

MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD MINUTES

1. Call to Order

President Marc Lieberson called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m. on May 23, 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	Absent
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	Present (By Phone)
Holly Kisailus, Springfield Township	Absent
Julie Knudsen, Colonial	Present
Nancy J. Landes, Pottsgrove	Absent
Ted Miller, Jenkintown	Present
Carolyn Murphy, North Penn	Absent
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

President Lieberson announced that Mr. Ted Miller is attending his last Board meeting tonight. Mr. Miller expressed his pleasure at having served on the MCIU Board of Directors for the past nine years and the work done to accomplish the MCIU's goals and objectives. Mr. Miller introduced Mr. Ken Mullen, the Jenkintown School Board member who will be taking his place on the MCIU Board of Directors.

4. Approval of Minutes of April 25, 2012

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Polaneczky and seconded by Ms. Prince-Jones that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the minutes of the April 25, 2012 board meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Public Comments on Agenda Items

Mr. Lieberman asked if there were any public comments regarding agenda items. Since there were none, the board proceeded with the agenda.

6. Report of Board Committees

Facilities

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Chmielewski and seconded by Mrs. Maitin to authorize the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Administration, Board Officers and Facilities Committee to negotiate an agreement of Sale and Purchase to acquire property located at 2 West Lafayette Street in the Borough of Norristown. This Resolution is further subject to the condition that the total renovation project and acquisition price, inclusive of all costs, shall not exceed \$17,200,000. The entire Resolution will be made part of the Minutes.

Motion passed as follows: Aye – 15, Nay – 0

7. Presentation of Cynthia E. Welder Award

The Montgomery County Intermediate Unit employed Cynthia E. Welder as a school psychologist and a special education supervisor servicing children with disabilities from 1956 to 1968. A Memorial Committee established a fund in her honor to annually recognize both an individual and an organization for their outstanding and dedicated service to the exceptional children of the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit.

Dr. Lois Robinson, Special Education Director, introduced Mr. Howard Levy as the recipient of the 2012 Individual Award in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the MCIU and children with special needs in his position as an Early Intervention Supervisor, as well as for his tireless work with the MCIU Education Foundation Annual Golf Classic.

Dr. Robinson announced that the recipient of the 2012 Cynthia E. Welder Organization Award was Freedom Credit Union. Freedom Credit Union has partnered with the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit for the past seven years providing special programs to benefit educators and students. Mr. Kirby Wood was in attendance to receive the award which was presented in recognition of his personal contributions as Marketing Manager and for his role on the MCIU

Education Foundation (MCIUEF) Board where he helps fulfill the mission of the MCIUEF by assisting children with special needs.

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

Mr. Polaneczky presented the April Treasurer's Report to the Board. The cash balance as of April 30, 2012 was \$39,262,465.71.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

9. Human Resources Report

Mr. Knebl reported that Mr. Perry Baer has postponed his retirement and this item has been removed from the Action Items listed under Administrative Recommendations on the Human Resources Report.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Chmielewski and seconded by Ms. Prince-Jones that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the personnel recommendations, with the removal of Perry Baer's request for retirement, listed as Item 2.

Motion passed unanimously.

10. Approval of Proposed 2012/2013 Intermediate Unit Board Meeting Dates

Motion: It was moved by Mr. DiBello and seconded by Mr. Jones that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the 2012/2013 Intermediate Unit Board Meeting Dates as follows:

2012

August 22
September 19
October 24
November 14

2013

January 23
February 27
March 27
April 24
May 22
June 26

Motion passed unanimously.

11. Reports of Staff

a. Dr. Lois Robinson

Dr. Robinson brought attention to her report on The Anderson School, highlighting the Hybrid Learning Project. The Anderson School will be the first alternative school to pilot hybrid learning in Pennsylvania.

