

## **MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD MINUTES**

### 1. Call to Order

President, David A. Hasuik, called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m. on April 25, 2007.

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

After the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Hasiuk asked for a moment of silence to honor the victims at Virginia Tech.

### 3. Roll Call

David Hasiuk, President, Upper Moreland School District	Present
S. Troy Miller, Perkiomen Valley School District	Present
Cedric McKeever, Secretary, Lower Moreland School District	Absent
Marie A. Knox, Treasurer Upper Merion School District	Absent
Russel S. Bleiler, Hatboro-Horsham School District	Absent
Joseph Chmielewski, Upper Dublin School District	Present
Tracy G. Cole, Souderton Area School District	Present
Boo Crofton, Wissahickon School District	Present
Diane DiBonaventuro, Lower Merion Area School District	Present
Malcolm Gran, Springfield Twp. School District	Present
John Grispon, Spring-Ford Area School District	Absent
Robert H. Hartman, Jr., Pottstown School District	Present
Marc Lieberon, Cheltenham School District	Absent
Vicki Lightcap, Upper Perkiomen School District	Absent
Jeannette Maitin, Abington School District	Present
Margaret Martinez, Methacton School District	Present
Ted Miller, Jenkintown School District	Present
Janice Pearce, Norristown Area School District	Absent
Thayer Pendleton, Bryn Athyn School District	Absent
Vincent Sherpinsky, North Penn School District	Present
Gordon Whitlock, Pottsgrove School District	Present
Mitch Zimmer, Colonial School District	Absent

### Others

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

4. Approval of Minutes of March 28, 2007

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Whitlock and seconded by Ms. Martinez that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the minutes of the March 28, 2007 board meeting.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

5. Public Comments on Agenda Items

Mr. Hasuik 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 Report

Mr. Troy Miller presented the March Treasurer's Report to the Board in the absence of Marie Knox, Treasurer. The cash balance as of March 31, 2007, was \$31,730,890.79.

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Troy Miller and seconded by Mr. Gran that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the March Treasurer's Report and the payment of bills.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

7. Human Resources Report

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Ted Miller and seconded by Mr. Vince Sherpinsky that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the personnel recommendations listed as Item 2.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

8. First Review of Proposed 2007/2008 Non-Public School Services Budgets

Mr. Wisler directed the Board members to the proposed 2007-2008 Non-Public School Services budget document, bringing attention to the new format which ties the numbers to the programs. Mrs. Betty Weber, with the assistance of Ms. Nancy Myers, Supervisor, Speech & Remediation, presented a program overview of the services offered through the Non-Public School Services division. A request for final approval of the NPSS budget will be requested at the May board meeting.

9. Reports of Staff

a. Dr. Jeanmarie Mason

Dr. Mason's report highlights the public relations efforts being made by the Special Education division. Dr. Mason and Dr. Cheryl Ranck, Manager of Early Intervention have been making an effort to visit a number of preschools in Montgomery County to offer information on Early Intervention and the resources available.

Dr. Mason also brought attention to the EI Improvement Plan listed in her report. PDE's Director of Special Education, Mr. John J. Tommasini, has recognized the MCIU's implementation of many changes in the administration of the early intervention program that raised the level of fiscal management in a positive manner while not compromising the quality of programs.

Dr. Mason also handed out Autism Awareness Ribbons, noting that April is Autism Awareness Month.

b. Mr. Stan Wisler

**Motion:** It was moved by Ms. Martinez and seconded by Mr. Chmielewski that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the Recommendation to Accept the 2007-08 Act 30 contracts with the following residential rehabilitative institutions (PRRIs) for the period 7/1/2007 - 6/30/2008 in the amounts indicated. Previous Board action was 4/26/2006.

