

September 21, 2011
West Norriton, PA

MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Board Vice President, Daniel B. Sattler, called the meeting to order at 7:55 p.m. on September 21, 2011.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Marc Lieberson, President, Cheltenham	Absent
Daniel B. Sattler, Vice-President, Methacton	Present
Louis Polaneczky, Treasurer, Hatboro-Horsham	Present
Jeannette Maitin, Secretary, Abington	Present
Jennifer Allebach, Upper Perkiomen	Absent
Randy Bennett, Perkiomen Valley	Absent
Mel Brodsky, Colonial	Present
Joseph Chmielewski, Upper Dublin	Present
Thomas DiBello, Spring-Ford Area	Present (Arr. 8:00 pm)
Dr. Susan Guthrie, Lower Merion	Absent
Dr. David Hakes, Upper Moreland	Present
Robert H. Hartman, Jr., Pottstown	Present
Yuri Khalif, Lower Moreland Township	Present
Marie A. Knox, Upper Merion Area	Absent
R. Bud Miller, Souderton Area	Absent
Ted Miller, Jenkintown	Present
Janice Pearce, Norristown Area	Present
Thayer Pendleton, Bryn Athyn	Absent
Burunda Prince-Jones, Wissahickon	Present
Anthony B. Quinn, Esq., Springfield Township	Present
Frederick P. Remelius, Pottsgrove	Absent
Vincent Sherpinsky, North Penn	Absent

Others

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

Dr. Shiveley introduced Dr. Charles Amuso who is replacing Dr. Mary Jane Gales until the position of Director of Legislative Services is filled and Dr. Robert Shields who is replacing Mrs. Jane Mansuy while she recovers from surgery.

4. Approval of Minutes of August 24, 2011

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Maitin and seconded by Mr. Polaneczky that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the minutes of the August 24, 2011 board meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Public Comments on Agenda Items

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

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

Mr. Polaneczky presented the August 2011 Treasurer's Report to the Board. The cash balance as of August 31, 2011 was \$23,694,480.09.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Maitin and seconded by Mr. Hartman that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the August 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 September personnel recommendations listed as Item 2.

Motion passed unanimously.

8. Reports of Staff

a. Dr. Lois Robinson

Dr. Robinson reported that the *ExplorationsPHP* Open House took place on August 31, 2011. In addition to touring the new facility, the attendees also were given a tour of The Anderson School. An *ExplorationsPHP* board meeting was held on September 21, 2011 and all staff positions were approved by the *ExplorationsPHP* Board of Directors at that meeting.

Dr. Robinson extended her thanks to all of the school districts that are providing classroom space for the MCIU Special Education programs as listed on her written report.

b. Mr. Stan Wisler

Mr. Wisler reported on the following Action Item:

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

New Project – Pennsylvania Institute for Instructional Coaching (PIIC)

The Administration recommends approval to accept funds from the Pennsylvania Institute for Instructional Coaching (PIIC) via Capitol Area Intermediate Unit #15 in the amount of \$34,230 for the period of September 21, 2011 to June 30, 2012 for the PIIC Mentor Initiative.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Wisler informed the Board that the letter from the Pennsylvania Department of Education in their meeting packet which states that the Audit Report did not contain any findings or observations is for the years ending June 30, 2008 and June 30, 2007.

c. Dr. Charles Amuso, Government Relations Consultant

Dr. Amuso reported that he and Dr. Shiveley attended the AESA Educators Call to Action meetings in Washington, DC this week and met with two U.S. Senators as well as three Congressmen that serve on the Education Committee. Topics discussed included the importance of the reauthorization of ESEA, IDEA funding, E-Rate and access funding.

In his report on the State, Dr. Amuso said that School Choice/Vouchers and Charter School Reform are two important pieces of legislation that he will be following and reporting on in the coming months.

d. Mrs. Gail Kennedy

Mrs. Kennedy stated that Technology and Information Services would be in the division spotlight and that her written report stands as submitted.

e. Ms. Kendall Glouner

Ms. Glouner reported that county-wide teams will be assembled to create model K-12 U.S. History and Civics curriculum, with special priority being given to teachers who participated in the MCIU Teaching American History grant. The results of this work will assist districts with their curriculum alignment efforts in response to Common Core and Keystone adoption.

f. Dr. Ken Voss

Dr. Voss informed the Board that according to the Pennsylvania Department of Education there are 27,855 students enrolled in nonpublic schools in Montgomery County this year. This represents a 2% decrease from the 2010-2011 school year. Montgomery County has the second largest enrollment in the state of Pennsylvania.

g. Dr. Janet Sloand

Dr. Sloand reported on the very successful Low Incidence Disabilities conference that was held this summer. Over 350 participants attended various workshops on the topic of, "*High Expectations for Achievement*", and twenty-six parent scholarships were awarded through PaTTAN. New sessions this year included Assistive Technology and Adapted Physical Education for students with low incidence disabilities.

h. Mrs. Kristen Rawlings

Mrs. Rawlings reported that she continues to work with the Communications Task Force, comprised of Dr. Charles Amuso, Dr. Melissa Jamula, Dr. Wendy Royer, Dr. Jerry W. Shiveley and Gail Kennedy to discuss a collaborative county-wide communications initiative that will help districts and MCIU inform the general public and legislators about school successes and the educational challenges facing schools.

9. Spotlight on an MCIU Division – Technology & Information Services

Mrs. Kennedy introduced Mr. Sheldon Wedemeyer, Technology Infrastructure Supervisor and Mr. Troy Sosnovik, Technology Applications Supervisor who assisted Mrs. Kennedy in presenting a PowerPoint that highlighted the division's goals for 2011-2012 and the TIS membership services available to the districts. Attention was also brought to additional cost effective services including, but not limited to, Cloud-based applications and services, online learning, and marketing through monthly technology meetings, social media and conference presentations.

10. Report of the Solicitor

Mr. Fitzgerald had no report.

11. Report of the Executive Director

Dr. Shiveley had no report.

12. Report of Board Committees

Facilities Committee

Mr. Chmielewski reported that the Facilities Committee met this evening and recommended that the Needs Analysis that was presented to the committee be shared with the full Board. Mr. Mark Brooks, Supervisor of Facilities, gave a PowerPoint presentation which included a list of ADA compliance issues, as well as roofing deficiency issues and existing problems with the HVAC, electrical systems, server rooms, windows, doors and parking.

Mr. Chmielewski said that the Facilities Committee will meet again and will present their recommendations about whether to seek a new facility or invest in upgrading the current facility. Mr. Wisler will draft a report outlining the cost to purchase and retrofit the property that the Facilities Committee looked at earlier in the year.

13. Old Business

There was no old business.

14. New Business

Mrs. Maitin brought attention to the letter of commendation in the Board meeting folder commenting that she was proud of the MCIU staff member who was so highly praised in this parent's letter.

15. Additional Public Comments

There were no additional public comments.

16. The date of the next Intermediate Unit Board Meeting will be **October 26, 2011, West Norriton Conference Room at 7:45 p.m.**

17. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Mrs. Maitin and seconded by Mr. Hartman, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.