

MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD MINUTES

1. Call to Order

President Lieberson called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. on February 22, 2012.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Marc Lieberson, President, Cheltenham	Present
Burunda Prince-Jones, Vice President, Wissahickon	Present
Jeannette Maitin, Secretary, Abington	Absent
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	Absent
Dr. David Hakes, Upper Moreland	Present
Robert H. Hartman, Jr., Pottstown	Absent
Matthew Holliday, Souderton Area	Present
Howard Jones, Methacton	Present
Yuri Khalif, Lower Moreland Township	Present
Holly Kisailus, Springfield Township	Present
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	Present
William Scott, Upper Perkiomen	Present

Others

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

4. Approval of Minutes of January 25, 2012

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Polaneczky and seconded by Mr. Chmielewski that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the minutes of the January 25, 2012 board meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Public Comments on Agenda Items

Mr. Leiberson asked if there were any public comments regarding agenda items. There being none, the board proceeded with the agenda.

Special Presentation: Mr. Lieberon congratulated Mr. Stan Wisler on the renewal of his professional registration as a Pennsylvania Registered School Business Administrator and presented Mr. Wisler with his Certificate of Achievement as administered by the Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials.

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

Mr. Polaneczky presented the January Treasurer's Report to the Board for approval. The cash balance as of January 31, 2012 was \$45,575,331.16.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

7. Human Resources Report

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

Motion passed unanimously.

8. Reports of Staff

a. Dr. Lois Robinson

Dr. Robinson highlighted the Special Education On-Site Training that is being provided to the school districts in the areas of autism, behavior, data collection and nonviolent crisis intervention. These on-site trainings save the districts money by eliminating the need for substitute teachers and travel expenses.

Dr. Robinson also reported on the work being done by the MCIU TAC staff who are working with PaTTAN consultants to address inclusive practices for students with complex needs by participating in webinars and piloting new instructional practices.

b. Mr. Stan Wisler

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

MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Recommendation to Accept the 2010-2011 Audited Financial Statements as Prepared by Maillie Falconiero and Company

The Administration recommends acceptance of the 2010-2011 Audited Financial Statements as prepared by Maillie Falconiero and Company.

Recommendation to Award 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. Previous board action was April 27, 2011.

Recommendation for Authorization to Declare Equipment Surplus/Obsolete

The Administration recommends authorization to declare the 1996 Ford F250 Pickup Truck, Serial #2FTHF26H1TCA13198 obsolete.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Recommendation for Approval of an IDEA Regular Project Budget Revision

The Administration requests approval of a budget revision 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 \$20,898,628 for the period July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012. Previous Board Action was November 16, 2011 in the amount of \$20,652,456.

TECHNOLOGY AND INFORMATION SERVICES

Recommendation to Accept the RFP Proposal for IP Telephony and SIP Trunk Service

The Administration recommends acceptance of the RFP proposal received from Zito Business for the IP Telephony and SIP Trunk Service.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Polaneczky and seconded by Mr. Chmielewski to approve the five Action Items listed above.

Motion passed unanimously.

c. Ms. Tina Viletto, Esq.

Ms. Viletto reported that the House will reconvene on March 12th and the Senate on March 5th. The House Appropriations Committee is currently holding

budget hearings. Highlights of the proposed budget that will have an impact on intermediate units include:

- The Governor's plan to collapse four line items (basic education funding, pupil transportation, nonpublic and charter school transportation, and social security reimbursement) into a new Student Achievement and Education block grant.
- Moratorium on new school construction project requests.
- Level funding for special education for the 5th year in a row.
- Level funding for Nonpublic Schools after a current mid-year 5% cut.
- Increasing Early Intervention (EI) state funding by 4%*.

*Ms. Viletto emphasized that even though the EI funding is increasing, the number of students continues to grow and the financial increase will not cover the cost of providing the mandated services for those students.

d. Mrs. Gail Kennedy

Mrs. Kennedy reported on the special service that the Technology & Information Services Division (TIS) offers to school districts by providing technology staffing, noting that Methacton School District has contracted with the MCIU and a TIS staff member is on-site at Methacton in a technology leadership capacity until a new technology coordinator is hired.

Mrs. Kennedy also brought attention to the three services that have been approved for inclusion in the Keystone Catalog through PAIUnet, allowing MCIU to sell and market the listed services throughout the state.

e. Ms. Kendall Glouner

Ms. Glouner reported on the consortium partnership with Scholastic and brought attention to the savings to the participating districts totaling \$51,392.00.

Ms. Glouner extended thanks to the Hatboro-Horsham School District for hosting the Montgomery County Specialists Day on February 17, 2012. Professional Development specific to health and physical education teachers, school nurses, art and music teachers, librarians and other specialists was provided.

Ms. Glouner reported that registrations for the Annual Reading Olympics are underway and she thanked the school districts that are host sites for the event, including Cheltenham, Colonial, Hatboro-Horsham, Lower Merion, Methacton, Pottstown, Souderton Area and Wissahickon.

f. Dr. Kenneth Voss

Dr. Voss reported that both public and nonpublic school staff attended the recent mandated Student Assistance Program (SAP) training held at the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit.

Dr. Voss also highlighted the information in his report on the Homeless Children's Initiative, funded by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance grant from PDE.

g. Dr. Janet Sloand

Dr. Sloand reported on BrainSTEPS, a statewide program funded by the Bureau of Special Education, the Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania, and the Pennsylvania Department of Health. PaTTAN is providing the training and technical assistance to intermediate unit based teams who will then be qualified to support the school districts in their efforts to provide effective educational services to students with brain injury.

h. Mrs. Kristen Rawlings

Mrs. Rawlings stated that the Communications Division would be in the division Spotlight and that her written report stands as submitted.

9. Spotlight on an MCIU Division – Communications - Mrs. Kristen Rawlings

Mrs. Rawlings gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the various services the division provides to the school districts and the publications and promotional materials that are designed and distributed through the Communications Division. Examples of the various publications were included in tonight's meeting packet including the recently distributed county-wide newsletter, *Montgomery County Public Schools*, and a brochure on the upcoming Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Education Foundation Golf Classic.

10. Report of the Solicitor

Mr. Sultanik had no report.

11. Report of the Executive Director

Dr. Shiveley brought attention to the MCIU Board of Directors Directory included in the meeting packets and said that the Board and Cabinet members' contact information is provided for their convenience.

Dr. Shiveley informed the Board members that the New Board Member Orientation has been scheduled for Thursday, March 22nd starting at 3:30 p.m. All Board members are welcome to attend. More information will be provided in the coming weeks.

12. Report of Board Committees

Facilities

Mr. Chmielewski reported that the Facilities Committee met to discuss the prospective new building. The committee directed the administration to get an appraisal of the site and to engage an architect to prepare a facility assessment. These reports will be presented at the March Board meeting and a tour of the facility for all Board members is being planned prior to that Board meeting. A presentation describing the existing problems in the current facility and the benefits of a new building will be presented at the New Board Member Orientation on March 22nd to bring the new Board members up to speed.

13. Old Business

There was no old business.

14. New Business

There was no new business.

15. Additional Public Comments

There were no public comments.

16. The date of the next Intermediate Unit Board Meeting will be **March 28, 2012, West Norriton Conference Room B3/B4 at 7:45 p.m.**

17. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Mrs. Pollard and seconded by Dr. Hakes the meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.