

MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD MINUTES

1. Call to Order

President Marc Lieberson called the meeting to order at 7:49 p.m. on April 27, 2011.

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	Absent
Jeannette Maitin, Secretary, Abington	Absent
Jennifer Allebach, Upper Perkiomen	Absent
Randy Bennett, Perkiomen Valley	Present
Mel Brodsky, Colonial	Present
Joseph Chmielewski, Upper Dublin	Present
Thomas DiBello, Spring-Ford Area	Present
Dr. Susan Guthrie, Lower Merion Area (arrived @ 8 p.m.)	Present
Dr. David Hakes, Upper Moreland Township	Present
Robert H. Hartman, Jr., Pottstown	Present
Yuri Khalif, Lower Moreland Township	Present
R. Bud Miller, Souderton Area	Absent
Ted Miller, Jenkintown	Absent
Janice Pearce, Norristown Area	Absent
Thayer Pendleton, Bryn Athyn	Absent
Louis Polaneczky, Hatboro-Horsham	Present
Burunda Prince-Jones, Wissahickon	Present
Anthony B. Quinn, Esq., Springfield Township	Absent
Frederick P. Remelius, Pottsgrove	Present
Vincent Sherpinsky, North Penn	Absent

Others

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

4. Approval of Minutes of March 23, 2011

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Chmielewski and seconded by Mrs. Prince-Jones that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the minutes of the March 23, 2011 board meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Public Comments on Agenda Items

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

6. Presentation of the Bobbie S. Goodman Award

Bobbie S. Goodman was employed as a reading teacher in the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit, Nonpublic 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 Nonpublic School Services Division staff member who exemplifies Bobbie's characteristics which form the criteria for the award.

Dr. Ken Voss introduced Mr. Hal Goodman, husband of Bobbie Goodman, Messrs. Michael and Harry Goodman, sons of Bobbie, and Cindy and Rachel, granddaughters of Bobbie, all in attendance for the presentation.

Dr. Voss introduced Mrs. Karen Durante, a Nonpublic School Services Reading and Math Specialist 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 Mrs. Durante for the award. Mrs. Durante thanked her family and the MCIU Nonpublic School staff for the part that they played in her receipt of this award.

Mr. Lieberson congratulated Mrs. Durante on behalf of the entire Board of Directors. There was a brief recess so that the Board could celebrate with Mrs. Durante's family and the Nonpublic School Services Division staff in attendance.

President Lieberson reconvened the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

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

Mr. Stan Wisler presented the March Treasurer's Report to the Board in Mr. Sattler's absence. The cash balance as of March 31, 2011 was \$34,649,240.76.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

8. Human Resources Report

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Knox and seconded by Mrs. Prince-Jones that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the personnel recommendations listed as Item 2.

Motion passed unanimously.

9. First Review of the 2011-2012 Nonpublic School Services Budget

Dr. Voss gave a PowerPoint presentation to the Board with highlights of the proposed 2011-2012 Nonpublic School Services budget. Dr. Voss reported that Act 89 mandates that intermediate units provide auxiliary educational services for nonpublic schools in remedial reading and math, speech/language therapy, guidance/counseling/consultation and psychological services.

10. Reports of Staff

a. Dr. Lois Robinson

Dr. Robinson reported that the Practical Assessment Exploration System (PAES) lab opened at the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit in April. Students with disabilities from the districts will have the opportunity to experience a simulated work environment as they explore and learn about a variety of careers. In addition, Dr. Robinson reported that the Special Education division hosted the annual Penn Data Revised Count meeting which was attended by 19 districts and charter schools.

b. Mr. Stan Wisler

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

MANAGEMENT SERVICES DIVISION

- (1) Approval is requested to enter into the 2011-2012 Act 30 contracts with the following Private Residential Rehabilitative Institutions (PRRIs) for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 in the amounts indicated below. Previous Board action was April 28, 2010.

Carson Valley School	\$3,643,564.23
New Life Youth and Family Services	\$1,039,917.00
St. Gabriel's Hall System	\$8,376,835.00

- (2) The Administration recommends approval to award the Supply Bids and Fixed Rate Discount Bids for Montgomery County School Entities Joint Purchasing Board.

NONPUBLIC SCHOOL SERVICES DIVISION

- (1) The Administration recommends approval to accept Title II-Part A funds for the 2010-2011 school year for the Nonpublic School Services Division in the amount of \$86,271.13 as determined by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.
- (2) The Administration recommends approval of the Project Revision for the Title I ARRA Federal Grant for the Nonpublic School Services Division in the amount of \$112,974. Previous Board action was June 23, 2010.

SPECIAL EDUCATION DIVISION

- (1) The Administration recommends approval of a budget revision application to be submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Education/Bureau of Special Education, for the P.L. 108-446/IDEIA Regular Project, in the amount of \$20,824,493 for the period July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. Previous Board Action was June 23, 2010.
- (2) The Administration requests approval to accept a Special Education Performance Grant from PDE in the amount of \$20,000 for the period of March 1, 2011 to June 30, 2011 to restructure special education supports and services for students with complex needs.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Polaneczky and seconded by Mr. Bennett that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the six Action Items listed above.

