

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD MINUTES

### 1. Call to Order

President David A. Hasiuk called the meeting to order at 7:52 p.m. on May 23, 2007.

### 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
Cedric McKeever, Secretary, Lower Moreland 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	Present
Boo Crofton, Wissahickon School District	Present
Diane DiBonaventuro, Lower Merion Area School District	Absent
Malcolm Gran, Springfield Township School District	Present
John Grispon, Spring-Ford Area School District	Present
Robert H. Hartman, Jr., Pottstown School District	Present
Marc Lieberon, Cheltenham School District	Present
Vicki Lightcap, Upper Perkiomen School District	Absent
Jeannette Maitin, Abington School District	Absent
Margaret Martinez, Methacton School District	Absent
Ted Miller, Jenkintown School District	Absent
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	Absent
Mitch Zimmer, Colonial School District	Absent

#### Others

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

### 4. Approval of Minutes of April 25, 2007

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Sherpinsky and seconded by Ms. Crofton that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the minutes of the April 25, 2007 board meeting.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

### 5. 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.

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

Ms. Knox presented the April Treasurer's Report to the Board. The cash balance as of April 30, 2007, was \$25,988,229.95.

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

**Motion passed unanimously.**

7. Human Resources Report

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Lieberman and seconded by Mr. Grispon that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the personnel recommendations listed as Item 2, including the following addenda: Appointment of Mr. C. Thomas Bauer as Director of Communications and approval of the transition, separation, and release agreement for Mrs. Betty Weber, Director of Nonpublic School Services.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

8. Presentation of Bobbie S. Goodman Award

Bobbie S. Goodman was employed as a reading teacher in the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit, Non-Public School Services Division from 1979 to 1996. During her career Bobbie worked in twenty-one non-public schools and with more than one thousand students. A memorial fund has been established by Bobbie's family and friends in her honor to annually recognize a Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Non-Public School Services Division staff member who exemplifies Bobbie's characteristics which form the criteria for the award.

Ms. Nancy Myers introduced Ruthann Alberts, Montgomery County Intermediate Unit staff member since 1979 and a Remedial Reading/Math Specialist, as this year's recipient of the award. The Bobbie S. Goodman Award Committee considered dedication to teaching, personal caring for students, creativity, professional support for colleagues, commitment to friendship and loyalty to the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit when making the choice of Ruthann for the award.

**RECESS:** After a five minute recess called by President Hasiuk for friends and relatives to congratulate Ms. Alberts, the meeting was called back to order at 8:05 p.m.

9. Approval of Proposed 2007/2008 Intermediate Unit Board Meeting Dates

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Sherpinsky and seconded by Mr. Chmielewski that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the 2007/2008 Intermediate Unit Board Meeting Dates as follows:

2007

July 25  
August 22  
September 26  
October 24  
November 14

2008

January 23  
February 27  
March 26  
April 23  
May 28  
June 25

**Motion passed unanimously.**

10. Approval of Proposed 2007/2008 Non-Public School Services Budgets – Stan Wisler

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Sherpinsky and seconded by Mr. Gran that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the 2007/2008 Non-Public School Services Budgets.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

11. Professional Development Plan Reading – Dr. Robert Shields

Dr. Shields took this opportunity to bring attention to the Reading Olympics display on the conference room wall, as he spoke about the success of this growing program. Over 5,676 students from Montgomery County schools participated under the leadership of MCIU staff member, Maria Johns.

Dr. Shields also brought attention to the Professional Education Plan in the board member's packet and asked the board members to review it for approval at the June meeting.

12. Reports of Staff

a. Dr. Jeanmarie Mason

Dr. Mason referenced the Special Olympics in her board report, noting that over 300 athletes participated in this track and field competition. Dr. Mason's report notes the importance of the buddies who volunteer to assist the student athletes. Dr. Mason also pointed out the small booklet included in the board packet entitled, "Pennsylvania Special Education Data Facts", which summarizes statewide data as an overview of special education programs and services.

b. Mr. Stan Wisler

Mr. Wisler informed the board that in addition to the request to approve the 2007-2008 Nonpublic School Services Budget, there were two other Action Items included in his report.

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Lieberson and seconded by Mr. Sherpinsky that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the following action items:

1. Continuing Project – Approval to submit an official budget revision to PDE/Bureau of Special Education for additional funds awarded for the State Early Intervention Project
2. Approval of Audio Visual Cooperative Bid for 2007-2008

**Motion passed unanimously.**

c. Dr. Sharon Richardson

Dr. Richardson brought attention to the field hearing on the No Child Left Behind Act referenced in Item III - Federal Activity of her board report. Dr. Richardson reported that the focus of this hearing, chaired by Congressman Kildee, was on how to change the consequences and intervention for schools which fail to make Adequately Yearly Progress (AYP).

