

MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD MINUTES

1. Call to Order

President Marc Lieberson called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m. on May 25, 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	Present
Jeannette Maitin, Secretary, Abington	Present
Jennifer Allebach, Upper Perkiomen	Absent
Randy Bennett, Perkiomen Valley	Present
Mel Brodsky, Colonial	Absent
Joseph Chmielewski, Upper Dublin	Present
Thomas DiBello, Spring-Ford Area	Present
Dr. Susan Guthrie, Lower Merion Area (Arr. 8:10 p.m.)	Present
Dr. David Hakes, Upper Moreland Township	Absent
Robert H. Hartman, Jr., Pottstown	Present
Yuri Khalif, Lower Moreland Township	Absent
R. Bud Miller, Souderton Area	Present
Ted Miller, Jenkintown	Present
Janice Pearce, Norristown Area	Present
Thayer Pendleton, Bryn Athyn	Absent
Louis Polaneczky, Hatboro-Horsham	Present
Burunda Prince-Jones, Wissahickon	Absent
Anthony B. Quinn, Esq., Springfield Township (Arr. 8:40 p.m.)	Present
Frederick P. Remelius, Pottsgrove	Absent
Vincent Sherpinsky, North Penn	Absent

Others

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

4. Approval of Minutes of April 27, 2011

Mr. Lieberson informed the Recording Secretary that his name was spelled incorrectly in the April 27, 2011 board meeting minutes.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Polaneczky and seconded by Mr. Ted Miller that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the minutes of the April 27, 2011 board meeting as amended.

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 Cynthia E. Welder Award

The Montgomery County Intermediate Unit employed Cynthia E. Welder as a school psychologist and a special education supervisor servicing children with disabilities from 1956 to 1968. A Memorial Committee established a fund in her honor to annually recognize both an individual and an organization for their outstanding and dedicated service to the exceptional children of the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit.

Dr. Lois Robinson, Special Education Director, introduced Mrs. Alison Scott as the recipient of the 2011 individual award in recognition of her outstanding contributions to the MCIU in her management of special education data.

Dr. Robinson announced that the recipient of the 2011 Cynthia E. Welder Organization Award was The Philadelphia Marriott West/Mr. Michael Rodden. Mr. Rodden was in attendance to receive the award which was presented in recognition of over twenty years of providing students an opportunity to learn the hotel hospitality industry from inside The Marriott, with a staff that has exemplified the values of serving children with special needs.

7. MCIU 40th Anniversary Celebration

Dr. Shiveley informed the Board that MCIU is celebrating the 40th Anniversary of intermediate units. Dr. Shiveley brought attention to the 40 years of Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Annual Reports that are on display in the hallway and invited the Board members to view them and partake in the anniversary cake provided.

Mrs. Rawlings presented a video slide show that featured hundreds of photos and MCIU highlights covering the past 40 years.

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

Mr. Sattler presented the April Treasurer's Report to the Board. The cash balance as of April 30, 2011 was \$33,248,580.87.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

9. Human Resources Report

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

Motion passed unanimously.

10. Approval of Proposed 2011/2012 Intermediate Unit Board Meeting Dates

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Polaneczky and seconded by Mrs. Maitin that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the 2011/2012 Intermediate Unit Board Meeting Dates as follows:

2011

August 24
September 28
October 26
November 16

2012

January 25
February 22
March 28
April 25
May 23
June 27

Noting that September 28th is Rosh Hashanah, a motion was made to change the board meeting to September 21, 2011.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Maitin and seconded by Mr. Sattler that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the revised 2011/2012 Intermediate Unit Board Meeting Dates as follows:

2011

August 24
September 21
October 26
November 16

2012

January 25
February 22
March 28
April 25
May 23
June 27

Motion passed unanimously.

11. Reports of Staff

a. Dr. Lois Robinson

Dr. Robinson reported that four MCIU students are participating in the transition program with Meadowood, a Senior Retirement Community. Students will be working in four areas including the grounds crew, skilled nursing, personal care and dietary/kitchen. Dr. Robinson also reported that the Special Education division is working with the districts to review and discuss the obstacles and successes of their Penn data and Penn data through PIMS submissions as they focus on the congruency between the existing system and PIMS.

b. Mr. Stan Wisler

Mr. Wisler presented the following five Action Items for approval by the Board:

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

1. The Administration recommends acceptance of the Team Pennsylvania Foundation Grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Education in the amount of \$12,400 for the period of April 18, 2011 to June 30, 2011.

MANAGEMENT SERVICES DIVISION

1. The Administration recommends acceptance of the 2011-2012 student accident/football insurance quotations.
2. The Administration requests approval of the Montgomery County School Entities Fuel Bid for July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

3. The Administration requests authorization to Declare Equipment Surplus/Obsolete.

NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS SERVICES

1. The Administration requests approval of the Nonpublic School Services Division Budget for 2011-2012 as presented at the April 27, 2011 board meeting. The 2011-2012 budgeted amount for the Nonpublic services portion (Act 89) is \$10,946,585 and the Federal and State Programs and Grants portion is budgeted at \$731,214.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Sattler and seconded by Mr. Chmielewski that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the above five Action Items:

Motion passed unanimously.

