

MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD MINUTES

1. Call to Order

President Marc Lieberson called the meeting to order at 7:48 p.m. on March 28, 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	Absent
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	Absent
Matthew Holliday, Souderton Area	Absent
Howard Jones, Methacton	Present
Yuri Khalif, Lower Moreland Township	Present
Holly Kisailus, Springfield Township	Present
Julie Knudsen, Colonial	Absent
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 Sultanic, Solicitor	Present

4. Approval of Minutes of February 22, 2012

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Prince-Jones and seconded by Mr. Miller that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the minutes of the February 22, 2012 board meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Public Comments on Agenda Items

Mr. Lieberson asked if there were any public comments regarding agenda items.

Mr. Tom McCabe, Upper Hanover Township, stated that he was surprised to find that the MCIU Board of Directors' meeting agenda is not posted on the MCIU website. He also requested that attachments listed on the agenda be posted on the MCIU website as well, stating that it is difficult to comment on agenda items when the attachments are not available for review prior to the meeting.

Mr. Sultanik stated that the Board would take Mr. McCabe's suggestion under advisement for future meetings.

Ms. Kisailus suggested that the Board consider posting the attachments on the MCIU website and provide a hardcopy on the table in the meeting room for review prior to the meeting.

Mr. Lieberson said that the discussion on this topic should be continued during the New Business portion of tonight's Board meeting.

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

Mr. Polaneczky presented the February Treasurer's Report to the Board. The cash balance as of February 29, 2012 was \$43,936,613.21.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Miller and seconded by Ms. Prince-Jones that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the February Treasurer's Report and the payment of bills.

Motion passed unanimously.

7. Human Resources Report

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

Motion passed unanimously.

8. Review and Approval of Guidelines for Conducting the Nomination of Intermediate Unit Board Members

Motion: It was moved by Mr. DiBello and seconded by Mr. Khalif that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the Guidelines for Conducting the Nomination of Intermediate Unit Board Members.

Motion passed unanimously.

9. Appointment of Judge of Elections

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Polaneczky and seconded by Dr. Hakes that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the Appointment of Jeffrey Sultanik, Esq. as Judge of Elections.

Motion passed unanimously.

10. Report of Judge of Ballots On intermediate Unit Budgets

Jeffrey Sultanik (Judge of Ballots) reported that the ballots for budget approval were counted on March 20, 2012 and that each budget according to the provisions of the School Code was approved in accordance with state law as follows:

	<u>Weighted Aye Votes</u>
General Administrative Services	302
Curriculum, Instruction & Professional Development Services	311
Legislative Services & Grant Development	298
Technology & Information Services	323

11. Reports of Staff

a. Dr. Lois Robinson

Dr. Robinson highlighted the transition program, informing the Board that MCIU has a new partnership with Shop Rite in East Norriton. Seven students from Methacton, North Penn, Perkiomen Valley, Pottsgrove, Souderton and Upper Merion School Districts are working in the various departments at the store.

Dr. Robinson also reported that a new Early Intervention Language Enrichment class opened this month at the Gulph School in Upper Merion and is being taught by a staff member with certification as both a speech/language pathologist and special education teacher.

b. Mr. Stan Wisler

Mr. Wisler asked for approval on the following Action Item:

SPECIAL EDUCATION

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 \$1,386,405 for Early Intervention purposes, for the period July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012. Previous Board Action was January 25, 2012 and the allocation amount was \$1,370,074, a difference of \$16,331.

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Prince-Jones and seconded by Dr. Hakes that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the Action Item listed above.

Motion passed unanimously.

c. Ms. Tina Viletto, Esq.

Ms. Viletto reported that the Pennsylvania State Legislature is back in session. The Senate Finance Committee was scheduled to move **SB 1309** (Property Assessment Appeals) to the Finance Committee today but it was pulled from the agenda. **SB 209** (Equity in Interscholastic Athletics Disclosure) was passed by the Senate and moved to the Senate Appropriations Committee. **SB 1436** was introduced by Senator Piccola this week and would prohibit PDE and the State Board of Education from delaying the development or implementation of Keystone Exams. **HB 1913** (Local Abatement of Real Estate Taxes) authorizes the abatement of real estate taxes for the tax year 2011 for properties that were damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Irene or Tropical Storm Lee. It allows taxing authorities to exempt from real property taxation the assessed valuation of reconstruction or repairs made to the properties.

d. Mrs. Gail Kennedy

Mrs. Kennedy reported that she and two TIS staff members performed a technology program evaluation at the Chestnut Ridge School District in Bedford, PA, noting that this is a service that MCIU offers to school districts in Montgomery County and beyond.

