

MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Vice President Marie Knox called the meeting to order at 8:25 p.m. on June 23, 2010.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

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

Others

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

4. Approval of Minutes of May 26, 2010

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Polaneczky and seconded by Mr. Hartman that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the minutes of the May 26, 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. Approval of Bills as Included in the Treasurer's Report

Mr. Sattler presented the May Treasurer's Report to the Board. The cash balance as of May 31, 2010 was \$32,919,320.88.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

Act 93 Meet and Discuss

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Sattler and seconded by Dr. Baumgartner that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the Act 93 Meet and Discuss Plan as discussed in Executive Session subject to Jane Mansuy's change in attachment one.

Motion passed unanimously.

7. Human Resources Report

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

Motion passed unanimously.

8. Report of Judge of Elections on Intermediate Unit Board Member Election – Mr. Brian Subers

The ballots for election of the members of the Board of Directors of the Intermediate Unit were opened and tallied on June 21, 2010. There were eight positions to be filled for these positions. Based upon the ballots received and tallied, and in accordance with the law, the candidates were duly elected. They will assume their terms effective July 1, 2010. The weighted vote results were as follows:

<u>Name of Candidate</u>	<u>School District</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Weighted Vote</u>
1. Louis A. Polaneczky	Hatboro-Horsham	1 Year	189
2. Jennifer G. Allebach	Upper Perkiomen	2 Years	183
3. Thomas J. DiBello	Spring-Ford Area	2 Years	179
4. Malcolm Gran	Springfield Township	3 Years	175
5. Dr. David Hakes	Upper Moreland	3 Years	203
6. Jeannette Maitin	Abington	3 Years	180
7. R. Bud Miller	Souderton	3 Years	190
8. Thayer Pendleton	Bryn Athyn	3 Years	131

Special Presentation

Dr. Paul Baumgartner was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his dedicated service to the MCIU Board of Directors on which he served for 2 ½ years. This was Dr. Baumgartner's last meeting. He thanked the Board and expressed his appreciation, stating that he has been very impressed with the professional quality of the MCIU staff.

9. Election of 2010/2011 Intermediate Unit Board Officers

Mr. Chmielewski introduced the slate of officers as chosen by the Nominating Committee, stating that it was the committee's decision to bring forward Mr. Lieberson's name as president in spite of his recent illness.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Chmielewski and seconded by Mr. Sherpinsky that the Intermediate Unit Board close the nomination process.

Motion passed unanimously

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Polaneczky and seconded by Dr. Baumgartner that the nominated slate listed below be the elected slate for the Intermediate Unit Board officers for the 2010-2011 school year:

President	Marc Lieberson
Vice President	Marie Knox
Secretary	Jeannette Maitin
Treasurer	Daniel B. Sattler

Motion passed unanimously

10. Reports of Staff

a. Dr. Jeanmarie Mason

Dr. Mason highlighted the recent graduations, reporting that one student graduated from the Lynch Home, one from the Montgomery County School, and nine from the Anderson School. A Montgomery County Community College scholarship was

awarded to a Perkiomen Valley School District student who attended the Anderson School.

b. Mr. Stan Wisler

Mr. Wisler read and asked for approval of the following Actions Items, Project Continuations and Project Applications for Management Services, Nonpublic School Services, PaTTAN, and Special Education

MANAGEMENT SERVICES

1. Recommendation to accept the following lease renewals between the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit and Upper Merion School District.

The Administration recommends approval of the following lease agreements with Upper Merion School District for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011:

Belmont School to house PaTTAN (25,607 sq. feet)	\$269,673.00
Belmont School to house two Early Intervention Classrooms	\$ 21,555.75
Gulph School to house two Early Intervention (EI) Classrooms	\$ 21,555.75

2. Recommendation to approve a lease renewal with the Phoenixville Area YMCA

The Administration recommends approval of a lease agreement with the Phoenixville Area YMCA for space in their West Norriton facility (2460 Boulevard of the Generals) for a one year period – July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. The lease is for classroom space to operate an early intervention hearing impaired class at a cost of \$1,600 per month. We have leased space from the YMCA for the past four years for this same program.

3. Recommendation to approve the MCIU Insurance Coverage for 2010-2011

The Administration recommends that we place our 2010-2011 insurance coverage's through HRH-Willis Associates.

As recommended and approved in 1994, we will continue our Workers Compensation coverage through the School District Insurance Consortium (SDIC), which the Intermediate Unit joined on July 1, 1994.

