

MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD MINUTES

1. Call to Order

President Joseph Chmielewski called the meeting to order at 7:48 p.m. on February 25, 2009.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Joseph Chmielewski, President, Upper Dublin	Present
John S. Grispon, Vice-President, Spring-Ford Area	Present
Jeannette Maitin, Secretary, Abington	Present
Marie A. Knox, Treasurer, Upper Merion Area	Present
Dr. R. Paul Baumgartner, Souderton Area	Present
Randy Bennett, Perkiomen Valley	Absent
Dr. Russel S. Bleiler, Hatboro-Horsham	Absent
Diane DiBonaventuro, Lower Merion Area (Arrived late)	Present
Malcolm Gran, Springfield Township	Present
Dr. David Hakes, Upper Moreland Township	Present
Robert H. Hartman, Jr., Pottstown	Absent
Yuri Khalif, Lower Moreland Township	Present
Marc Lieberon, Cheltenham	Present
Mary Rives Young, Upper Perkiomen	Present
Ted Miller, Jenkintown	Present
Janice Pearce, Norristown Area	Present
Thayer Pendleton, Bryn Athyn	Absent
Burunda Prince-Jones, Wissahickon	Present
Frederick P. Remelius, Pottsgrove	Absent
Daniel B. Sattler, Methacton	Present
Vincent Sherpinsky, North Penn	Present
Mitch Zimmer, Colonial	Absent

Others

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

4. Approval of Minutes of November 19, 2008 and December 17, 2008

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Lieberon and seconded by Mr. Sherpinsky that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the minutes of the November 19, 2008 and December 17, 2008 board meetings.

Motion passed unanimously

5. Public Comments on Agenda Items

Mr. Chmielewski asked if there were any public comments regarding agenda items. There being none, the board proceeded with the agenda.

6. Special Presentation of 25 Year Awards

The Intermediate Unit honors employees who have completed twenty-five years of service. At the February 25, 2009 meeting the following dedicated staff members were recognized and honored:

Name	Position
Beth Ferguson	Speech Language Pathologist - NPSS
Michael Gordon	Technology Resources Facilitator - TIS
Jacqueline Hartung	Speech Language Pathologist – NPSS

7. Approval and Ratification of Bills as Included in the Treasurer's Reports

Ms. Knox presented the November, December and January Treasurer's Reports to the Board for approval. The cash balance as of January 31, 2009 was \$29,765,865.80.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Sherpinsky and seconded by Dr. Baumgartner that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the November, December and January Treasurer's Reports and the payment of bills.

Motion passed unanimously.

8. Human Resources Report

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

Motion passed unanimously.

9. Reports of Staff

a. Dr. Jeanmarie Mason

Dr. Mason reported that IEP teams are meeting to determine what extended services will be provided for students with disabilities beyond the regular school year. Dr. Mason also reported that letters have been sent to the school districts informing them of their Fair Share for hosting MCIU Special Education classes as required by the Fair Share Plan and Agreement.

Dr. Mason brought attention to the letters and emails of commendation which are brought forth to the MCIU Board each month, stating that they are a strong testimony to the dedicated staff in the Special Education Division.

b. Mr. Stan Wisler

Mr. Wisler asked for approval on the following action items:

Management Services

1. Ratification of the Action Items from the January 28, 2009 Board Meeting

- ◆ Recommendation to Accept SEPA Regional Tobacco Project Funds
- ◆ Recommendation to Award the Fuel Bid for Montgomery County School Entities Joint Purchasing Board
- ◆ Authorization to Declare Equipment Surplus/Obsolete
- ◆ Recommendation to Authorize Application for Mandate Waiver of Quotation and Bid Threshold
- ◆ Title I School District Contracts
- ◆ Title II – Part A – District Contracts
- ◆ Bid Recommendation of Printing of Folders for PaTTAN
- ◆ Recommendation to Accept a Subcontract Agreement Between the Eastern Center for Arts and Technology and the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit
- ◆ Recommendation to Approve the 2009-2010 Special Education Division Budget

2. Recommendation to Approve an Agreement with Management Partnership Services (MPS) to conduct a Bucks and Montgomery County Transportation Study focusing on special education and nonpublic schools transportation. The administration recommends approval of an agreement with MPS in the amount of \$108,650.

3. Recommendation to Approve Agreements to Allow Vanguard as a 403(b) Provider with MCIU.

4. Recommendation to Approve an Agreement with Delaware Valley Healthcare Coalition (DVHCC) to take advantage of premium savings through wellness programs.

Special Education

1. Recommendation to Accept the Grant Award from PDE/Office of Elementary and Secondary Education for the Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth Programs at the Montgomery County Corrections Facility and the Anderson School, in the amount of \$112,908.00 for the period July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Sattler and seconded by Dr. Baumgartner to approve all of the Action Items listed above.

Motion passed unanimously.

c. Dr. Mary Jane Gales

Dr. Gales reported that Senator Jane Orié introduced a bill that prohibits implementing statewide requirements for Graduation Competency Assessments unless they are sanctioned and funded by the General Assembly. Local Senators Dinniman, Greenleaf, Rafferty and Wonderling are co-sponsors of this bill. Representative Saylor has introduced a similar bill in the House. Local support is needed and Dr. Gales encouraged the Board members to contact their local legislators.

