

MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD MINUTES

1. Call to Order

President Marc Lieberson called the meeting to order at 8:25 p.m. on April 25, 2012.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Marc Lieberson, President, Cheltenham	Present
Burunda Prince-Jones, Vice President, Wissahickon	Present
Jeannette Maitin, Secretary, Abington	Present
Louis Polaneczky, Treasurer, Hatboro-Horsham	Present
Randy Bennett, Perkiomen Valley	Present
Maura Buri, Upper Merion Area	Present
Joseph Chmielewski, Upper Dublin	Present
Thomas DiBello, Spring-Ford Area	Present
Dr. David Hakes, Upper Moreland	Absent
Robert H. Hartman, Jr., Pottstown	Present
Matthew Holliday, Souderton Area	Present
Howard Jones, Methacton	Present
Yuri Khalif, Lower Moreland Township	Absent
Holly Kisailus, Springfield Township	Absent
Julie Knudsen, Colonial	Present
Nancy J. Landes, Pottsgrove	Present
Ted Miller, Jenkintown	Present
Carolyn Murphy, North Penn	Present
Janice Pearce, Norristown Area	Present
Thayer Pendleton, Bryn Athyn	Absent
Virginia Pollard, Lower Merion	Absent
William Scott, Upper Perkiomen	Absent

Others

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

4. Approval of Minutes of March 28, 2012

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Chmielewski that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the minutes of the March 28, 2012 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.

President Lieberson introduced Mrs. Donna Carmean, a Nonpublic School Services Counselor 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. Carmean for the award.

Mrs. Carmean expressed her gratitude to the Bobbie S. Goodman Awards Committee, her family and the MCIU Nonpublic School staff for the part that they played in her receipt of this award. Mrs. Carmean stated that she was both humbled and delighted to receive this award in memory of such an exceptional teacher and person.

Dr. Ken Voss introduced the sons of Bobbie Goodman, Messrs. Michael and Larry Goodman, Michael's wife, Stacey, and their children Sydney and Rachel, all in attendance for the presentation.

There was a brief recess so that the Board could celebrate with Mrs. Carmean's family and the Nonpublic School Services Division staff in attendance.

President Lieberson reconvened the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

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

Mr. Polaneczky presented the March Treasurer's Report to the Board. The cash balance as of March 31, 2012 was \$40,024,071.30.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

9. First Review of the 2012-2013 Nonpublic School Services Budget

Dr. Voss gave a PowerPoint presentation to the Board with highlights of the proposed 2012-2013 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. Action on this budget will take place at the May 23, 2012 board meeting.

10. Reports of Staff

a. Dr. Lois Robinson

Dr. Robinson highlighted the Family Night Magic Show that was sponsored by the MCIU Hearing Support Program, noting that Mr. Sam Sandler is America's only full-time Deaf Magician and he was assisted by his daughter, a student in the MCIU Hearing Support Program.

Dr. Robinson also reported that the Special Olympics for Montgomery County will be held on May 21, 2012 at the Souderton Area Senior High School.

b. Mr. Stan Wisler

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

MANAGEMENT SERVICES DIVISION

1. Recommendation to accept the 2012-2013 Act 30 contracts as follows:

Approval is requested to enter into the 2012-2013 Act 30 contracts with the following Private Residential Rehabilitative Institutions (PRRIs) for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 in the amounts indicated below.

Carson Valley School	\$4,424,672
New Life Youth and Family Services	\$ 936,823
St. Gabriel's Hall System	\$9,094,982

2. Recommendation to Award Supply Bids and Fixed Rate Discount Bids for Montgomery County School Entities Joint Purchasing Board

The Administration recommends approval of the supply bids and fixed rate discount bids.

3. Recommendation to Accept the 2012-2013 Student Accident/Football Insurance Quotations

The administration recommends acceptance of the 2012-2013 student accident/football insurance quotations.

4. Authorization to Declare Equipment Surplus/Obsolete

Authorization is requested to declare the various monitors and TVs from PaTTAN and the Nonpublic School classroom trailer obsolete.

NONPUBLIC SCHOOL SERVICES DIVISION

1. The Administration requests approval to accept Title II-Part A funds

The administration requests Board approval to accept Title II-Part A funds for the 2011-2012 school year.