Carson Valley School	\$3,399,541.00
New Life Youth and Family Services	\$1,201,086.00
St. Gabriel's Hall System	\$6,564,687.00

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion:** It was moved by Mrs. Maitin and seconded by Mr. Whitlock that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the Recommendation to Approve Lease Agreement for 930 Jefferson Avenue, Lower Providence Township

**Motion passed unanimously.**

c. Dr. Sharon Richardson

Dr. Richardson reported on the Accountability Block Grant Hearings, noting that there is an effort to expand the nine categories of usage to include world languages, laptop computer acquisition, high school reform, and elementary science curriculum. No new money is authorized for these additions.

d. Mrs. Gail Kennedy

Mrs. Kennedy highlighted the Technology Evaluations portion of her report, informing the Board that the TIS Division recently completed a technology evaluation for Perkiomen Valley School District. An evaluation will be conducted for Pottsgrove School District in May. Mrs. Kennedy gave special recognition to staff member, Maria Johns for her efforts and assistance with these projects.

e. Dr. Robert Shields

Dr. Peter Grande, Asst. Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Professional Development, reported in Dr. Shields' absence. Dr. Grande spoke about the recommended changes to the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001 released by PDE. He noted that the U.S. Department of Education has released final regulations regarding the creation of alternative tests of proficiency for students in special education as part of the state assessment systems.

f. Mrs. Elizabeth Weber

In addition to presenting the NPSS 2007-2008 budget for first review, Mrs. Weber brought attention to the letter of commendation in the board packet. The letter from The Hill School praises NPSS reading specialist, Terri Russo, for her professionalism and persistence.

g. Dr. Janet Sloand

Dr. Sloand reported that over 1,300 people attended the PDE Annual Conference, including general and special educators, administrators, therapists, and parents. Topics included Response to Intervention (RtI), students with disabilities, school safety, and inclusive practices.

10. Spotlight on an MCIU Division – Management Services: “Co-Op Purchasing” – Mr. Stan Wisler

Mr. Wisler offered a PowerPoint presentation on the topic of Co-Op Purchasing.

11. Report of the Solicitor

Mr. Sultanik had no report.

## 12. Report of the Executive Director

Dr. Shiveley reported on the AASA Legislative Conference he attended recently in Washington D.C. Based on discussions at the conference, Dr. Shiveley informed the Board that because of the federal government's attention to the war effort, congress needs to hear from the education sector regarding (1) IDEA Funding (2) E-Rate (3) Medicaid Funding (4) NCLB. Of note is the fact that Pennsylvania has three house members serving on the Education Committee.

The MCIU hosted a breakfast today to honor the Administrative Support Staff. The Bill Bainbridge Award was presented to Donna Kelly (Management Services), Louise Dager (Human Resources) and Linda Curran (Special Education).

The Superintendents' Retreat, organized and coordinated by Drs. Robert Shields and Peter Grande, is scheduled for April 26-28.

Dr. Shiveley reported that during his recent China trip, he had dinner with Mal Gran's son, David, and David's wife. The purpose of the trip sponsored by the Chinese Language Teachers Association of Greater New York was to facilitate an exchange program for students and staff.

The Voices of Inspiration Awards Banquet, co-sponsored by MCIU and Freedom Credit Union to honor Montgomery County teachers will be held on May 2, 2007 at Normandy Farms.

The Montgomery County Special Needs Children's Foundation Golf Classic is scheduled for Monday, May 7, 2007. Information is available on the MCIU website at [www.mciu.org](http://www.mciu.org).

## 13. Report of Board Committees

Mr. Hasiuk reported that the Nominating Committee has met and a slate of officers will be presented at the May board meeting. A vote for the new officers will be taken at the June board meeting.

The Executive Committee has had scheduling challenges and is continuing to try to schedule a meeting to discuss the Executive Directors' goals.

## 14. Old Business

There was no old business

## 15. New Business

There was no new business

16. Additional Public Comments

There were no additional public comments.

17. The date of the next Intermediate Unit Board Meeting will be **May 23, 2007,**  
**West Norriton Conference Room at 7:45 p.m.**

18. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Ms. Martinez and seconded by Mr. Ted Miller the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

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President

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Secretary