

March 26, 2008
West Norriton, PA

MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD MINUTES

1. Call to Order

President Joseph Chmielewski called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m. on March 26, 2008.

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	Present
Dr. Russel S. Bleiler, Hatboro-Horsham	Absent
Diane DiBonaventuro, Lower Merion Area	Present
Malcolm Gran, Springfield Township	Absent
Dr. David Hakes, Upper Moreland Township	Present
Robert H. Hartman, Jr., Pottstown	Present
Yuri Khalif, Lower Moreland Township	Present
Marc Lieberon, Cheltenham	Absent
Ted Miller, Jenkintown	Present
Janice Pearce, Norristown Area	Absent
Thayer Pendleton, Bryn Athyn	Absent
Burunda Prince-Jones, Wissahickon	Present
Frederick P. Remelius, Pottsgrove	Present
Daniel B. Sattler, Methacton	Present
Vincent Sherpinsky, North Penn	Present
Mary Young, Upper Perkiomen	Present
Mitch Zimmer, Colonial	Absent

Others

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

4. Approval of Minutes of February 27, 2008

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Hartman that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the minutes of the February 27, 2008 board meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Public Comments on Agenda Items

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

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

Mrs. Knox presented the February Treasurer's Report to the Board. The cash balance as of February 27, 2008 was \$32,858,013.04.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

7. Human Resources Report

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

Motion passed unanimously.

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

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Knox and seconded by Mr. Bennett that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the Guidelines for Conducting the Nomination of Intermediate Unit Board Members.

Motion passed unanimously.

9. Appointment of Judge of Elections

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Grispon and seconded by Mrs. Maitin that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the appointment of Jeffrey Sultanik as Judge of Elections.

Motion passed unanimously.

10. Report of Judge of Elections on Intermediate Unit Budgets

Jeffrey Sultanik (Judge of Elections) reported that the ballots for budget approval were counted on March 18, 2008 and that each budget was approved in accordance with the school code as follows:

	<u>Weighted Aye Votes</u>
General Administrative Services	342
Curriculum/Staff Development Services	351
Legislative Services & Grant Development	336
Technology & Informational Services	314

11. Reports of Staff

a. Dr. Jeanmarie Mason

Dr. Mason reported that MCIU participated in a conference call with officials from the Office of Child Development and Early Learning regarding our allocation of monies for Early Intervention for 2008-2009. Dr. Mason explained to the state representatives that factors impacting our per pupil spending include, but are not limited to the increasing number of children with autism, parents that are not giving the IU permission to bill Medical Assistance, and the number of children who remain on pendent services is increasing. Two subsequent calls have taken place in an effort to plead our case and the conversation is ongoing.

Dr. Mason also brought attention to the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Education Foundation Annual Golf Classic brochure in the board packet. The golf outing is scheduled for May 12th at the Blue Bell Country Club. Even non-golfers are encouraged to participate by donating to this worthy cause.

b. Mr. Stan Wisler

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

- (1) Recommendation to Award Supply Bids for Montgomery County School Entities Joint Purchasing Board
- (2) Recommendation to approve a five year master agreement with the PA Department of Education to enable MCIU to receive grant funds.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Grispon and seconded by Mrs. Knox that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the Recommendation to Award Supply Bids for Montgomery County School Entities Joint Purchasing Board

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mrs. Knox that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the Recommendation to Approve a five year master agreement with the PA Department of Education to enable MCIU to receive grant funds for the period of July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2013.

Motion passed unanimously.

c. Dr. Sharon Richardson

Dr. Richardson reported that Secretary Zahorchack was questioned by the House and Senate Appropriations Committees as the new funding formula was debated. The formula is being challenged and there are signals that there may be legislative will to increase the transition money to at least restore it to the previous amount of 2%.

Debate continues on the topic of GCA's (Graduation Competency Assessments) as the opposition to the plan continues to gather momentum across the state. Dr. Richardson brought attention to the Meeting Announcement that was given to the Board members announcing the roundtable discussion with the PA State Board of Education on GCA's. The meeting will be hosted by MCIU on April 3, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

d. Mrs. Gail Kennedy

Mrs. Kennedy brought attention to the KYW Newsradio Highlight which aired throughout the day on March 9th and featured TIS staff member, John McBride, explaining the IU's streaming video services.

Progress on the regional fiber network continues with positive feedback from the school districts on the progress and professionalism of Sunesys.

The new MCIU Website is nearly ready for rollout. The conversion process is continuing and TIS is working with the Communications Director to promote the anticipated Website Grand Reopening date of April 28th.

e. Dr. Peter Grande

Dr. Grande spoke about the Getting Results School Improvement Plan document. This document serves as schools' guidelines to get out of School Improvement and make AYP. The state has agreed to publish the data in May so that schools know their results by the start of the school year in September.

f. Dr. Kenneth Voss

Dr. Voss reported that the annual needs assessment process for Nonpublic School principals can now be completed online. Dr. Voss thanked Mrs. Kennedy and the TIS staff for setting this up. Dr. Voss also reported that MCIU received a three-month extension for our Tobacco Prevention Project, The Health Promotion Council of the Philadelphia Health Management Corporation. The Montgomery County Intermediate Unit will continue to provide training and curricula regarding tobacco prevention and cessation to Montgomery County public and non-public school educators through September.

g. Dr. Janet Sloand

Highlighting Secondary Transition, Dr. Sloand reported on PaTTAN's initiative to prepare students with disabilities for life after school. PaTTAN is responsible for providing training and technical assistance to assist school districts with the task of preparing students for life after high school.

h. Mrs. Kristen Rawlings

Mrs. Rawlings reported that the 10th Annual Reading Olympics kicked off on March 25th with 500 teams and over 6,000 participants. Freedom Credit Union has completed the nomination process for the Voices of Inspiration Awards. More than 700 teachers from 21 school districts, non-public schools and the IU have been nominated for this Teacher Excellence award. The Awards Banquet is scheduled for May 7, 2008 at Normandy Farms.

12. Spotlight on MCIU Division – Management Services: Division Highlights - Mr. Stan Wisler

Mr. Wisler gave a PowerPoint Presentation highlighting the MCIU Building Study, the Study to Review Transportation Operations, and an update on Compliance with New 403(b) Regulations.

13. Report of the Solicitor

Mr. Sultanik had no report.

14. Report of the Executive Director

a. Appointment of Solicitor for 2008-2009

Dr. Shiveley recommended that the board renew Fox Rothschild's contract based on the retainer agreement for solicitor services for the school year 2008-2009 as included in the board packet.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Grispon and seconded by Mr. Miller that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the Recommendation to Accept the Fox Rothschild LLP Retainer Agreement for Solicitor Services for School Year 2008-2009.

Motion passed unanimously.

15. Report of Board Committees

There were no committee reports.

16. Old Business

There was no old business.

17. New Business

There was no new business

18. Additional Public Comments

There were no additional public comments.

19. The date of the next Intermediate Unit Board Meeting will be **April 23, 2008, West Norriton Conference Room at 7:45 p.m.**

20. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Mr. Grispon and seconded by Mrs. Maitin the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.