2. The Administration requests approval to accept Title I District funds from the Pennsylvania Department of Education

The administration requests Board approval to accept the 2011-2012 Title I funds from the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) for the MCIU to act as the Local Education Agency for New Life Youth and Family Services to operate their Title I reading and/or math programs for students in nonpublic schools for the 2011-2012 school year. The total amount of the grant is \$104,390.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

c. Ms. Tina Viletto, Esq.

Ms. Viletto reported on a hearing on **House Resolution 3766** held at the federal courthouse in Philadelphia by Congressmen Michael Fitzpatrick and Pat Meehan addressing the “pass the trash” incidents where schools pass on sexual predators that prey on children and teens in the classroom. Pennsylvania Senator Anthony Williams attended the hearing and discussed **SB 1381**, a bill that would require school officials to conduct extensive verifications of any prospective employee’s employment history.

When the General Assembly returns from recess on April 30th, Cyber Charter School Reform will be a major topic of discussion along with Keystone Exams and Property Tax Reform.

d. Mrs. Gail Kennedy

Mrs. Kennedy reported that the TIS division performed two wireless building site surveys recently, one for the North Penn School District and one for Waldron Mercy Academy. These surveys provide detailed reports that allow optimum placement of access points and allow schools to better budget for wireless projects.

Mrs. Kennedy also reported that Spring-Ford Area School District, Pottstown School District and the Anderson School are moving into the next phase of the Hybrid Learning Initiative which will include a planning document recommending specific online content to meet the individual needs of the districts.

e. Ms. Kendall Glouner

Ms. Glouner reported that the final session of the 2012 Teaching American History Capstone Institute will be held in June at the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. Teachers in Montgomery County are invited to participate at no charge unless they are earning graduate credits with Immaculata University.

Registrations continue to be taken for the Advanced Placement Summer Institute. The Biology classes are full, but space is still open in the other classes being offered.

f. Dr. Kenneth Voss

Dr. Voss informed the Board that the Nonpublic School Services director and supervisors will begin the annual Needs Assessment on May 1st, meeting with the administration of the nonpublic schools regarding the services that will be provided in the upcoming school year.

Dr. Voss also announced that Mrs. Judi Hans, a Nonpublic School Services Speech-Language Pathologist, is a recipient of the 2012 Montgomery County Intermediate Unit/Freedom Credit Union Voices of Inspiration Award.

g. Dr. Janet Sloand

Dr. Sloand reported on the Special Education Paraprofessional Training offered to provide training opportunities for special education paraprofessionals to assist them in reaching or maintaining their qualified status as required by Pennsylvania regulations. Over 8100 paraprofessionals attended the after-school videoconference or webinar sessions. Sessions were also recorded and are available for viewing on the PaTTAN website.

h. Mrs. Kristen Rawlings

Mrs. Rawlings reported that the Communications Division completed the second edition of the county-wide public schools newsletter, the Pottsgrove School District community Newsletter, *The Achiever*, and the MCIU Quarterly Update.

Mrs. Rawlings informed the Board that the Voices of Inspiration Awards Banquet is scheduled for May 9th. Board members who would like to attend should contact Mrs. Rawlings.

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

The Nonpublic School Services Division Spotlight was postponed due to the length of the Board meeting.

12. Report of the Solicitor

Mr. Sultanik had no report.

13. Report of the Executive Director

Dr. Shiveley had no report.

14. Report of Board Committees

Facilities

Mr. Chmielewski reported that the administration continues to work diligently to prepare the final presentation on the proposed new building. The Facilities Committee anticipates that a motion to decide on the fate of the new building will be made at the May 23rd Board meeting.

Nominating

President Lieberman reported that his allotted term of two years as president of the MCIU Board of Directors is coming to an end. President Lieberman appointed Mr. Chmielewski, Mr. Miller and Ms. Pearce to serve as members of the Nominating Committee.

15. Old Business

There was no old business.

16. New Business

There was no new business.

17. Additional Public Comments

There were no additional public comments.

18. The date of the next Intermediate Unit Board Meeting will be **May 23, 2012, West Norriton Conference Room at 7:45 p.m.**

19. Adjournment

Motion: Upon a motion by Mr. Polaneczky and seconded by Mr. Chmielewski the meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.