- c. Dr. Mary Jane Gales

Bringing attention to the Legislative Update set out at the Board members seats, Dr. Gales reported that the House passed **HB 1485**, maintaining the Governor's \$27.3 billion budget cap, but restoring \$100 million in basic education, \$100 million in Accountability Block Grants and \$43 million for Social Security reimbursement. The House also delayed the vote on **HB 1326** that would have removed all ten exceptions for property tax increases above the index allowable in Act 1 of 2006.

- d. Mrs. Gail Kennedy

Mrs. Kennedy reported that thirty-five educators from five districts attended a workshop on Internet Safety and Cyberbullying presented by Mary Pat McCoy, a special agent with the Pennsylvania Attorney General's office. In addition, Mrs. Kennedy informed the Board that twenty-seven intermediate units participated in a PAIUnet Virtual Conference held recently at MCIU on the topic of challenges and opportunities of online and blended learning.

- e. Ms. Kendall Glouner

Ms. Glouner reported that fourteen school districts connected with twenty-eight intermediate units to learn about enhancing online and blended learning opportunities in schools during the Pennsylvania Blended Learning Virtual Conference, sponsored by PDE and hosted by the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit. Ms. Glouner also reported that the 13th Annual Reading Olympics, which saw the participation of 518 teams, came to a close. Ms. Glouner extended her gratitude to Maria Johns and the volunteers from the districts, community organizations and MCIU for their help and dedication.

f. Dr. Ken Voss

Dr. Voss reported that the Needs Assessment meetings, designed to discuss the current school year's programs and assess the program needs for next year are coming to an end. These meetings enable the Director and Supervisors to plan for assignments with current information and needs in mind and gather and share information related to Title I.

g. Dr. Janet Sloand

Dr. Sloand reported on the Special Education Paraprofessionals initiative and their partnership with institutions of higher education. Five community colleges, including Montgomery County Community College, received grants and worked with a PaTTAN consultant to compare existing coursework with the knowledge and skills outlined in the Pennsylvania Special Education Credential of Competency Checklist. Colleges will adjust their courses based on the results of this initiative.

h. Mrs. Kristen Rawlings

Mrs. Rawlings reported that the MCIU Education Foundation Golf Classic was a success and realized \$23,000 for the foundation. Funds are used for summer camperships and post-secondary scholarships for students with disabilities.

12. Spotlight on an MCIU Division – Legislative Services & Grant Development – Dr. Mary Jane Gales

Dr. Gales presented a PowerPoint presentation which highlighted what the division does and how the division assists the districts in the areas of legislative services and opportunities for grant development. Additional highlights included the division's work with the MCIU Education Foundation and MCIU mini grants which are awarded to MCIU staff members and benefit the constituent districts.

13. Report of the Solicitor

Mr. Sultanik had no report.

14. Report of the Executive Director

Dr. Shiveley had no report.

15. Report of Board Committees

Executive Committee

- 1) Mr. Lieberman reported that the Executive Committee met to review the evaluation process for the Executive Director for 2010-2011. Mr. Lieberman

asked for 100% participation from the board and said that their completed evaluations are due to Mr. Sultanik by June 2, 2011.

- 2) Mr. Lieberman reported that all MCIU staff agreed to a 100% pay freeze for 2011-2012 and made a motion to approve the following amended agreements:

Collective Bargaining Agreement with MCIU/EA, effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014

Meet and Discuss Plan with Teacher Assistants/Paraprofessionals/Job Coaches/Interpreters, effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014

Meet and Discuss Plan with Support Staff, effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013

Meet and Discuss Plan with Confidential Support Staff, effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013.

Meet and Discuss Plan with ASCP, effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014

Employment Agreement with Jane Webster Mansuy, effective July 1, 2011 through December 31, 2015

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Lieberman and seconded by Mr. Ted Miller that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the above listed Amended Agreements.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hartman suggested that a letter be sent to the MCIU staff on behalf of the Board of Directors thanking them for their efforts to help the organization by agreeing to the pay freeze for 2011-2012.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Hartman and seconded by Mr. Sattler that the Intermediate Unit Board send a letter of gratitude to the MCIU staff for their agreement to accept a pay freeze for 2011-2012.

Motion passed unanimously.

Nominating Committee

Mr. Chmielewski reported that the Nominating Committee has drafted a preliminary slate of officers that they will recommend to the board to be voted on at the June Board meeting as follows:

Dan Sattler to assume Marie Knox's position as Vice President

Lou Polaneczky to assume Treasurer's position

Waiver of two-year term limit allowing Jeanette Maitin to continue to serve as Secretary

16. Old Business

There was no old business.

17. New Business

Dr. Shiveley reported on the last Bucks and Montgomery County Health Insurance meeting to discuss the formation of a Taft Harley model for a self-insured medical plan for the two counties. Dr. Shiveley asked the Board to grant him authority to support the effort up to \$10,000 to help fund the organizational planning costs when he felt it was appropriate.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Hartman and seconded by Mr. Chmielewski that the Intermediate Unit Board grant Dr. Shiveley authority to spend up to \$10,000 to assist in the planning costs of the proposed consortium at a time he thinks is appropriate.

Motion passed as follows: Aye – 13, Nay – 1

18. Additional Public Comments

There were no additional public comments.

19. The date of the next Intermediate Unit Board Meeting will be **June 22, 2011, PaTTAN, King of Prussia Conference Room D at 7:45 p.m.**

20. Adjournment

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