

August 24, 2011
West Norriton, PA

MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Board President, Marc Lieberman, called the meeting to order at 8:22 p.m. on August 24, 2011.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

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

Others

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

4. Presentation of the Annie Sullivan Award

The MCIU Public Relations Consortium and the Pennsylvania Association of Intermediate Units jointly sponsor the Annie Sullivan Awards. This award recognizes an individual in education who exemplifies caring involvement with disabled students, and who has helped others in the community to understand and accept students with disabilities.

The 2010-2011 Annie Sullivan Award recipient is Dr. Joan Evans, an Administrator in the Special Education division. Dr. Evans has been instrumental in the development of new programs designed to meet the needs of students with cochlear implants and to build capacity of educators for the hearing impaired. Dr. Robinson spoke about Dr. Evan's outstanding abilities and dedication to children with special needs and their families both in the classroom and in the community, where she shares her musical talents to enhance the lives of children and senior citizens alike.

5. Approval of Minutes of June 22, 2011

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Sherpinsky and seconded by Mr. Ted Miller that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the minutes of the June 22, 2011 board meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

6. 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.

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

Mr. Polaneczky presented the June 2011 Treasurer's Report to the Board. The cash balance as of June 30, 2011 was \$29,707,149.35.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Polaneczky presented the July 2011 Treasurer's Report to the Board. The cash balance as of July 31, 2011 was \$19,251,172.51.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Maitin and seconded by Mr. Ted Miller that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the July Treasurer's Report and the payment of bills.

Motion passed unanimously.

8. Human Resources Report

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

Motion passed unanimously.

Information Item: Mrs. Mansuy introduced Mrs. Danielle Hey as the new Assistant Director of Human Resources.

9. Selection of Voting Delegates for the PSBA Legislative Policy Council Meeting

Mr. Lieberson asked for a volunteer to represent the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Board of Directors as a voting delegate on the PSBA Legislative Policy Council at their meeting on October 20, 2011 during the School Leadership Conference in Hershey, PA. Mr. Chmielewski volunteered to serve in this capacity.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Polaneczky and seconded by Mr. Sherpinsky that the Intermediate Unit Board appoint Mr. Chmielewski to serve as the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit's voting delegate on the PSBA Legislative Policy Council at the October School Leadership Conference.

Motion passed unanimously.

10. Reports of Staff

a. Dr. Lois Robinson

Dr. Robinson reported that the board of directors for the partial hospitalization program, *ExplorationsPHP, Inc.* has been established and they had their first meeting in July. A psychiatrist has been hired and the licensing process is nearly complete. An Open House has been scheduled for Wednesday, August 31st.

Dr. Robinson also reported that the Extended School Year (ESY) summer program served 42 students and she thanked the school districts of Hatboro-Horsham, Methacton, North Penn, Perkiomen Valley and Wissahickon for providing classroom space.

b. Mr. Stan Wisler

Mr. Wisler reported on the following Action Items:

MANAGEMENT SERVICES

1. Recommendation to Approve 2010-2011 Budget Transfers

The Administration recommends approval of the 2010-2011 budget transfers as presented. Approval is also requested to approve any post audit transfers that may be necessary, the list of which will be provided at a future board meeting.

NONPUBLIC SCHOOL SERVICES

1. Title I District Contracts

The Administration recommends Board approval to accept the 2011-2012 Title I funds from school districts to operate their Title I Reading and/or Math Programs for students in nonpublic schools.

These contracts are with districts for the projected amounts listed below.

District	Title I Amount
Abington	\$ 32,300.00
Cheltenham	9,309.00
Colonial	7,727.00
Jenkintown	6,020.00
Methacton	1,310.00
Norristown	5,557.44
North Penn	13,465.00
Perkiomen Valley	1,884.00
Pottsgrove	6,950.00
Pottstown	8,810.00
Souderton	16,000.00
Spring-Ford	4,762.90
Springfield	4,299.00
Upper Dublin	12,870.00
Upper Merion	12,363.00
Upper Moreland	5,673.00
Wissahickon	16,101.00
Total	<u>165,401.34</u>

SPECIAL EDUCATION

1. 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 revised allocation amount of \$14,565,003, for the period of July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012. Previous Board Action was June 22, 2011.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

c. Dr. Mary Jane Gales

Dr. Gales reported that the legislators are in recess, but are still holding hearings. Dr. Gales brought attention to the handout given at tonight's meeting entitled, "*Highlights of the 2011 Phi Delta Kappa Gallup Poll*", noting that nearly 80% of parents polled gave the school their oldest child attends a grade of "A" or "B", the highest percentage since the polls started asking the question in 1985.