Dr. Richardson also reminded the board members that they are invited to the Montgomery County School Directors Legislative Committee meeting on June 20, 2007 to be held at the MCIU.

d. Ms. Gail Kennedy

Ms. Kennedy highlighted the Network Security Audit referenced in her board report, noting that TIS is working with Infotech to see if there is a possibility of offering their services in network security to the school districts. Ms. Kennedy also informed the board that Cheltenham School District is now linked to the MCIU network for email operations.

e. Dr. Robert Shields

Dr. Shields' report highlights the changes in Chapter 4, emphasizing that draft language will be developed to remove the current local assessment option and instead include language requiring all students to take a series of Graduation Competency Assessments (GCAs).

f. Mrs. Elizabeth Weber

Mrs. Weber thanked the board for approving the 2007-2008 NPSS budgets, and invited the board members to attend the upcoming Student Assistance Program (SAP) Leadership Training scheduled for July 20, 2007.

g. Dr. Janet Sloand

Dr. Sloand's report highlights the School Based Behavioral Health and Behavior Initiative, in which PaTTAN is playing an integral role. A publication on this initiative was developed and produced by PaTTAN and is included in the board packet.

Dr. Sloand also expressed her delight at hosting the June MCIU Board of Directors' meeting at PaTTAN

13. Spotlight on an MCIU Division – Technical & Information Services – Plan for 2008-2009 and Adjustment of the Division's Core Services - Ms. Gail Kennedy

Ms. Gail Kennedy gave a PowerPoint presentation on the TIS Core Services Revision Plan for 2008-2009. The recommendations made are based on the changing needs and concerns of the school districts and highlight the change in structure and the cost savings anticipated.

14. Report of the Solicitor

Mr. Sultanik had no report.

15. Report of the Executive Director

Dr. Shiveley reported to the board that Dr. Shields and Dr. Grande have been working on the development of a Strategic Action Plan for the MCIU. Dr. Shields gave a PowerPoint Presentation, explaining that the plan is consistent with the MCIU's Mission, Vision, Values and Goals. Dr. Grande brought attention to the Professional Education Plan included in their packet with special attention being brought to the list of staff members who helped to develop the plan and the checklist on page 19 to be used as a guidebook on how to proceed.

Dr. Shiveley directed the board members to the email at their places from Troy Miller in which he resigned from his position on the board. A recommendation to accept Mr. Miller's resignation was made.

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Grispon and seconded by Mr. Gran to accept the resignation of board member, S. Troy Miller, effective immediately.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

Dr. Shiveley informed the board that an invitation to the Anderson School graduation ceremony was at their place and that they should respond to RoseAnn Westerfer if they plan to attend.

Dr. Shiveley congratulated Dr. Richardson on receiving the University Council for Educational Administration's UCEA Excellence in Educational Leadership Award.

Dr. Shiveley reminded the board members that their response to the Executive Directors' evaluation/goals are due to Jeff Sultanik by May 31, 2007.

Dr. Shiveley informed the board that Mr. Tom Bauer, the new director of Communications is scheduled to begin work on June 1, 2007 and that he will be working with the school districts on referendum issues. In addition, Gay Campbell, President of C & M Communications, has been invited to speak on the topic of referendum at a workshop at the MCIU in the fall.

16. Report of Board Committees

Mr. Hasiuk reported that the Executive Committee met to discuss the performance appraisal and goals of the Executive Director, and that a packet of information was both emailed to the board and set out at their places at the board meeting. Action will be taken at the June board meeting.

Mr. Hasiuk reported that the Nominating Committee consisting of John Grispon, Marge Martinez and Dave Hasiuk met and the following slate of officers was recommended:

President	Joe Chmielewski
Vice President	John Grispon
Secretary	Tracy Cole
Treasurer	Marie Knox

A vote will be taken at the June meeting.

17. Old Business

There was no old business.

18. New Business

There was no new business.

19. Additional Public Comments

There were no additional public comments.

20. The date of the next Intermediate Unit Board Meeting will be **June 27, 2007, PaTTAN, King of Prussia Conference Room D at 7:45 p.m.**

21. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Mr. Sherpinsky and seconded by Mr. Chmielewski, the meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

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President

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Secretary

