2009 board meeting.

Sarah Moffatt and Mary Louise Hujanir gave a PowerPoint presentation on the new summer camps that are being offered by the Nonpublic School Services Division.

10. Report of the Solicitor

Mr. Fitzgerald had no report.

11. Report of the Executive Director

Mrs. Mansuy had no report.

12. Report of Board Committees

Mr. Chmielewski asked for volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee. Mrs. Maitin volunteered. Two more volunteers are needed to complete this committee whose duty it is to choose a slate of officers (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) for 2009-2010. Nominees will be announced at the May board meeting and voted on at the June meeting.

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 **May 27, 2009,**
West Norriton Conference Room at 7:45 p.m.

17. Adjournment

Motion: Upon a motion by Mr. Grispon and seconded by Mrs. Maitin the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

