

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD MINUTES

1. Call to Order

President Lieberson called the meeting to order at 8:44 p.m. on October 26, 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 (By Speaker Phone for a portion of the meeting)
Louis Polaneczky, Treasurer, Hatboro-Horsham	Present
Jennifer Allebach, Upper Perkiomen	Present (By Speaker Phone for a portion of the meeting)
Randy Bennett, Perkiomen Valley	Present
Mel Brodsky, Colonial	Absent
Joseph Chmielewski, Upper Dublin	Present (By Speaker Phone for entire meeting)
Thomas DiBello, Spring-Ford Area	Absent
Dr. Susan Guthrie, Lower Merion	Present
Dr. David Hakes, Upper Moreland	Present
Robert H. Hartman, Jr., Pottstown	Present
Yuri Khalif, Lower Moreland Township	Absent
Marie A. Knox, Upper Merion Area	Present
R. Bud Miller, Souderton Area	Present
Ted Miller, Jenkintown	Absent
Janice Pearce, Norristown Area	Present
Thayer Pendleton, Bryn Athyn	Absent
Burunda Prince-Jones, Wissahickon	Present (By Speaker Phone for a portion of the meeting)
Anthony B. Quinn, Esq., Springfield Township	Present
Frederick P. Remelius, Pottsgrove	Present
Vincent Sherpinsky, North Penn	Present

Others

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

4. Approval of Minutes of September 21, 2011

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Polaneczky and seconded by Mr. Sattler that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the minutes of the September 21, 2011 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 their agenda.

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

Mr. Polaneczky presented the September Treasurer's Report to the Board. The cash balance as of September 30, 2011 was \$31,776,342.44.

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

**Motion passed unanimously.**

7. Human Resources Report

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Sherpinsky and seconded by Mr. Bennett that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the Professional Recommendations listed as Item 2.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

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

**Motion passed unanimously.**

Dr. Shiveley reported that this would be Dr. Robert Shields' last Board meeting and thanked him for his service in the Human Resources Division. Mr. John Knebl will replace Dr. Shields, filling in for Mrs. Jane Mansuy during her absence.

8. Review of Procedures for 2012/2013 Budget Approvals

Dr. Shiveley reviewed the timeframe for the presentations and approvals of the 2012-2013 MCIU General Operating Budgets.

9. First Review of Proposed 2012/2013 Intermediate Unit General Operating Budgets

Mr. Wisler gave a PowerPoint presentation of the 2012/2013 General Operating Budgets including the General Administrative Services Budget, Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development Services Budget, Legislative Services and Grant Development Budget, and Technology and Information Services Budget totaling \$8,170,860. The projected increase in the districts' contributions is \$1,059 or 1.65%. The individual district contribution varies based on enrollment and a wealth formula calculated by the state.

10. Reports of Staff:

a. Dr. Lois Robinson

Dr. Robinson reported that The Anderson School enrollment increased from 16 to 23 students with several more referrals pending. Dr. Robinson also reported that the new MCIU BrainSTEPS team has been trained and is available to provide school districts with technical assistance and support to help children with brain injuries.

b. Mr. Stan Wisler

Mr. Wisler reported on the following Action Items:

**CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**1. Recommendation to accept the Technology Integration Mentor Program grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Education**

The Administration recommends approval to accept a grant for the Technology Integration Mentor Program (TIM) in the amount of \$14,700 for the period of July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

**2. Recommendation for approval to submit an application to Pennsylvania Department of Education for the Title III Program**

The Administration is requesting approval to submit an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the Title III Improving Language Instruction Program in the amount of \$163,433 for the period of July 1, 2011 to September 30, 2013.

**MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

**1. Recommendation for approval of the Resolution for MCIU to join SEPAST for medical insurance effective July 1, 2012**

The Administration requests approval of the Resolution for MCIU to join the Southeastern Pennsylvania Schools Trust (SEPAST) for medical insurance, effective July 1, 2012.