Mrs. Kennedy also reported that the MCIU hosted the PA Regional Computer Fair Competition for Montgomery County High School and Middle School students. Winners from Methacton, Norristown, North Penn, Pottstown, Upper

Dublin, and Wissahickon school districts will go to the statewide competition at Dickinson College.

e. Ms. Kendall Glouner

Ms. Glouner stated that Curriculum, Instruction & Professional Development would be in the division spotlight and that her written report stands as submitted.

f. Dr. Kenneth Voss

Dr. Voss reported on the Archdiocesan school closings and the locations of the regional schools that have been established. The merged schools are located in Lansdale, Maple Glen, Plymouth Meeting, Glenside, King of Prussia, Willow Grove and Collegeville.

Dr. Voss also reported that registrations are ongoing for the Nonpublic School Services summer camps. Campsites are located throughout the county.

g. Dr. Janet Sloand

Dr. Shiveley reported in Dr. Sloand's absence that her written report stands as submitted and that if anyone has questions regarding the report they should contact him.

h. Mrs. Kristen Rawlings

Mrs. Rawlings reported that 632 nominations were received from 21 school districts, the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit and one nonpublic school for the Voices of Inspiration Award for Teaching Excellence. The award ceremony is scheduled for May 9, 2012.

12. Spotlight on MCIU Division

Ms. Kendall Glouner gave a Prezi Presentation on the wide range of activities, cooperative programs, and specialized services provided by the Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development division. Highlights included information on teaching and consulting, CPE/Graduate courses, curriculum councils, advanced placement institutes, and PDE related initiatives and mandates.

13. Report of the Solicitor

Mr. Sultanik had no report.

14. Report of the Executive Director

Motion: It was moved by Mr. DiBello and seconded by Dr. Hakes that the Intermediate Unit Board appoint Fox Rothschild LLP as Solicitor for Montgomery County Intermediate Unit for 2012-2013.

Motion passed unanimously.

15. Report of Board Committees

Facilities

Mr. Chmielewski reported that the Facilities Committee met tonight and he thanked Mr. Wisler for all of his hard work on this project and for arranging the tour of the potential new facility. The architect is preparing an Existing Conditions Study and Appraisal, a layout of the MCIU's needs and an estimate of projected costs, all of which will be ready for the April 25th Board meeting at which time a decision will be made about moving forward to purchase the new facility.

Mr. Khalif asked if the estimate for the build-outs could be sent out to the Board as soon as possible so that there is time to review them prior to the April Board meeting. Dr. Shiveley responded that the report will be provided as soon as possible.

Ms. Landes stated her concern about security at the site of the potential new facility and asked how this issue would be addressed. Dr. Shiveley responded that it will be addressed.

Ms. Pearce spoke in favor of the site and the positive aspects of MCIU being a part of the revitalization of Norristown and located in the heart of the county seat.

16. Old Business

There was no old business.

17. New Business

Following up on Mr. Thomas McCabe's request to post the MCIU Board of Directors' meeting agendas on the MCIU website and make attachments available, the following motion was made.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Lieberson and seconded by Dr. Hakes that from this point forward the agenda will be posted on the MCIU website on the Friday before the Board meeting and copies of all action items related to the agenda, with the exception of the Board minutes and subject to review by the solicitor, will be available on a table in the meeting room one hour before the meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. McCabe suggested that the action items related to the agenda be posted on the MCIU website in addition to making them available one hour before the Board meeting.

The Board agreed to follow the approved motion above for the remaining meetings in the 2011-2012 school year and to revisit this issue in August to determine if action items related to the agenda should be posted on the MCIU website in addition to making them available in hardcopy prior the Board meeting.

18. Additional Public Comments

Ms. Pam Preston, a teacher representing the MCIU Education Association, asked that security at the potential new facility be considered for the safety of not only the intermediate unit employees but other visitors to the building.

Mr. Tom McCabe stated that he had sent a Right to Know Request to the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit requesting information on administrator's contracts. He understands the 30-day rule, but thought that his request was being delayed unnecessarily. He did receive the authorization to this request today.

Ms. Prince-Jones thanked Mr. McCabe for stating that his request had been met.

Mr. McCabe stated that the Right to Know Officer should have known if the documents he requested had personal information and knowing that they did not, the MCIU did not need the 30 days to review the request and incur the legal costs associated with that delay. Mr. McCabe also informed the Board members that he had sent a letter to them stating his concern about the 30-day delay.

19. The date of the next Intermediate Unit Board Meeting will be **April 25, 2012, West Norriton Conference Room at 7:45 p.m.**

20. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Mr. Chmielewski and seconded by Mr. Miller the meeting was adjourned at 9:24 p.m.