

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD MINUTES

1. Call to Order

President Lieberson called the meeting to order at 7:53 p.m. on November 16, 2011.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Marc Lieberson, President, Cheltenham	Present
Daniel B. Sattler, Vice-President, Methacton	Present
Jeannette Maitin, Secretary, Abington	Present
Louis Polaneczky, Treasurer, Hatboro-Horsham	Present
Jennifer Allebach, Upper Perkiomen	Present (Arrived 8:05 p.m.)
Randy Bennett, Perkiomen Valley	Present
Mel Brodsky, Colonial	Present
Joseph Chmielewski, Upper Dublin	Present
Thomas DiBello, Spring-Ford Area	Present
Dr. Susan Guthrie, Lower Merion	Present
Dr. David Hakes, Upper Moreland	Absent
Robert H. Hartman, Jr., Pottstown	Present
Yuri Khalif, Lower Moreland Township	Absent
Marie A. Knox, Upper Merion Area	Present
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	Absent
Frederick P. Remelius, Pottsgrove	Present
Vincent Sherpinsky, North Penn	Present

Others

Dr. Jerry W. Shiveley	Present
Mark Fitzgerald, Solicitor	Present

4. Approval of Minutes of October 26, 2011

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Hartman and seconded by Mr. Sherpinsky that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the minutes of the October 26, 2011 board meeting.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

5. Public Comments on Agenda Items

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

6. Recognition of Departing MCIU Board Members

Mr. Lieberman recognized the six members who are departing the MCIU Board of Directors and thanked them for their hard work and dedication. Certificates of Appreciation were given to the following Board members who were in attendance: Susan Guthrie, Marie Knox, Fred Remelius and Dan Sattler. Not in attendance, but recognized were Bud Miller and Anthony Quinn.

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

Mr. Polaneczky presented the October Treasurer's Report to the Board. The cash balance as of October 31, 2011 was \$34,292,107.33.

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

**Motion passed unanimously.**

8. Human Resources Report

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

**Motion passed unanimously.**

9. First Review of Proposed 2012/2013 Special Education Budget

Dr. Lois Robinson gave a PowerPoint presentation of the proposed Special Education budget for first review by the Board. The projected budget represents an overall increase of 2.12% for a total proposed budget of \$76,711,626.

10. Reports of Staff:

a. Dr. Lois Robinson

Dr. Robinson extended her gratitude to the Colonial School District for hosting the recent Paraeducator training. Paraeducators from Lower Moreland, Upper Merion and Souderton school districts were trained. In addition, Dr. Robinson reported that behavior management specialists from MCIU provided training for 75 instructional assistants from Souderton Area School District.

b. Mr. Stan Wisler

Mr. Wisler reported on the following Action Items:

**MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

**1. Recommendation to approve the 2012-2013 General Operating Budget**

The Administration requests approval of the 2012-2013 General Operating Budget that was presented at the October 26, 2011 board meeting. The budget document provides details on each of the four (4) budgets that make up the proposed Montgomery County Intermediate Unit's General Operating Budget for 2012-2013. The total General Operating Budget amount is \$8,170,860.

Mr. Wisler reported that the Superintendents approved the General Operating Budget at their November 10, 2011 Superintendents' Council meeting.

**2. Recommendation to Designate Amounts for the Committed Fund Categories**

The Administration requests approval to designate the amounts listed below to two of the committed fund balance categories as designated by the MCIU Board at the June 22, 2011 meeting. This action is in accordance with the provisions of GASB 54 and the MCIU GASB 54 Board Policy.

<b>Committed Fund Category</b>	<b>Amount</b>
• Self Insured Unemployment Compensation Account	\$1,164,121
• Self Insured Dental Account	\$ 100,000

**NONPUBLIC SCHOOL SERVICES**

**1. Recommendation to approve the Project Continuation for the 2011-2012 Homeless Children's Initiative –Region #8 Agreement**

The Administration requests Board approval to continue the agreement with Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 whereby the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit will administer the general operation of Region #8, Homeless Children's Initiative Program as it pertains to Montgomery County, Pennsylvania for the period of September 1, 2011 and ending September 30, 2012 in the amount of \$62,583.

## **2. Recommendation to accept Title I District Contract from Lower Merion School District**

The administration requests Board approval to accept the 2011-2012 Title I funds from the Lower Merion School District to operate their Title I reading and/or math programs for students in nonpublic schools for the 2011-2012 school year in the amount of \$20,273. Previous Board action was November 9, 2010.

## **SPECIAL EDUCATION**

### **1. 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 \$20,652,456, for the period July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012. Previous Board Action was June 22, 2011 in the amount of \$20,934,036.