Dr. Robinson also reported that the Early Intervention's new Vision class, the goal of which is to prepare vision-impaired children for future mainstreaming in their home districts, opened its doors in April at the Gulph School.

b. Mr. Stan Wisler

Mr. Wisler presented the following two Action Items for approval by the Board:

MANAGEMENT SERVICES DIVISION

1. Recommendation to accept the Building Capacity Region I Funding from Pennsylvania Department of Education

The Administration recommends acceptance of funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the Building Capacity Region I Funding project in the amount of \$65,418.99 for the period March 15, 2012 to September 30, 2012.

NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS SERVICES

1. Recommendation for approval of Nonpublic School Services Division Budget for 2012-2013

The Administration requests approval of the Nonpublic School Services Division budget for 2012-2013 as presented at the April 25, 2012 board meeting. The 2012-2013 budgeted amount for the Nonpublic School Services portion (Act 89) is \$10,478,814 and the Federal and State Programs and Grants portion is budgeted at \$827,393.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

c. Ms. Tina Viletto

Ms. Viletto reported that the Senate passed the 2012-2013 budget bill and that the bill has now moved to the House Appropriations Committee. Ms. Viletto also brought attention to **HB 1776** (Property Tax Reform), **SB 1296**

(Superintendents' Contracts) and the subject of Cyber Charter Reform, noting that the House Education Committee has not yet circulated a bill to address reform and that Superintendents' Contracts and Cyber Charter Reform might be tacked onto other bills.

d. Mrs. Gail Kennedy

Mrs. Kennedy reported that the MCIU is piloting an enterprise-ready unified communications platform and has completed the installation of Microsoft Lync for this purpose. Lync users can keep track of their contacts' availability, send and receive instant messages, start or join an audio, video, or web conference, and make phone calls.

Mrs. Kennedy also reported that good feedback was received from the members of the newly formed Montgomery County Technical Special Interest Group (Tech SIG), a forum for technology specialists in the county school districts, after their recently held first meeting.

e. Ms. Kendall Glouner

Ms. Glouner reported that each Montgomery County school district has received two seats free of charge for the June *DIBELS Next Academy* to be held at the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit. Recipients of the Keystones to Opportunity Grant will be required to use the DIBELS assessment.

Ms. Glouner also thanked the school districts that provided facilities, Maria Johns for coordinating the event, and the many volunteers who contributed to the success of this year's Reading Olympics which saw 502 teams participate.

f. Dr. Ken Voss

Dr. Voss reported that he and the Nonpublic School Services division supervisors are in the process of completing this year's Needs Assessment meetings. In addition, Dr. Voss reported that three nonpublic high schools, LaSalle, Mount St. Joseph's and Lansdale Catholic are reporting an increase in enrollments.

g. Dr. Janet Sloand

Dr. Sloand reported that the second year of the Pennsylvania Fellowship Program is coming to an end. Five Fellows from Montgomery County Schools have completed this program which is designed to build the knowledge and skills of special education leaders. The five districts represented are Abington, Pottsgrove, Cheltenham Township, Upper Moreland and the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit.

h. Mrs. Kristen Rawlings

Mrs. Rawlings reported that the recently held MCIU Education Foundation Golf Classic raised \$18,500 for the foundation. Profits are used to provide post-secondary scholarships and camperships for special needs children.

12. Spotlight on an MCIU Division – Legislative Services & Grants Development – Ms. Tina Viletto, Esq.

Ms. Viletto gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the various services and support provided by the Legislative Services & Grants Development division.

13. Report of the Solicitor

Mr. Sultanik had no report.

14. Report of the Executive Director

Dr. Shiveley had no report.

15. Report of Board Committees

With the Facilities Committee report being addressed earlier in the meeting, there were no further Board Committee reports

16. Old Business

There was no old business.

17. New Business

President Lieberson congratulated Dr. Shiveley on his appointment to the AESA Executive Council.

Mr. Hartman thanked the Board for their unanimous vote on the authorization to negotiate and finalize an agreement of sale on the new facility.

18. Additional Public Comments

19. The date of the next Intermediate Unit Board Meeting will be **June 27, 2012, PaTTAN, King of Prussia Conference Room D at 7:45 p.m.**

20. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Mrs. Maitin and seconded by Mr. Hartman, the meeting was adjourned at 9:22 p.m.