

September 22, 2010
West Norriton, PA

MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Board President, Marc Lieberson, called the meeting to order at 8:16 p.m. on September 22, 2010.

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	Absent
Randy Bennett, Perkiomen Valley	Absent
Joseph Chmielewski, Upper Dublin	Present
Thomas DiBello, Spring-Ford Area	Absent
Malcolm Gran, Springfield Township	Present
Dr. Susan Guthrie, Lower Merion Area	Absent
Dr. David Hakes, Upper Moreland Township	Present
Robert H. Hartman, Jr., Pottstown	Present
Yuri Khalif, Lower Moreland Township	Present
R. Bud Miller, Souderton Area	Present
Ted Miller, Jenkintown	Present
Janice Pearce, Norristown Area	Present
Thayer Pendleton, Bryn Athyn	Absent
Louis Polaneczky, Hatboro-Horsham	Absent
Burunda Prince-Jones, Wissahickon	Present
Frederick P. Remelius, Pottsgrove	Present
Vincent Sherpinsky, North Penn	Present
Mitch Zimmer, Colonial	Absent

Others

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

4. Welcome New MCIU Board Member

Mr. Lieberman introduced and welcomed the new board member from Souderton Area School District, Mr. Bud Miller.

5. Presentation of Annie Sullivan Award

The IU Public Relations Consortium and the Pennsylvania Association of Intermediate Units jointly sponsor the Annie Sullivan Awards. This award recognizes an individual in education who exemplifies caring involvement with disabled students, and who has helped others in the community to understand and accept students with disabilities.

The 2009-2010 Annie Sullivan Award recipient is Catharine Miller, a Job Coach in the Transition Program in the Special Education division. Mr. Lieberman spoke about Mrs. Miller's outstanding abilities and dedication to children and adults with special needs both in the classroom and in the community, and in particular of the endless hours she volunteers as a coach for the Special Olympics and her affiliation with Camp Independence.

6. Approval of Minutes of August 25, 2010

Mr. Hartman informed the Board that the August 25, 2010 Minutes were incorrect. He was listed as being present at that meeting when, in fact, he was absent.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Gran and seconded by Mr. Sherpinsky that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the minutes of the August 25, 2010 board meeting as amended.

Motion passed unanimously.

7. 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.

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

Mr. Sattler presented the August 2010 Treasurer's Report to the Board. The cash balance as of August 31, 2010 was \$30,690,828.37.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

9. Human Resources Report

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

Motion passed unanimously.

10. Reports of Staff

a. Dr. Barbara Burke-Stevenson

Dr. Burke-Stevenson reported that Dr. Damian Johnston has joined the Special Education staff as the Early Intervention Supervisor. Dr. Burke-Stevenson also gave an update on the progress of the Partial Hospitalization Program and shared information from the Penn State Special Education Directors' meeting held earlier in September.

b. Mr. Stan Wisler

Mr. Wisler reported on the following Action Item:

NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS

Project Continuation – Adult Basic and Literacy Education Application

The Administration recommends acceptance of the grant award from the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Bureau of Adult Basic and Literacy Education, Rider K Project #RA-041-10 in the amount of \$61,237 for continuation of the Adult Basic and Literacy Education project. The grant is for the time period July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 and is provided under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

c. Dr. Mary Jane Gales

Dr. Shiveley reported in Dr. Gales' absence, informing the Board that he and Dr. Gales attended the AESA Educators' Call to Action in Washington, DC that week and that Dr. Gales stayed in Washington for the AASA Legislative Conference. Meetings were held with four representatives on the House Education Committee and Senator Casey. Some of the topics discussed were Race To The Top, full funding of IDEA, vouchers, ESEA reauthorization,

E-Rate, child nutrition, appropriations and rural education. Dr. Shiveley spoke of how important it is for all intermediate units to be active in their communications with the legislators to educate them about the impact of legislation on schools.

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 with the timeline changes to mandated school improvement plans, the MCIU will provide training support for districts that need assistance with the state-mandated document.

Ms. Glouner also informed the Board that the Pennsylvania State Board of Education approved a new option for districts related to Keystone Exams. The third option will allow the districts to adopt the Keystone Exams as a local assessment.

f. Dr. Ken Voss

Dr. Voss reported that the Nonpublic School Services staff was welcomed back for the 2010-2011 school year with three days of professional development at the MCIU.

In addition, Dr. Voss informed the Board that the Southeast Regional Federal Programs Coordinator from PDE will conduct an audit of the Divisions' Title II funding this month. Documents relative to the delivery of our federal grant programs, needs assessment, meaningful consultation data and budget information will be reviewed and a report delivered upon completion.

g. Dr. Janet Sloand

Secondary Transition support was the topic of Dr. Sloand's report to the Board. One of the primary responsibilities of the PaTTAN staff is to assist intermediate units in the implementation and rollout of Indicator 13: Measureable Secondary Transition Goals. The 2010 Pennsylvania Community on Transition Conference was attended by over 1,000 educators, parents and students.

h. Mrs. Kristen Rawlings

Mrs. Rawlings reported that 1,000 free coats will be distributed to eleven school districts in October through a partnership with Operation Warm. Mrs.

Rawlings also brought attention to the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Education Foundation (MCIUEF) Annual Report in the Board packet and reminded the group that the MCIUEF Fall Social and Fundraiser is scheduled for November 9, 2010.

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

Mrs. Kennedy, with the assistance of TIS supervisors, Troy Sosnovik and Sheldon Wedemeyer, presented a PowerPoint presentation to the Board, highlighting the many services offered to the districts, the budget allocations for 2010-2011, and information on collaboration with other intermediate units. Marketing materials were included with the presentation and attention was brought to the Intermediate Unit Technology Partnership brochure.

12. Report of the Solicitor

Mr. Sultanik had no report.

13. Report of the Executive Director

Dr. Shiveley brought attention to the MCIU Divisional Goals as distributed and asked the Board to review them and contact him if they had any questions or concerns.

Dr. Shiveley reported that Gail Kennedy is working closely with the districts to refine the services provided. The MCIU is partnering with vendors and other intermediate units in an effort to reduce costs to the districts. The intermediate unit staff is meeting with superintendents and technology directors to determine what services are needed and to how work collaboratively.

Dr. Shiveley informed the Board that a new Superintendents' Task Force on Cooperative Services has been formed and will be staffed by Dr. Charles Amuso, former superintendent of Souderton Area School District. Superintendents from six school districts (Spring-Ford Area, Upper Moreland, Lower Merion, Methacton, Upper Merion and Jenkintown) will serve on the task force whose mission statement reads as follows:

The mission of the Task Force is to facilitate and develop support for new cooperative services. These services will be designed to provide cost savings and to support instruction for students in the participating school districts. The Task Force will review services of educational service agencies throughout Pennsylvania and other states as part of the planning for these new services.

14. Report of Board Committees

Facilities Committee: Mr. Chmielewski reported that the Facilities Committee met this evening to explore the possibility of purchasing a building that the committee had visited.

15. Old Business

There was no old business.

16. New Business

Mrs. Maitin announced that Abington has been named one of the Nation's 100 Best Communities for Young People by America's Promise Alliance and ING. Abington is a four-time winner. Competition recognizes communities taking action to help reduce local dropout rates and create brighter futures for young people.

17. Additional Public Comments

There were no additional public comments.

18. The date of the next Intermediate Unit Board Meeting will be **October 27, 2010, West Norriton Conference Room at 7:45 p.m.**

19. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Mr. Chmielewski and seconded by Mrs. Maitin, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.