

MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD MINUTES

1. Call to Order

President Joseph Chmielewski called the meeting to order at 7:58 p.m. on April 23, 2008.

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	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	Absent
Frederick P. Remelius, Pottsgrove	Present
Daniel B. Sattler, Methacton	Present
Vincent Sherpinsky, North Penn	Absent
Mary Young, Upper Perkiomen	Present
Mitch Zimmer, Colonial	Present

Others

Jerry W. Shiveley, Executive Director	Present
Brian E. Subers, Solicitor	Present

4. Approval of Minutes of March 26, 2008

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Zimmer and seconded by Mr. Hakes that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the minutes of the March 26, 2008 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

Mrs. Marie Knox presented the March Treasurer's Report to the Board. The cash balance as of March 31, 2008, was \$27,887,655.70.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

7. Human Resources Report

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Grispon and seconded by Mr. Miller that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the personnel recommendations listed as Item 2.

Motion passed unanimously.

Support Staff Meet and Discuss Plan

Note: The Support Staff Meet and Discuss Plan portion of the Board Committee Report was moved up in the meeting order. Mr. Chmielewski thanked the sub-committee consisting of Mr. Dan Sattler, Mr. Randy Bennett, and Mrs. Jeannette Maitin for taking part in the process. Mr. Sattler thanked the MCIU Meet and Discuss group for their professionalism and spirit of cooperation. On behalf of the Meet and Discuss group, Mr. Dale Roberts thanked the sub-committee and the MCIU Board of Directors for their fairness and generosity.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Sattler and seconded by Mrs. Maitin that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the Support Staff Meet and Discuss Plan as presented for 2008-2012

Motion passed unanimously.

8. Reports of Staff

a. Dr. Jeanmarie Mason

Dr. Mason brought attention to the closing of the Holland Glen facility. Seventeen students have been moved to other facilities and one staff member has been reassigned. Dr. Mason also reported that the Special Education Division is working on the Special Education Plan for PDE which describes how the IU provides services to our school districts. Dr. Mason also reminded the board members that the MCIU Education Foundation Golf Outing is scheduled for May 12th at the Blue Bell Country Club. Registrations are still being taken and contributions are welcome. Proceeds benefit the children of Montgomery County.

b. Mr. Stan Wisler

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Maitin and seconded by Mr. Lieberson that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the Recommendation to Accept the 2008-2009 Act 30 contracts with the following residential rehabilitative institutions (PRRIs) for the period 7/1/2008 - 6/30/2009 in the amounts indicated. Previous Board action was 4/25/2007.

Carson Valley School	\$3,447,099
New Life Youth and Family Services	\$1,088,751
St. Gabriel's Hall System	\$6,724,882

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Zimmer and seconded by Dr. Hakes that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the Recommendation to Purchase a 2008 Ford Escape SUV in the amount of \$19,600 from Red Hill Ford for PaTTAN.

Motion passed unanimously.

c. Dr. Sharon Richardson

Dr. Richardson reported that the number of school districts in Pennsylvania that have adopted resolutions against GCA's is now 130. Dr. Richardson also reported that she and Dr. Shiveley had productive meetings at the AASA Legislative Conference in Washington, DC last week, having met with three representatives and several aides. Dr. Richardson also reported on the Medicaid Reimbursement and IDEA Mandatory Funding. The Health Subcommittee of the US House Energy and Commerce Committee unanimously approved HR 5613, known as the Protecting the Medicaid Safety Net Act of 2008. This bill would extend the moratorium against cutting

Medicaid reimbursement for transportation and administrative costs until April 2009. The bill is expected to go to the full House for a vote this week. HR 821, dubbed the EDICATE Act, would provide mandatory increases for IDEA ensuring full funding by 2015. Dr. Richardson also announced that Penn Liberty National Bank donated \$5000 to the MCIU Education Foundation through the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program.

d. Mrs. Gail Kennedy

Mrs. Kennedy reported that five interactive whiteboards and projectors were installed at The Anderson School. Mrs. Kennedy also announced that the new and improved MCIU Website would be live on April 28th.

e. Dr. Peter Grande

Dr. Grande reported that PDE announced that the MCIU and the MCIU Education Foundation (MCIUEF) were the recipients of a \$988,500 grant as part of the US Department of Education's Teaching American History Grants Program. This three year grant program will provide training for teachers in Montgomery County and will be presented by teachers from The University of Pennsylvania.

f. Dr. Kenneth Voss

Dr. Voss announced that NPSS math and reading specialist, Ruthanne Alberts has been selected as one of the finalists of the Voices of Inspiration Award for Teaching Excellence. Ms. Alberts will be honored at the MCIU and Freedom Credit Union May 7th Awards Banquet at Normandy Farms.

g. Dr. Janet Sloand

Dr. Sloand's board report highlighted the recently held 2008 PA Department of Education Annual Conference. Approximately 1,450 educators, administrators, therapists and parents attended. The conference sessions are on tape and are available for any schools that are interested in viewing them.

h. Mrs. Kristen Rawlings

Mrs. Rawlings announced that the 2007 Annual Report has been completed and will be distributed next week. The Communications Division is working on the 2008 Annual Report and expects it to be ready for distribution in September. Mrs. Rawlings also reported that the IU is sponsoring a fundraiser with the Philadelphia Soul. Tickets are available for anyone interested in attending a Soul game on May 17th. A portion of the ticket price will be donated to the MCIU.

9. Spotlight on an MCIU Division – Non Public School Services: 2008-2009 Non Public School Services Budget and Camp Ophelia and Boys Camp – Dr. Ken Voss

Dr. Voss provided a first review of the NPSS 2008-09 budget in a PowerPoint presentation. Action on this budget will take place at the May 28, 2008 board meeting. NPSS staff members, Peg McHugh and Mary Sheets presented a PowerPoint presentation on Camp Ophelia, a summer camp designed to educate girls about relational aggression.

10. Report of the Solicitor

Mr. Subers had no report.

11. Report of the Executive Director

Dr. Shiveley reported that the rollout of the new MCIU Website is scheduled for April 28th. He commended the staff of the Technology and Information Services (TIS) division, led by Mr. Troy Sosnovik, Web and Data Supervisor, for their hard work and dedication to this project. Noting that the website is a work in progress, Dr. Shiveley will welcome suggestions and comments from the MCIU Board of Directors.

Dr. Shiveley introduced Mr. Sosnovik who then provided a preview of the new website.

12. Report of Board Committees

Mr. Chmielewski asked for volunteers to serve on two committees.

- 1) Facilities Oversight Committee – This new committee has been formed to work with the IU as they continue to review their facility needs. Mr. John Grispon will lead this committee that will meet on an as needed basis. Interested volunteers can contact Mr. Chmielewski or Mr. Grispon.
- 2) Nominating Committee – Mr. Ted Miller will lead this year's Nominating Committee whose duty it is to choose a slate of officers (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer). Nominees will be announced at the May board meeting and voted on at the June meeting. Two volunteers are needed to serve with Mr. Miller.

13. Old Business

There was no old business.

14. New Business

A recommendation was made to remove the July 2008 MCIU Board of Directors meeting from the calendar due to difficulties encountered in securing a quorum in July.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Zimmer and seconded by Dr. Baumgartner that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the cancellation of the July 2008 MCIU Board of Directors meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

15. Additional Public Comments

There were no additional public comments.

16. The date of the next Intermediate Unit Board Meeting will be **May 28, 2008,**
West Norriton Conference Room at 7:45 p.m.

17. Adjournment

Motion: Upon a motion by Mrs. Maitin and seconded by Mr. Zimmer the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.