

July 26, 2006
West Norriton, PA

MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD MINUTES

1. Call to Order

President David A. Hasiuk called the meeting to order at 8:03 p.m. on July 26, 2006.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

David Hasiuk, President, Upper Moreland School District	Present
S. Troy Miller, Vice President, Perkiomen Valley School District	Absent
Margaret Martinez, Secretary, Methacton School District	Present
Marie A. Knox, Treasurer, Upper Merion School District	Present
Russel S. Bleiler, Hatboro-Horsham School District	Absent
Joseph Chmielewski, Upper Dublin School District	Present
Tracy G. Cole, Souderton Area School District	Absent
Frances Boo Crofton, Wissahickon School District	Absent
Diane DiBonaventuro, Lower Merion School District	Present
Peter A. Dreifus, Abington School District	Present
Malcolm Gran, Springfield Twp. School District	Absent
John Grispon, Spring-Ford School District	Present
Robert H. Hartman, Jr., Pottstown School District	Absent
Marc Lieberson, Cheltenham School District	Present
Vicki Lightcap, Upper Perkiomen School District	Present
Cedric McKeever, Lower Moreland School District	Present
Ted Miller, Jenkintown School District	Present
Janice Pearce, Norristown Area School District	Present
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	Present

Others

Mrs. Jane Mansuy, Assistant Executive Director	Present
Jeffrey Sultanik, Solicitor	Present

4. Election of Board Officers for 2006/2007

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Grispon and seconded by Mr. Dreifus that the nominated slate listed below be the elected slate for the Intermediate Unit Board officers for the 2006-2007 school year:

President	David Hasiuk
Vice President	S. Troy Miller
Secretary	Cedric McKeever
Treasurer	Marie A. Knox

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Dreifus and seconded by Ms. Lightcap that the nominations for Board officers be closed with the election of the nominated slate approved as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

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 2006 Annie Sullivan Award recipient is Jenny Favata. Ms. Favata has been employed by the MCIU since 1973 and has worked in the Early Intervention program since its inception. Ms. Favata was described as being an extraordinary and selfless employee, the touchstone of the E.I. Department, and an asset to the organization. As a case manager she is recognized by both her colleagues and her clients for her dedication, professionalism and nurturing manner.

6. Approval of Minutes of June 28, 2006

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Lightcap and seconded by Mr. Dreifus that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the minutes of the June 28, 2006 board meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

7. Public Comments on Agenda Items

Mr. Hasiuk 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 Report

Ms. Marie Knox presented the June Treasurer's Report to the Board. The cash balance as of June 30, 2006, was \$15,305,762.63.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

9. Personnel Report

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

Motion passed unanimously.

10. Reports of Staff

a. Dr. Jeanmarie Mason

Dr. Mason was pleased to report that there was an overwhelming response to the EI Quality Assurance Survey completed by the EI parents, with 98.5% of the survey respondents replying positively to the survey statements and 3% disagreeing with the statements. Phone calls were made to the 3% that were in disagreement to discuss the reason for their responses.

Dr. Mason informed the Board that the Division of Special Education has been reorganized to include an Assistant Director in lieu of a Program Director for Early Intervention. Ms. Maria DeLuca has been named as Assistant Director of Special Education.

b. Mr. Stan Wisler

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Martinez and seconded by Mr. Ted Miller that the Intermediate Unit Board approve both the 2005/06 Budget Transfers and the Recommendation to Approve the 2005/2006 Parent Transportation Contract.

Motion passed unanimously.

c. Dr. Lorie Stout

Dr. Stout reported that the new acts listed in her written report remain as stated, including Act 2A of 2006, the new Commonwealth Budget, and Act 114 of 2006, the omnibus education legislation.

Dr. Stout also thanked Jeffrey Sultanik, Esq., Bonnie Sheehan, Esq., and Kyle Berman, Esq. from Fox Rothschild, LLP for the excellent workshop they presented at the IU on Act 1 of 2006. The workshop was attended by 112 Montgomery County superintendents, school business officials, and school board members. Dr. Stout informed the board that the Legislative Services section of the MCIU website would be updated with timely information on Act 1 of 2006.

d. Ms. Holly Jobe

The Board was informed that Ms. Jobe was not present due to the death of her mother. The Board offered their condolences.

Ms. Maria Johns informed the board members that the recent Podcast workshop was well attended and gave a brief description of the MAGPI Users Group, the Internet 2 consortium organization which explores programs for use by schools.

e. Mrs. Elizabeth Weber

Mrs. Weber welcomed the new board members and gave a brief description of the Non-Public Schools Services division. In addition, Mrs. Weber highlighted the orientation session that was sponsored by the Montgomery County Health Department and the Montgomery County Emergency Medical Services Council regarding POD (Points of Dispensing) sites. Representatives from many schools attended the session.

Mrs. Weber also reported that the NPSS summer sessions have been very successful and well attended thus far.

f. Ms. Kate DiLullo

Ms. DiLullo welcomed the new board members and informed them that PaTTAN provides support and training for 42% of the special education students in the state of Pennsylvania.

Ms. DiLullo also reported that the National Autism Conference will be held from July 31-August 4, 2006 in State College. PaTTAN is a member of the national planning committee and PaTTAN staff members will be involved in the conference operations.

11. Report of the Solicitor

Mr. Sultanik had no report.

12. Report of the Executive Director

Mrs. Mansuy, Assistant Executive Director, had no report.

13. Report of Board Committees

President Hasiuk stated that the board members met in Executive Session prior to the regular meeting to discuss a real estate issue.

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 **August 23, 2006, West Norriton Conference Room at 7:45 p.m.**

18. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Ms. Martinez and seconded by Ms. Lightcap, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.