Dr. Gales recommended the PSBA video presentation entitled, “FREE” (Focus Resources on Educational Expenses) which is available on the PSBA website. The video features Tom Gentzel, Executive Director, and was initiated to free schools from the burden of unfunded mandates.

d. Mrs. Gail Kennedy

Mrs. Kennedy reported that the Technology & Information Services division is working collaboratively with Management Services and Mr. Steve Beck to write a grant for fire prevention and safety training for students and parents. TIS is also assisting Cheltenham School District with their search for a new Director of Technology.

e. Ms. Kendall Glouner

Ms. Glouner informed the Board that the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit hosted the annual Governor’s School for the Arts judging on January 20th. This program is on the Governor’s list of programs that will be eliminated due to budget constraints.

Ms. Glouner discussed the Penn State University study on local assessments, noting that the State Board of Education is holding hearings to provide an opportunity for Board members to listen to concerns and hear suggestions about ways to strengthen state high school graduation requirements.

f. Dr. Kenneth Voss

Dr. Voss reported that Nonpublic School Services staff, in collaboration with Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development and Technology and Information Services staff have been conducting focus groups with nonpublic school principals to determine future allocations of Title II funding.

g. Dr. Janet Sloand

Dr. Sloand brought attention to the PA Department of Education Annual Conference brochure attached to her board report, noting that the theme for this year’s conference is *“Getting Results: Educating Students in a Standards Aligned System”*. The dates for the conference are April 14-17, 2009 and Mr. Michael Fullan, a nationally recognized speaker on school reform, is one of the keynote speakers.

h. Mrs. Kristen Rawlings

Mrs. Rawlings reported that a Zoomerang survey had been sent to the Board members to assess the effectiveness of the MCIU Communications Division's strategies. Mrs. Rawlings requested the Board members feedback.

10. Spotlight on an MCIU Division – Human Resources - Mrs. Jane Webster Mansuy

Mrs. Mansuy gave a PowerPoint presentation which highlighted the services that the Human Resources Division provides to the school districts and the support provided to external clients. Mrs. Mansuy serves as a liaison to PDE and provides consultation to districts on employment processes as well as training and certification issues related to Human Resources.

11. Report of the Solicitor

Mr. Sultanik had no report.

12. Report of the Executive Director

Dr. Shiveley's report included information on the federal stimulus package known as the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) which he brought back from the recent AASA conference. It is anticipated that school districts will receive funds in year one and have three years to spend it. There will be significant increases in Title I and Special Education funding.

Dr. Shiveley reported that the MCIU Services Provided booklets for 2007-2008 have been sent to each of the school district superintendents.

Dr. Shiveley expressed his gratitude to the Board members for providing their photographs for the conference room hallway.

Dr. Shiveley reminded the Board members that twelve positions will be open on the MCIU Board this year. The following school districts will be required to nominate a board member to serve on the MCIU Board effective July 1, 2009:

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| 1) Colonial | 7) Perkiomen Valley |
| 2) Jenkintown | 8) Pottsgrove |
| 3) Lower Merion | 9) Spring-Ford Area |
| 4) Lower Moreland | 10) Upper Dublin |
| 5) Methacton | 11) Upper Perkiomen |
| 6) North Penn | 12) Wissahickon |

Dr. Shiveley informed the group that three MCIU Board members attended the AESA Conference in December. Burunda Prince-Jones, Dr. Paul Baumgartner, and Mr. Marc Lieberon all reported that it was an outstanding conference and they were pleased to have been able to attend.

13. Report of Board Committees

Policy Committee: Dr. Hakes reported that the Policy Committee met and continues to revise the Board Policy/Procedures/Administrative Regulations. Dr. Hakes reminded the Board that eleven policies were approved for first reading at the November 19, 2008 Board meeting.

MOTION: It was moved by Dr. Hakes and seconded by Mr. Lieberman that the Intermediate Unit Board accept nine of the policies of the Board Procedures for second reading as follows:

- 000. Board Policy/Procedure/Administrative Regulations
- 001. Name and Classification
- 002. Authority and Powers
- 004. Membership
- 005. Organization
- 006. Meetings
- 007. Distribution
- O11. Board Governance of Standards/Code of Conduct
- 249. Bullying/Cyberbullying

Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: It was moved by Dr. Hakes and seconded by Mr. Sherpinsky that the Intermediate Unit Board accept two of the policies of the Board Procedures for second reading as follows:

- 003. Functions
- 006.1 Attendance at Meetings Via Electronic Communications

Motion passed by a vote of 15-1 in favor of the recommendation

Mr. Chmielewski announced that a Meet and Discuss Committee for review of the Teacher Assistants and Paraprofessionals contract needs to be formed and asked for volunteers. Dan Sattler, Jeannette Maitin and Mary Rives Young volunteered.

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 **March 25, 2009,**
West Norriton Conference Room B3/B4 at 7:45 p.m.
18. Adjournment

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