

March 23, 2011
West Norriton, PA

MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD MINUTES

1. Call to Order

President Marc Lieberson called the meeting to order at 7:47 p.m. on March 23, 2011.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

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

Others

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

4. Accept Resignation of MCIU Board Member, Mr. Malcolm Gran, Springfield Township School District.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Maitin and seconded by Mr. Sherpinsky that the Intermediate Unit Board accept the resignation of Malcolm Gran.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Appoint and Welcome New MCIU Board Member

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Maitin and seconded by Mrs. Prince-Jones that the Intermediate Unit Board appoint Mr. Anthony B. Quinn, Springfield Township School District, nominated to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Malcolm Gran.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lieberman and the MCIU Board members welcomed Mr. Quinn to the board.

6. Approval of Minutes of February 23, 2011

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Polaneczky and seconded by Mr. Ted Miller that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the minutes of the February 23, 2011 board meeting.

Motion passed as follows: Aye – 13, Abstention - 1

7. 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.

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

Mr. Sattler presented the February Treasurer's Report to the Board. The cash balance as of February 28, 2011 was \$37,859,637.83.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

9. Human Resources Report

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Maitin and seconded by Mrs. Prince-Jones that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the personnel recommendations listed as Item 2.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Prince-Jones and seconded by Mr. Sherpinsky that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the Guidelines for Conducting the Nomination of Intermediate Unit Board Members.

Mr. Sattler asked if the Guidelines for Conducting the Nomination of Intermediate Unit Board Members has to go through the approval process every year. Mr. Sultanik replied that it does because the vacant positions in the districts are different each year.

Motion passed unanimously.

11. Appointment of Judge of Elections

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Sattler and seconded by Mrs. Prince-Jones that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the Appointment of Jeffrey Sultanik as Judge of Elections.

Motion passed unanimously.

12. Reports of Staff

a. Dr. Lois Robinson

Dr. Robinson reported that the Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) completed their verification process with a visit to MCIU March 15th through March 17th. The verification team visited classrooms, observed IEP meetings and monitored service delivery. Their final report will be issued by May 1, 2011.

b. Mr. Stan Wisler

Mr. Wisler asked for approval on the following two Action Items:

MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Recommendation for Approval to Participate in the Southeastern Pennsylvania Trust

The Administration requests approval of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Trust Agreement and the Resolution related to prescription drug benefits, effective July 1, 2010.

Recommendation to Approve the Contract with Converge

The Administration requests approval of a contract with Converge to participate in the Demand Response Program developed by PJM, Inc.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

c. Dr. Mary Jane Gales

Dr. Gales reported that Governor Corbett presented his budget proposal on March 8, 2011. While the basic education subsidy increased, numerous programs were eliminated. Dr. Gales also reported that a group of senators met and introduced a package of eighteen bills to lift some of the state mandates that drive up school costs. Dr. Gales highlighted several of the mandates, stating that she will continue to monitor the status of these bills.

A discussion among the board members was held to bring forth a motion to support the Executive Director in his efforts to lead conversations with MCIU staff regarding cost saving measures in light of the new governor's budget and PSEA's recommendation to voluntarily freeze salaries for one year. Dr. Shiveley informed the board that he has already begun the process of quiet discussions with staff on this topic for the past two weeks.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Sattler and seconded by Mr. Polaneczky that the Intermediate Unit Board support the Executive Director in his discussions with MCIU staff and bargaining units to save money in light of Governor Corbett's budget proposal and PSEA's recommendation regarding a salary freeze.

Dr. Shiveley advised that this was really Executive Session material.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Polaneczky and seconded by Mr. Ted Miller to table the motion.

Motion to table the main motion passed as follows: Aye – 13, Abstention – 1

A discussion ensued on the topic of the troubled pension system with Mr. Polaneczky requesting that the MCIU Board of Directors put together a Resolution to present to the legislators stating that MCIU supports the blended plan as put forth by PSBA.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Polaneczky and seconded by Mr. Sattler that the Intermediate Unit Board draft a Resolution supporting the blended pension plan put forth by PSBA to present to the legislators.

Motion passed as follows: Aye – 12, Nay – 1, Abstention - 1

d. Mrs. Gail Kennedy

Mrs. Kennedy reported that the Technology & Information Services Division participated in a desk audit conducted by the Human Resources Division. The results of the audit will assist the division in updating job descriptions and identifying areas that require cross training of staff.

Mrs. Kennedy also informed the board that TIS is working on an initiative to determine if there is an opportunity for cost savings by consolidating phone lines across the county. The division is working with several vendors to determine the feasibility of this initiative.

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 that he will be conducting the Meaningful Consultation meetings with the Nonpublic School principals over the next few weeks to determine how to spend the equitable participation monies in the coming year. Dr. Voss also informed the board that the annual needs assessment process will be conducted over the coming months, the results of which will determine the service levels for each school in 2011-2012.

g. Dr. Janet Sloand

Dr. Sloand reported on the success of the 2011 Pennsylvania Department of Education's annual conference, "*Making a Difference: Educational Practices That Work*". The four day event offered 49 sessions to 1500 educators on topics as diverse as school improvement, reading, mathematics, transition, behavior, universal design for learning, gifted education, legal issues, traumatic brain injury and inclusive practices to support all students.. Parent scholarships were awarded to 125 parents of students with disabilities.

h. Mrs. Kristen Rawlings

Mrs. Rawlings stated that the Communications Division would be in the division spotlight and that her written report stands as submitted.

13. Spotlight on MCIU Division

(1) Curriculum, Instruction & Professional Development - Ms. Kendall Glouner

Ms. Glouner spotlighted the various ways that the Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development Division is facing challenges and seeking solutions. CIPD is reaching out to the districts to help them maximize resources, including financial, material and time. Efforts to coordinate and collaborate are a priority as the division identifies services that will benefit the districts.

(2) Communications Division – Mrs. Kristen Rawlings

Mrs. Rawlings presented a PowerPoint that highlighted the ways in which the Communications Division assisted constituent school districts, nonpublic schools, and divisions within MCIU with their publication development, media relations and strategic marketing plans to enhance communication with their target audiences. Mrs. Rawlings also reported that MCIU once again was the recipient of an Award of Excellence from the National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA) and an Award of Honor from PenSPRA for the MCIU Annual Report.

14. Report of the Solicitor

Mr. Sultanik reported that on February 28, 2011 the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Commission issued information on electronic learning opportunities. Mr. Sultanik stated that bargaining issues are involved and districts need to be careful.

15. Report of the Executive Director

Dr. Shiveley brought attention to the PAIU white paper to the House Education Committee and the PAIU document, *“Delivering 21st Century Education Solutions for Students, Schools, Communities and the Commonwealth”*. The information in these documents is the product of a joint effort by the state intermediate units to inform and help Governor Corbett and the Secretary of Education Elect, Ron Tomalis, understand how intermediate units save the districts money.

Dr. Shiveley reminded the board that the intermediate unit is hosting a School Budget Summit on Tuesday, March 29th at 7:00 p.m. at PaTTAN in King of Prussia. Superintendents, Board Directors, Business Managers and Human Resources Directors are invited.

16. Report of Board Committees

There were no committee reports.

17. Old Business

There was no old business.

18. New Business

There was no new business.

19. Additional Public Comments

There were no additional public comments.

20. The date of the next Intermediate Unit Board Meeting will be **April 27, 2011, West Norriton Conference Room at 7:45 p.m.**

21. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Mr. Sattler and seconded by Mrs. Prince-Jones the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.