

MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Vice President Marie Knox called the meeting to order at 7:46 p.m. on May 26, 2010.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Marc Lieberson, President, Cheltenham	Absent
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
Dr. R. Paul Baumgartner, Souderton Area	Present
Randy Bennett, Perkiomen Valley	Present
Joseph Chmielewski, Upper Dublin	Present
Thomas DiBello, Spring-Ford Area	Absent
Malcolm Gran, Springfield Township	Present
Dr. Susan Guthrie, Lower Merion Area	Present
Dr. David Hakes, Upper Moreland Township	Present
Robert H. Hartman, Jr., Pottstown	Present
Yuri Khalif, Lower Moreland Township	Present
Ted Miller, Jenkintown	Absent
Janice Pearce, Norristown Area	Absent
Thayer Pendleton, Bryn Athyn	Absent
Louis Polaneczky, Hatboro-Horsham	Present
Burunda Prince-Jones, Wissahickon	Present
Frederick P. Remelius, Pottsgrove	Present
Vincent Sherpinsky, North Penn	Present
Mitch Zimmer, Colonial	Present

Others

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

4. Approval of Minutes of April 28, 2010

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Sherpinsky and seconded by Mr. Gran that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the minutes of the April 28, 2010 board meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Public Comments on Agenda Items

Mrs. Knox 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.

Mr. Howard Levy, Special Education Supervisor, introduced Evan Malin as the recipient of the 2010 individual award in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the MCIU as a teacher in the Early Intervention program.

Dr. Jeanmarie Mason announced that the recipient of the 2010 Cynthia E. Welder Organization Award was Education Alternatives, LLC. Dr. Maura Erwin, Ed.D., BCBA was in attendance to receive the award which was presented in recognition of an organization which provides applied behavior analysis and educational consultation, and has exemplified the values of serving children with special needs.

7. 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, 2010 was \$31,314,065.30.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

8. Human Resources Report

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

Motion passed unanimously.

10. Approval of Proposed 2010/2011 Intermediate Unit Board Meeting Dates

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Gran and seconded by Mr. Bennett that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the 2010/2011 Intermediate Unit Board Meeting Dates as follows:

2010

August 25
September 22
October 27
November 17

2011

January 26
February 23
March 23
April 27
May 25
June 22

Motion passed unanimously.

11. Reports of Staff

a. Dr. Jeanmarie Mason

Dr. Mason reported that the new Autism Specialist/Itinerant Teacher position has been well received by the districts. Dr. Mason also reported that the MCIU Autism Network has been formed due to the increase in Autism cases in Montgomery County. The purpose of the committee is to share research practices and school programming and to develop community efforts for students with Autism.

b. Mr. Stan Wisler

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

MANAGEMENT SERVICES DIVISION

1. The Administration recommends approval of the Trust Agreement for the Self Insured Prescription Program for participating Montgomery County school districts subject to final approval by MCIU administration and the solicitor.

2. The Administration requests approval of an agreement with FutureScripts (IBC's self insured Rx product) for the Montgomery County Schools Affiliation for a three year period effective July 1, 2010 based on the results of an extensive RFP process.
3. The Administration recommends approval of the following agreements subject to final approval by the MCIU administration and solicitor:
 - Agreements between each participating district and the MCIU to guide the activities of the buying group and establish a steering committee with authority to make electricity purchasing decisions (in conjunction with the energy consultants from Direct Energy) on behalf of the districts who elect to participate in the energy initiative.
 - Agreements with Direct Energy to detail the role, expectations/responsibilities, of Direct Energy utilizing the PowerPortfolio product.

These agreements must be in place in order to begin to lock in the prices for the purchase of electricity in advance of January 1, 2011 (the date the rate cap is lifted for PECO territory customers) if market conditions are favorable.

4. The administration recommends acceptance of the 2010-2011 student accident/football insurance quotations.
5. The Administration is requesting approval of contracts for transporting students for the 2010-2011 school year.

NONPUBLIC SCHOOL SERVICES

1. The Administration requests approval of the Nonpublic School Services Division budget for 2010-2011 as presented at the April 28, 2010 board meeting. The 2010-2011 budgeted amount for the Nonpublic services portion (Act 89) is \$11,267,951 and the Federal and State Programs and Grants portion is budgeted at \$771, 558.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Maitin and seconded by Dr. Hakes that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the above six Action Items:

Motion passed unanimously.

c. Dr. Mary Jane Gales

Dr. Gales brought attention to Federal Senate Bill 3206, "Keep our Educators Working Act of 2010", which would appropriate \$23 million to restore state funding reductions in education. A new bill was introduced in the State House

to extend the current Empowerment Act to allow the districts to continue as they are until ESEA is reauthorized.