Mr. Lieberman informed the Board that tonight is Dr. Gales' last meeting, noting that she is leaving the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit on August 31st. On behalf of the Board of Directors, Mr. Lieberman thanked Dr. Gales for her service and wished her the best.

d. Mrs. Gail Kennedy

Mrs. Kennedy reported that MCIU, in partnership with Capital Area IU and Carbon-Lehigh IU, conducted a PowerSchool Mini Camp at the Capital Area IU. This professional development activity for educators was attended by 70 people representing 26 Pennsylvania LEAs.

Mrs. Kennedy also reported on the newly designed EZGoal Tracker system developed by the Technology & Information Services staff, in conjunction with North Penn School District, that will track and report on organizational goals. MCIU staff will begin using the system this year, with the intention of making it available to the districts and outside organizations in the future.

e. Ms. Kendall Glouner

Ms. Glouner informed the Board that the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) is working with Intermediate Units to assist in the planning, communication and rollout of eight key PDE initiatives. In addition, Ms. Glouner reported on the success of the AP Institutes held this summer and the plan to expand them next year.

f. Dr. Ken Voss

Dr. Voss reported that the opening in-service days for nonpublic school staff are scheduled for August 30th through September 1st. Dr. Voss also reported that the Nonpublic Schools Services Division, in collaboration with the Edward Savoiz Driver Training School will be offering online driver's education theory classes this fall to both public and nonpublic school students.

g. Dr. Janet Sloand

Dr. Sloand reported on the *Teachers' Desk Reference*, a series of topical briefs that was developed by PaTTAN consultants to provide practical information for Pennsylvania's teachers and to assist them with day-to-day challenges in the classroom.

h. Mrs. Kristen Rawlings

Mrs. Rawlings reported on the restructuring of the Communications Division, informing the Board that a new position for a Communications Coordinator has been created and will replace the Administrative Assistant position. In addition, the division is offering communications internships beginning this fall to provide work experience for communications/marketing students at local colleges and universities.

11. Report of the Solicitor

Mr. Sultanik had no report.

12. Report of the Executive Director

a. Achievement of the 2010-2011 MCIU Division Goals – Dr. Shiveley brought attention to the Divisional Goals/End of Year Results document in the board packet and encouraged the Board to read them and contact him with questions or comments.

b. AESA Conference – Dr. Shiveley reported that Marc Lieberman will be representing the MCIU Board of Directors at the AESA Conference in Colorado Springs this year and said that there is one more space available for a Board member to attend. Mr. Sattler expressed interest.

13. Report of Board Committees

Executive Committee

Mr. Lieberman reported that the Executive Committee reviewed the Executive Director's goals for 2011-2012. Mr. Lieberman asked for a motion to approve the goals as submitted.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Maitin and seconded by Mr. Sattler that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the Executive Director's Goals for 2011-2012.

Motion passed unanimously.

Policy Committee

Dr. Hakes recommended that a motion be made to approve the second reading and adoption of the GASB 54 Fund Balance Policy (#620) as included in the Human Resources report.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Polaneczky and seconded by Mr. Sattler that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the second reading and adoption of the GASB 54 Fund Balance Policy #620.

Motion passed unanimously.

14. Old Business

Mr. Chmielewski stated that the Facilities Committee needs to schedule a meeting prior to the September Board meeting. Mr. Wisler reported that a report is being generated that will include the cost to retrofit the current MCIU building and revised costs on the facility that is available in Towamencin Township.

15. New Business

Mr. Sherpinsky announced that the PSBA BuxMont Regional meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2011 at the new Upper Dublin High School. Funding and revenue streaming will be topics on the agenda.

16. Additional Public Comments

There were no additional public comments.

17. The date of the next Intermediate Unit Board Meeting will be **September 21, 2011, West Norriton Conference Room at 7:45 p.m.**

18. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Mrs. Maitin and seconded by Mr. Sherpinsky, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.