

January 25, 2012
West Norriton, PA

MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD MINUTES

1. Call to Order

President Marc Lieberson called the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m. on January 25, 2012.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Marc Lieberson, President, Cheltenham	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	Present
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	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
Burunda Prince-Jones, Wissahickon	Present
William Scott, Upper Perkiomen	Present

Others

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

4. Accept the resignations of MCIU Board Members, Jennifer Allebach, Upper Perkiomen School District, Mel Brodsky, Colonial School District and Vincent Sherpinsky, North Penn School District.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Maitin and seconded by Ms. Prince-Jones that the Intermediate Unit Board accept the resignations of Jennifer Allebach, Mel Brodsky and Vincent Sherpinsky.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Appoint and Welcome New MCIU Board Members

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Maitin and seconded by Mr. Polaneczky that the Intermediate Unit Board acknowledge and appoint those nominated to fill the vacant and/or unexpired terms of the board members listed below:

<u>Vacating Board Member</u>	<u>Nominated Board Member</u>	<u>School District</u>
Mr. Mel Brodsky	Ms. Julie Knudsen	Colonial
Dr. Susan Guthrie	Ms. Virginia Pollard	Lower Merion
Mr. Daniel B. Sattler	Mr. Howard Jones	Methacton
Mr. Vincent Sherpinsky	Mrs. Carolyn Murphy	North Penn
Mr. Frederick Remelius	Ms. Nancy Landes	Pottsgrove
Mr. R. Bud Miller	Mr. Matthew Holliday	Souderton Area
Mr. Anthony B. Quinn	Ms. Holly Kisailus	Springfield Twp.
Mrs. Marie Knox	Ms. Maura Buri	Upper Merion Area
Mrs. Jennifer Allebach	Mr. William Scott	Upper Perkiomen

Motion passed unanimously

6. Election of MCIU Board Officers

President Lieberson asked for nominations for the position of Vice President to replace Mr. Daniel Sattler who no longer serves on the MCIU Board of Directors.

Mrs. Maitin nominated Mr. Chmielewski.

Mr. Chmielewski declined the nomination and as President of the Nominating Committee nominated Burunda Prince Jones.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Chmielewski and seconded by Mr. Polaneczky that the Intermediate Unit Board elect Burunda Prince-Jones to serve as Vice President.

Motion passed unanimously

7. School Directors' Recognition

Dr. Shiveley announced that it was School Directors' Recognition Month for the State of Pennsylvania. He brought attention to the certificates of recognition and ceramic planters made by the students of The Anderson School and thanked MCIU Board members for the outstanding work they do for the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit. His gratitude was extended on behalf of all of the MCIU staff.

8. Approval of Minutes of November 16, 2011

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Polaneczky and seconded by Ms. Prince-Jones that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the minutes of the November 16, 2011 board meeting.

Motion passed unanimously

9. 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.

10. Special Presentation of 25 Year Employee Awards

The Intermediate Unit honors employees who have completed twenty-five years of service. The following dedicated staff members were recognized and honored:

Name	Position
Elizabeth Pender	Speech and Language, Nonpublic School Services
Barbarann Probst	Speech and Language, Nonpublic School Services
Marlena DeNicola	Teacher, Detention Center, Special Education

President Lieberson thanked the two staff members in attendance, Ms. Pender and Ms. Probst, presenting them with their plaques and thanking them for their service to the students and districts of Montgomery County.

11. Approval of Bills as Included in the Treasurer's Reports (November & December)

Mr. Polaneczky presented the November Treasurer's Report to the Board for approval. The cash balance as of November 30, 2011 was \$39,027,874.28.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Polaneczky presented the December Treasurer's Report to the Board for approval. The cash balance as of December 31, 2011 was \$39,802,244.21.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

12. Human Resources Report

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Maitin and seconded by Mr. Chmielewski that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the personnel recommendations as listed on Item 4.

Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Shiveley introduced Ms. Tina Viletto, the newly appointed Director of Legislative Services and Grant Development.

13. Review of Procedures for 2012 Board Member Election

Dr. Shiveley reviewed the Procedures for the 2012 Board Member Election. There will be twelve three-year terms, one two-year term, and two one-year terms available on the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Board this June. A memo seeking candidates for these fifteen positions will be sent out with the nomination forms in early March. The Nomination Form has a due date of April 16, 2012.

14. Reports of Staff.

a. Dr. Lois Robinson

Dr. Robinson brought attention to the visit by Senator Daylin Leach to the MCIU Hearing Support class birthday celebration of the class pet, Jumping Jack the Frog. Senator Leach addressed the friends and family members who attended the celebration at the Shady Grove Elementary School in the Wissahickon School District.

Dr. Robinson also announced the date of the upcoming Autism Resource Fair scheduled for February 16, 2012 organized by MCIU staff and held at the North Penn High School.

b. Mr. Stan Wisler

Mr. Wisler requested approval on the following Action Items:

MANAGEMENT SERVICES

1. The Administration recommends acceptance of the responses to the Request for Proposals for Demand Response Services

The Administration recommends acceptance of the three RFP proposals for Demand Response Services.

PaTTAN

1. Recommendation to Accept Grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Education

The Administration recommends that the board accept the State Personnel Development Grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Education in the amount of \$601,762.28 from January 1, 2012 to June 30, 2012. This Grant is used to improve educational results for children with disabilities with the recruitment, hiring, and retention of highly qualified special education teachers. Previous Board action was February 23, 2011.