4. Recommendation to approve PAIUnet Budget for 2010-2011

The Administration recommends approval of the 2010-2011 PAIUnet budget in the amount of \$3,191,880. Montgomery County Intermediate Unit is the contracted billing entity for PAIUnet. As part of our contracted duties we process invoices and payments. MCIU is reimbursed for costs to serve as the billing entity.

5. Recommendation to approve the Budget Transfer Process for 2009-2010

The Administration recommends approval to process the appropriate budget transfers necessary to close out the 2009-2010 fiscal year operations. A listing of all transfers made will be presented to the Board for ratification at the August 25, 2010 board meeting.

6. Recommendation to approve Depositories for 2010-2011

The Administration is recommending approval of the following depositories for fiscal year 2010-2011:

- Citizens Bank
- Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Treasury – Invest Program
- Continental Bank
- Harleysville National Bank
- PayPal
- Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT)
- Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund (PSDLAF)
- Sovereign Bank
- TD Bank
- Wachovia

NONPUBLIC SCHOOL SERVICES

1. Recommendation to Approve the Revision of the Title II (Part A) Program Funds

The Administration recommends approval to submit a carryover/revision of Title II (Part A) Improving Teacher Quality Program funds in the amount of \$113,000 for the period of July 2009 through September 30, 2011. Previous board action was June 24, 2009

2. Recommendation for Approval for Continuation of Title IV Program Funds

The Administration recommends approval to submit a carryover/revision for the Title IV Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Project in the amount of \$62,900 for the period of July 1, 2009 through March 31, 2011. Previous board action was June 24, 2009.

3. Recommendation for Approval to the Continuation of Title I Program Funds

The Administration recommends approval to submit a continuation and acceptance of Title I Program funds for the Springfield School District (Carson Valley School – \$95,155) and for the Upper Dublin School District (Holy Family

Villa – St. Mary Villa - \$154,775) in the amount of \$249,930 for the period July 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011. Previous Board action was June 24, 2009.

4. Recommendation for Approval for Continuation of Project for Title II (Part A)

The Administration recommends approval to submit a continuation and acceptance of Title II (Part A) Improving Teacher Quality Program funds in the amount of \$134,492 for the period of July 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011. Previous board action was June 24, 2009

PaTTAN

1. Recommendation to accept Continuation of Projects - Pennsylvania Department of Education/Bureau of Special Education and Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network (PaTTAN)

The Administration requests approval to accept a grant award from Pennsylvania Department of Education/Bureau of Special Education for the King of Prussia office of the Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network, funded under P.L. 108-446 in the amount of \$7,165,820 for the period of July 1, 2010– June 30, 2011. Previous board action was June 24, 2009.

2. Recommendation to accept Continuation of Projects – Tuscarora Intermediate Unit 11 for the Early Intervention Project

The Administration requests approval to accept a grant award subcontracted from Tuscarora Intermediate Unit 11 for the Early Intervention Project funded under P.L. 108-446 for the King of Prussia Office of the Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network in the amount of \$88,019 for the period July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011 Previous board action was June 24, 2009.

SPECIAL EDUCATION DIVISION

1. Recommendation for Approval of IDEIA Federal Early Intervention Project Application

The Administration requests approval of the application to be submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Education/Bureau of Special Education, for the P.L. 108-446/IDEIA Federal Early Intervention Project (Section 619), in the amount of \$546,765, for the period July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. Previous Board Action was June 24, 2009.

2. Recommendation for Approval of an IDEA Regular Project Application

The Administration requests approval of the 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 24, 2009

3. Recommendation for Approval to Submit Application for Early Intervention Purposes

The Administration requests approval to submit an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Education/Bureau of Special Education, for the P.L. 108-446/IDEIA Regular Project, in the amount of \$1,346,325 for Early Intervention purposes, for the period July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. Previous Board Action was June 24, 2009.

4. Recommendation for Approval of Application and MAWA Agreement

The Administration requests approval to submit the application and MAWA agreement to the Pennsylvania Department of Education/Bureau of Special Education for the State Early Intervention Project, in the allocation amount of \$14,210,064, for the period of July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. Previous Board Action was June 24, 2009.

5. Recommendation for Approval of Application for IDEA/ARRA Funds

The Administration requests approval to submit an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Education/Bureau of Special Education, for the P.L. 108-446 and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, P.L. 111-5, IDEA/ARRA/Part B, Section 611 for Early Intervention Purposes, in the amount of \$438,046, for the period of July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. Previous Board Action was June 24, 2009.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Sattler and seconded by Mr. Hartman that the Intermediate Unit approve all of the Action Items, Project Continuations and Project Applications as listed above.