## **SPECIAL EDUCATION**

### **1. Recommendation to accept a subcontract agreement between the Eastern Center for Arts and Technology and the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit.**

The Administration recommends approval to accept a subcontract agreement between the Eastern Center for Arts and Technology and the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit for Vocational Evaluation Services, under the Carl D. Perkins, Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998, P.L. 105-332, in the amount of \$65,000 for the period September 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012. Previous Board Action was November 17, 2010.

### **2. Recommendation for Approval of Revised Application and MAWA Agreement**

The Administration requests approval to submit the revised application and MAWA agreement to the Pennsylvania Department of Education/Bureau of Special Education for the State Early Intervention Project, in the revised allocation amount of \$14,711,930, for the period of July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012. Previous Board Action was August 24, 2011 and the allocation amount was \$14,565,003.

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

**Motion passed unanimously.**

c. Dr. Charles Amuso, Governmental Relations Consultant

Dr. Amuso informed the Board that the State Senate approved **SB 1** today as amended. **SB 1** includes vouchers, charter school reform and an Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) increase. The bill provides opportunity grants for vouchers, limited to students who reside in the lowest performing schools in the state. The bill will now move to the House.

d. Mrs. Gail Kennedy

Mrs. Kennedy reported on the Telephone Consolidation Project, a solution to reduce telephone costs for school districts. Several options which will be available were highlighted including the bundling of phone lines and replacement of internal phone systems. The Technology & Information Services division will launch a pilot program through Microsoft Lync.

e. Ms. Kendall Glouner

Ms. Glouner reported that the Keystone Exams are on a complete hold for the current school year. Ms. Glouner also reported that PDE has received grant money to address reading initiatives from birth through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. MCIU will roll out the initiatives for the Montgomery County school districts when the plans for this grant are released by PDE.

f. Dr. Ken Voss

Dr. Voss reported that the Archdiocesan calendars have been changed due to the strike at the beginning of the school year. Dr. Voss also reported that new funding is being provided for Student Assistance Programs (SAP) and that the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit is a Commonwealth Approved Trainer (CAT) for this region.

g. Dr. Janet Sloand

Dr. Sloand reported on a videoconference held last week on the use of iPads, iPods and other technology for communication purposes for students with disabilities. There were over 2200 participants and the program was well received.

h. Mrs. Kristen Rawlings

Mrs. Rawlings reported that the Communications Division completed and distributed the Montgomery County School Directory, MCIU Fall Update and the Annual Report. Mrs. Rawlings also reminded the Board members that tickets are available for the MCIU Education Foundation Harvest Social and Fundraiser to be held on November 9, 2011.

11. Spotlight on an MCIU Division – Mr. Stan Wisler, Management Services

Mr. Wisler gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the dual role of Management Services in both fiscal support to MCIU and district support. Mr. Wisler spotlighted the following major initiatives of his division:

- 1) Energy Buying Group
- 2) Self Insured Rx Program
- 3) Self Insured Medical Program
- 4) Transportation Demo Project
- 5) ACCESS Services

12. Report of the Solicitor

Mr. Sultanik had no report.

13. Report of the Executive Director

Dr. Shiveley did not have a report, but followed up on Mr. Wisler's report, reiterating that the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit helped the districts save \$7.3 million in the Self-Insured Rx Program, noting that this is the beginning of how MCIU is doing business.

14. Report of Board Committees

Facilities Committee

Dr. Hakes reported that based on Dr. Shiveley's goal to present updated data and a recommendation to the MCIU Board by the October Board meeting as to whether we stay in the current MCIU administrative facilities or seek a new facility, the Facilities Committee is bringing forth the recommendation to seek a different facility.

15. Old Business

There was no old business.

16. New Business

Mr. Bud Miller reported that this would be his last Board meeting since he is not seeking reelection to the Souderton Area School District Board. Mr. Miller thanked the Board members and congratulated the staff of the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit on the wonderful job they do. Mr. Miller wished the organization his best.

17. Additional Public Comments

There were no additional public comments.

18. The date of the next Intermediate Unit Board Meeting will be **Wednesday, November 16, 2011, West Norriton Conference Room B3/B4 at 7:45 p.m.**

19. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Mr. Polaneczky and seconded by Mr. Chmielewski the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.