SPECIAL EDUCATION DIVISION

1. Recommendation to Approve the 2012-2013 Special Education Division Budget

The Administration requests the approval of the 2012-2013 Special Education Budget that was presented at the November 16, 2011 board meeting. The total amount of the 2012-2013 Special Education Budget is \$76,711,626.

2. Recommendation for Approval of Revised Application for Early Intervention Purposes

The Administration requests approval to submit the revised application to the Pennsylvania Department of Education/Bureau of Special Education, for the P.L. 108-446/IDEIA Regular Project, for the reduced amount of \$1,370,074 for Early Intervention purposes, for the period July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012. Previous Board Action was February 23, 2011 and the allocation amount was \$1,388,754, a difference of \$18,680.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

c. Ms. Tina Viletto, Esq.

Ms. Viletto reported that the Pennsylvania Supreme Court invalidated a plan to redraw state House and Senate district lines. The justices voted 4-3 to send the plan back to the Legislative Reapportionment Commission, causing certain deadlines for the primary petition process for candidates to be changed.

Ms. Viletto brought attention **SB 1381**, newly introduced by Senator Williams to amend the School Code to require school employers to conduct an employment history review for all prospective school employees, not just professional staff.

Referring to the Auditor General's report on the Reading School District's use of funds to provide board members with meals, Ms. Viletto informed the Board that PASA, PSBA and PASBO are discussing the idea of drafting a recommended policy concerning use of school funds to counter the Auditor General's report. This draft would be shared with PDE with the intention of distributing it to the districts as guidance.

d. Mrs. Gail Kennedy

Mrs. Kennedy reported on the Telephone Consolidation Project in which nine school districts and one technical school are participating. Four vendors have responded to the RFP and substantial savings are anticipated.

e. Ms. Kendall Glouner

Dr. Robert Shields reported in Ms. Glouner's absence. In addition to bringing attention to the Grant and Professional Development opportunities being offered by the Curriculum, Instruction & Professional Development division, Dr. Shields reported that CIPD is once again offering the Summer AP Institute with expanded offerings to be held at the Montgomery County Community College.

f. Dr. Ken Voss

Dr. Voss reported that twelve elementary schools in Montgomery County have been recommended for closing according to the Archdiocesan Blue Ribbon Commission Report. Approximately 1,700 students will be affected.

Dr. Voss also reported that MCIU is partnering with the Savioz Driver Training School with online theory courses being offered to age-eligible high school students beginning March 1, 2012.

g. Dr. Janet Sloand

Dr. Sloand reported on the Assistive Technology Expo that was hosted by the PaTTAN King of Prussia office. The Expo provided families, students with disabilities, educators, related service personnel, and MCIU consultants with an opportunity to see and experience the latest assistive technology available.

h. Mrs. Kristen Rawlings

Mrs. Rawlings brought attention to the various publications and marketing support materials provided by the Communications Division over the past month and reported that the Countywide Communications Newsletter, a collaborative effort between the districts and the Intermediate Unit, was completed and distributed by the school districts to their local communities.

15. Spotlight on an MCIU Division – Special Education – Dr. Lois Robinson

Dr. Robinson, along with Mr. Christopher Stultz, Principal of The Anderson School and Jackie Lyster, Training & Consulting, presented a PowerPoint highlighting The Anderson School, an alternative behavioral support school for Montgomery County School Districts.

16. Report of the Solicitor

Mr. Sultanik had no report.

17. Report of the Executive Director

Dr. Shiveley reported that a New Board Member Orientation will be provided for the nine new Board members. Rose Ann Westerfer will coordinate with the new Board members and executive staff to find a date that is compatible for all. Dr. Shiveley indicated that all Board members will be welcome to attend.

Dr. Shiveley asked the Board members who attended the recent Association of Educational Service Agencies (AESAs) Conference to report on their experience at the conference. In addition to Dr. Shiveley, in attendance at the conference were staff members Stan Wisler and Gail Kennedy. Mr. Lieberman and Ms. Prince-Jones represented the Board and Dr. Charles Amuso attended as a Consultant for the Superintendents' Task Force on Cooperative Services.

Mr. Lieberman reported that Mrs. Kennedy and Mr. Wisler both gave presentations and that they were well received by the attendees. He was particularly impressed with Mr. Wisler's decision to report on the Transportation Consortium and the lessons learned by what went wrong. The conference presented a great opportunity to learn and interact with other educational service

agencies and helped him to appreciate his purpose as an Intermediate Unit Board member.

Ms. Prince-Jones agreed with Mr. Lieberman's comments and reported that she could not overemphasize the positive aspects of networking, team building and learning.

Dr. Shiveley emphasized the value of having MCIU Board members attend this conference and collaborate with educational service agency staff and Board members from other states.

18. Report of Board Committees

Facilities

Mr. Chmielewski reported that the search for a new facility continues. An appraisal on a potential site is being requested and an architect will visit the site and report on his findings.

Finance

Mr. Lieberman reported that the Finance Committee needs a new member to replace one of the vacating Board members. Mr. Thomas DiBello volunteered to serve on the Finance Committee.

19. Old Business

There was no old business.

20. New Business

There was no new business.

21. Additional Public Comments

There were no additional public comments.

22. The date of the next Intermediate Unit Board Meeting will be **February 22, 2012, West Norriton Conference Room at 7:45 p.m.**

23. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Mr. Polaneczky and seconded by Ms. Prince-Jones, the meeting was adjourned at 10:23 p.m.