Motion passed unanimously.

c. Dr. Mary Jane Gales

Dr. Gales reported that the Senate confirmed Ron Tomalis as the Secretary of Education. Dr. Gales also reported that the Governor's recommended changes to **SB 1** (voucher program) were announced and included the delay of the start of the vouchers to July 2012 and a cut in third year scholarships from \$250 million to an estimated \$163 million. **HB 1330**, which raises the Education Improvement Tax Credit from \$75 million to \$100 million in the first year and then \$200 million, passed in the House Education Committee. Dr. Gales and

Dr. Shiveley continue to meet and correspond with the legislators to present the issues and concerns that the MCIU and the school districts face.

d. Mrs. Gail Kennedy

Mrs. Kennedy reported on the new Microsoft licensing program, Enrollment for Education Solutions (EES), a Commonwealth subscription-based program to provide for easy compliance, low administration, and software assurance benefits at greatly reduced costs. A 50% savings for the districts over a five year period is anticipated.

Mrs. Kennedy also reported that the Technology & Information Services (TIS) division hosted the PA Regional Computer Fair Competition. Among the winners were students from Colonial, Norristown, North Penn, Upper Dublin and Pottsgrove school districts, as well as St. Hilary's of Poitiers School. Winners advance to the state competition at Dickinson College.

e. Ms. Kendall Glouner

Ms. Glouner reported that the Curriculum, Instruction & Professional Development (CIPD) division continues to provide assistance and guidance to districts as they prepare for the Keystone Exams. A two-day professional development session specific to Algebra 1 will be held at MCIU in May.

Ms. Glouner extended her thanks to the Spring-Ford Area School District for hosting the recently held Academic Competition. Eighteen school districts were represented and the victor, Upper Dublin, now moves on to the state competition.

f. Dr. Kenneth Voss

With the Nonpublic School Services Division taking the Spotlight to present the first reading of the 2011-2012 Nonpublic School Services division budget at tonight's board meeting, Dr. Voss said that his written report stands as submitted.

g. Dr. Janet Sloand

Dr. Sloand presented information on the Pennsylvania Fellowship program (PFP) for Special Education Leaders, a year-long cohort program comprised of monthly skill-building and networking sessions. Each of the forty-six fellows are required to complete a culminating project based on programmatic or student-level data that demonstrates changes or improvements in their program.

h. Mrs. Kristen Rawlings

Mrs. Rawlings reported that the Communications division will be assisting the Pottsgrove School District with the writing and design of their parent newsletter and the Springfield Township School District with the writing and design of their community newsletter. Mrs. Rawlings also announced that over 1,000 nominations were received for the Voices of Inspiration Award for Teaching Excellence. The twenty-three finalists will be honored at an awards banquet on May 3rd.

11. Spotlight on an MCIU Division – Nonpublic School Services – Dr. Ken Voss

Dr. Voss combined the division spotlight with the first review of the NPSS 2011-2012 budget in a PowerPoint presentation earlier in the meeting. Action on this budget will take place at the May 25, 2011 board meeting.

12. Report of the Solicitor

Jeffrey Sultanik (Judge of Ballots) reported that the ballots for budget approval were counted on April 26, 2011 and that each budget according to the provisions of the School Code was approved in accordance with the law as follows:

	<u>Weighted Aye Votes</u>
General Administrative Services	324
Curriculum, Instruction & Professional Development Services	327
Legislative Services & Grant Development	270
Technology & Information Services	315

13. Report of the Executive Director

Appointment of Solicitor for 2011-2012

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Hartman 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 2011-2012.

Motion passed unanimously.

14. Report of Board Committees

Mr. Lieberson asked the Board members for volunteers for the Nominating Committee being formed to prepare a slate of officers for the MCIU Board of Directors for 2011-2012. Mr. Chmielewski agreed to chair the committee and Mrs.

Prince-Jones volunteered to serve. Mr. Lieberman volunteered Mr. Sattler to serve in his absence.

15. Old Business

Approval of the Resolution Supporting the Blended Pension Plan

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Polaneczky and seconded by Mr. Bennett that the Intermediate Unit Board accept the Resolution supporting the blended pension plan put forth by PSBA

Motion passed as follows: Aye -12; Abstention - 1

16. New Business

Appointment of MCIU Representatives to the founding Reflections, Inc. Board

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Polaneczky and seconded by Mrs. Prince-Jones that the Intermediate Unit Board appoint the following four (4) individuals as the initial MCIU representatives to the Board of Directors of Reflections, Inc.:

Dr. Jerry W. Shiveley	Mr. Stan H. Wisler
Mrs. Jeannette Maitin	Dr. Lois Robinson

Motion passed unanimously.

17. Additional Public Comments

There were no additional public comments.

18. The date of the next Intermediate Unit Board Meeting will be **May 25, 2011, West Norriton Conference Room at 7:45 p.m.**

19. Adjournment

Motion: Upon a motion by Mr. Hartman and seconded by Mrs. Knox the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.