d. Mrs. Gail Kennedy

Mrs. Kennedy reported that TIS held the first ever Collaborate Technology Event. Montgomery County, Bucks County and Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Units worked in partnership to present and participate in interactive discussions on virtualization and open source technology. Mrs. Kennedy also reported that she participated in the Montgomery County Community College Dual Enrollment Planning team to find creative ways to deliver online courses through distance learning capabilities.

e. Ms. Kendall Glouner

Ms. Glouner reported that the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit hosted the first Math 24 Competition. Ninety-two 4th and 5th graders from twenty-three schools competed. The overall winner was the Montgomery Elementary School in the North Penn School District.

f. Dr. Ken Voss

Dr. Voss reported that the annual Needs Assessment meetings are nearly completed. Over 150 schools have been visited to determine the effectiveness of current services and anticipated needs for the next school year.

g. Dr. Janet Sloand

Dr. Sloand reported that over 1200 attendees participated in the 2010 Pennsylvania Department of Education Conference. An official conference website was developed this year, allowing viewers to access conference information and view videotaped sessions that have been archived.

h. Mrs. Kristen Rawlings

Mrs. Rawlings informed the Board that a record \$25,000 was raised at the MCIU Education Foundation Golf Outing held recently at the Blue Bell Country Club. Proceeds from the event 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 gave a PowerPoint presentation which highlighted the primary activities of Legislative Services which includes identifying, reviewing and analyzing state and federal legislation and its impact on local school districts. Through Grants Development, the division looks for outside sources to aide in the funding of our schools, and helps districts directly by assisting in researching grant opportunities,

building grant writing capabilities, providing grant writing workshops, and much more.

13. Report of the Solicitor

Mr. Sultanik had no report.

14. Report of the Executive Director

- a. June Board Meeting: Dr. Shiveley informed the Board members that the June 23rd Board meeting would be held at PaTTAN in King of Prussia.
- b. Dr. Shiveley reported that his annual summer meetings with the individual superintendents are being planned. He will be asking the superintendents what the MCIU can do to help their districts during these difficult economic times.
- c. AESA Conference: Dr. Shiveley brought attention to the AESA conference information flyer inserted in the Board packet, noting that there are three slots open for Board members. He asked that interested Board members contact him.
- d. Early Intervention Program: Dr. Shiveley reported that the intermediate unit continues to struggle with the cost of EI. The state has given the IU the same rate per child for three years in a row. Executive Directors, Human Resource Directors and Special Education Directors from Montgomery County IU, Bucks County IU, Chester County IU and Delaware County IU, as well as staff from OCDEL met to share structures and discuss way to economize.

15. Report of Board Committees

Nominating Committee

Mr. Chmielewski reported that the current officers have all agreed to place their names on the slate that will be presented at the June Board meeting. A vote to elect the nominated slate of officers will take place at that meeting.

Executive Committee

Board members received the packet of information concerning the Executive Directors' goals and evaluation in Executive Session prior to tonight's Board meeting. Board members were asked to complete the evaluation form and return it to Jeffrey Sultanik no later than June 9th. The Executive Committee will meet prior to the June Board meeting to discuss the Executive Directors' compensation plan based on the results of the evaluations.

Policy Committee

Dr. Hakes recommended that a motion be made to approve the second reading and adoption of the Programs Policies 300 Series and 600 Series.

Motion: It was moved by Dr. Baumgartner and seconded by Mrs. Prince-Jones that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the second reading and adoption of the Administrative Employees Policies (Series 300) and Finances Policies (Series 600).

Motion passed unanimously.

16. Old Business

Mrs. Prince-Jones commended the Intermediate Unit for a job well done on the recently held Diversity Fair. She was gratified to see that most of the school districts were represented. Mrs. Prince-Jones also commended Kristen Rawlings and Jane Mansuy for their participation in the Voices of Inspiration Award Ceremony. The event was well done and the winners were both humble and grateful.

17. New Business

Dr. Baumgartner reported that he is the Regional Director for PSBA representing Bucks and Montgomery Counties. He was pleased to report that the recent Cabinet meeting with liaisons saw 25 in attendance. The function of the school district liaisons is to coordinate issues that PSBA and the districts are working on. They continue to work to get the district school board members more involved. Dr. Baumgartner encouraged anyone with questions or an interest in participating to contact him.

18. Additional Public Comments

Darlene Anderson, MCIU Adapted Physical Education Teacher, thanked the MCIU Board of Directors for honoring the Cynthia E. Welder Award winners. She informed the Board that the MCIU staff are doing great work and are passionate and innovative. Teachers and teacher assistants are dedicated to the work of the MCIU.

19. The date of the next Intermediate Unit Board Meeting will be **June 23, 2010, PaTTAN, King of Prussia Conference Room D at 7:45 p.m.**

20. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Mrs. Maitin and seconded by Mr. Zimmer, the meeting was adjourned at 9:24 p.m.