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

**Motion passed unanimously.**

#### c. Dr. Charles Amuso, Governmental Relations Consultant

Dr. Amuso reported that **SB 200** was signed into law by Governor Corbett. This bill focuses on concussions and other sports injuries. Reporting on **HB 1980**, Dr. Amuso reported that the first pilot for the new evaluation program for teachers and professionals has been completed. The second pilot is beginning and Souderton Area, Spring-Ford Area, Pottstown and Central Montco Technical High School are participating.

#### d. Mrs. Gail Kennedy

In Mrs. Kennedy's absence, due to a personal emergency, Dr. Shiveley reported that Mrs. Kennedy's written report stands as submitted. Dr. Shiveley encouraged the Board members to contact him if they have questions about the report.

#### e. Ms. Kendall Glouner

Building on Dr. Amuso's report regarding the new teacher evaluation system, Ms. Glouner reported that she recently participated in two days of Pennsylvania Teacher Evaluation Pilot training and is ready to support the districts that are participating in the phase 2 pilot program.

f. Dr. Kenneth E. Voss

Dr. Mary Rita Cleary reported in Dr. Voss' absence, informing the Board that PDE requires the nonpublic schools to report their enrollment data by November 16<sup>th</sup>. With glitches in the technology for reporting data, staff members from both the MCIU technology and nonpublic schools divisions worked frantically to help the nonpublic schools work out their problems until resolved. Act 89 allocations are based on the student enrollment figures reported.

g. Dr. Janet Sloand

Dr. Sloand reported that ninety-eight paraeducator interpreters attended the weekend of training provided by PaTTAN in collaboration with the Bureau of Special Education. There are approximately 280 active educational interpreters working in the state of Pennsylvania to ensure that all students who are deaf, hard of hearing or deafblind receive an interpreted education.

h. Mrs. Kristen Rawlings

Mrs. Rawlings reported that a majority of the Montgomery County Superintendents support a collaborative communications strategy based on the work of the Communications Task Force. A county-wide newsletter is being developed which will include information common to all of the districts. Mrs. Rawlings also reported that a record attendance was set at the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Montgomery County Education Foundation's Fall Social and Fundraiser. Over \$5,000 was raised to support MCIU programs and services.

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

Dr. Robinson highlighted several areas of the Special Education division within her PowerPoint presentation of the proposed Special Education budget. Dr. Robinson put the spotlight on School Age Programs and Services including the new vision classroom, BrainSTEPS, new summer programs and The Anderson School.

12. Report of the Solicitor

Mr. Fitzgerald had no report.

13. Report of Board Committees

Facilities Committee

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Chmielewski and seconded by Mrs. Maitin that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the engagement of an appraiser for this property and for the new facility in consideration by the Board, and authorize the Executive Director to negotiate the price for a new facility.

After discussion, the following amendment was put forth:

**Amendment to the Main Motion:** It was moved by Mr. DiBello and seconded by Mr. Sherpinsky to amend the main motion that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the engagement of an appraiser for this property and for the new facility in consideration by the Board.

**The Amendment to the Main Motion passed as follows: Aye – 11, Nay – 5**

**Main Motion As Amended:** That the Intermediate Unit Board approve the engagement of an appraiser for this property and for the new facility in consideration by the Board

**Motion passed as follows: Aye – 14, Nay – 2**

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Chmielewski and seconded by Mrs. Maitin that the Intermediate Unit Board authorize the Executive Director, after receipt of said appraisals, to negotiate the price for the new facility. Under this motion the Executive Director shall bring back any negotiated price for consideration and possible vote by the Intermediate Unit Board.

**Motion passed as follows: Aye – 9, Nay – 7**

14. Report of the Executive Director

Dr. Shiveley brought attention to two documents in the Board packet. Included are a news article from the Sanatoga Post and the Spotlight on District Savings document, both of which list the savings created for districts through the efforts of the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit and the Cooperative Purchasing Consortia. Dr. Shiveley said that the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit will be doing a better job of telling how MCIU saves districts money.

15. Old Business

There was no old business.

16. New Business

Mr. Polaneczky thanked Dr. Sloand for hosting the recent “Making the Grade” Town Hall Meeting Video Conference at PaTTAN. Dr. Shiveley stated that the videoconference was the result of the work of the PAIU Executive Directors to link the 500 school districts and 29 intermediate units in the state through PAIUnet.

Mr. Sattler expressed his gratitude to Dr. Shiveley and his fellow board members as he departs the MCIU Board of Directors.

Mr. Hartman thanked the outgoing Board members for their hard work and thoughtful comments. He encouraged them to stay active on behalf of public education.

Mr. Lieberson thanked the departing Board members, expressing his appreciation for all that they have done and the time they committed to the Board, and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Holidays.

17. Additional Public Comments

There were no additional public comments.

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

19. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Mrs. Maitin and seconded by Mr. Chmielewski the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.