Motion passed unanimously.

c. Dr. Mary Jane Gales

Reporting on the state budget, Dr. Gales reported that the leadership in both parties have been meeting with the governor to complete the process in a timely fashion. Dr. Gales also reported that the House passed HB 2497, legislation that would defer for 30 years the liabilities in both the PSERS and SERS system, cap increases in the employer contributions, restrict the withdrawal of lump-sum contributions from the systems, change the eligibility age for superannuation for new employees, change the vesting period and reduce the multiplier. This bill now goes to the Senate for their consideration.

d. Mrs. Gail Kennedy

Mrs. Kennedy reported that TIS is seeing tangible benefits from the Act 183 eFund grant. Safari Montage is providing video content to all schools at no cost to the districts for one year. In addition, TIS is providing a series of summer workshops funded by the eFund grant. These trainings will instruct teachers and district staff on the capabilities provided by the new Polycom equipment.

e. Ms. Kendall Glouner

Ms. Glouner informed the Board that CIPD is bringing the Phi Delta Kappa Curriculum Audit Training to MCIU. This 3 ½-day training program is designed to prepare senior administrators to evaluate system-based issues to optimize the delivery of effective teaching and learning.

f. Dr. Ken Voss

Dr. Voss reported that twelve camps are currently running for students in grades one through high school. In addition, the Homeless Children's Initiative of MCIU has been awarded two minigrants to support summer activities for homeless children.

g. Dr. Janet Sloand

Dr. Sloand said that her report remains as submitted and noted that PaTTAN would be the spotlighted division at tonight's Board meeting.

h. Mrs. Kristen Rawlings

Mrs. Rawlings brought attention to Operation Warm, the initiative to provide 1,000 free winter coats to the eleven districts that responded to a survey requesting coats. The coats will be distributed in September through the MCIU in partnership with the nonprofit organization, Operation Warm.

11. Spotlight on an MCIU Division – PaTTAN – Dr. Janet Sloand

Dr. Sloand provided an overview of the Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network (PaTTAN) through a PowerPoint presentation and two color brochures.

12. Report of the Solicitor

Mr. Subers had no report.

13. Report of the Executive Director

Dr. Shiveley brought attention to the notice of former MCIU Board member, Boo Crofton's recent death.

Dr. Shiveley informed the Board that his summer meetings with the superintendents are underway. Dr. Shiveley asked the Board members to encourage their district board members to consider the MCIU as a resource to help during these difficult economic times and to work with their boards and superintendents on developing new ways that the MCIU can assist in providing cost effective and efficient services. The potential of consortia services is one route that is being investigated to help districts save money.

Jane Mansuy reported that through the efforts of Dr. Jeanmarie Mason, the county has approved the MCIU to be a partial hospitalization provider at the Anderson School. This program is provided for students with severe emotional needs who need psychological interventions to be successful. Minor renovations will be required at the Anderson School building to provide for 15 students. More information will be provided at the August board meeting.

14. Report of Board Committees

Mrs. Knox reported that the Executive Committee met earlier in the week to compile and review the results of the evaluations for the Executive Director as submitted by the Board members. An Executive Session was held prior to tonight's Board meeting to discuss the results of the evaluations and to determine the Executive Director's Compensation Plan for 2010-2011.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Chmielewski and seconded by Dr. Baumgartner to approve the Executive Director's Compensation Plan as discussed in Executive Session at the June 23, 2010 meeting.

Motion passed 10 Yea; 2 Nay.

15. Old Business

Transportation Study – Mr. Polaneczky asked Mr. Wisler to report on the status of the Transportation Study. Mr. Wisler informed the Board that the six districts that have agreed to participate in the pilot program are gathering data to provide to the consultant in an effort to determine what the actual cost savings might be. A report is expected by mid-August. The Transportation Study Committee is hoping that a few of the routes can be implemented based on the report; however, the six districts will not be ready to implement the pilot in September.

16. New Business

There was no new business.

17. Additional Public Comments

Mr. Hartman thanked Dr. Jeanmarie Mason for the excellent job she has done as Director of the Special Education division, and wished her well in her new position at Spring-Ford Area School District.

18. The date of the next Intermediate Unit Board Meeting will be **August 25, 2010, West Norriton Conference Room B3/B4 at 7:45 p.m.**

19. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Dr. Hakes and seconded by Dr. Baumgartner the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.