

MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Vice President John Grispon called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. on May 27, 2009.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Joseph Chmielewski, President, Upper Dublin	Absent
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	Present
Dr. David Hakes, Upper Moreland Township	Absent
Robert H. Hartman, Jr., Pottstown	Present
Yuri Khalif, Lower Moreland Township	Present
Marc Lieberson, Cheltenham	Present
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 Rives Young, Upper Perkiomen	Present
Mitch Zimmer, Colonial	Present

Others

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

4. Approval of Minutes of April 22, 2009

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Gran and seconded by Dr. Baumgartner that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the minutes of the April 22, 2009 board meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Public Comments on Agenda Items

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

6. Presentation of Cynthia E. Welder Award

Montgomery County employed Cynthia E. Welder as a school psychologist and a special education supervisor servicing children with disabilities from 1956 to 1968. A Memorial Committee established a fund in her honor to annually recognize both an individual and an organization for their outstanding and dedicated service to the exceptional children of the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit.

Dr. Jeanmarie Mason announced that the recipient of the 2009 Cynthia E. Welder Organization Award was Merck & Company, Inc. Connie Wickersham was in attendance to receive the award which was presented in recognition of an organization that has exemplified the values of serving children with special needs through their annual sponsorship of the MCIU Education Foundation Golf Outing.

Mr. Howard Levy introduced Ms. Amy Shelby as the recipient of the 2009 individual award in recognition of her outstanding contributions to the MCIU as a Secondary Life Skills Program highly qualified teacher.

7. Presentation of PASBO (PA Association of School Business Officials) Certificate of Professional Registration.

Mr. Stan Wisler and MCIU Board Vice President, John Grispon, presented the PASBO Certificate of Professional Registration to Ms. Sandy Edling, noting that Ms Edling received the highest level that is awarded.

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

Mrs. Knox presented the April Treasurer's Report to the Board. The cash balance as of April 30, 2009 was \$32,345,654.13.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Maitin and seconded by Mr. Zimmer that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the April Treasurer's Report and the payment of bills.

Motion passed unanimously.

9. Human Resources Report

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

Motion passed unanimously.

10. Approval of Proposed 2009/2010 Intermediate Unit Board Meeting Dates

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Zimmer and seconded by Dr. Baumgartner that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the 2009/2010 Intermediate Unit Board Meeting Dates as follows:

2009

August 26
September 23
October 28
November 18

2010

January 27
February 24
March 24
April 28
May 26
June 23

Motion passed unanimously.

11. Reports of Staff

a. Dr. Jeanmarie Mason

Dr. Mason reported that the special education staff met to review the division's strategic plan for 2009-2010. Intermingling the different groups within the special education division was a useful tool in discussing their common goals for students with disabilities and garnered positive feedback from the staff.

b. Mr. Stan Wisler

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Lieberson and seconded by Dr. Baumgartner that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the following five Action Items:

A. Management Services

(1) Approve the 2009-2010 Student Accident/Football Insurance Quotes.

(2) Accept the Lease Renewal between MCIU and Upper Merion Area School District for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 for the Belmont School to house PaTTAN in the amount of \$262,839.31 and the Gulph School to house two Early Intervention Classrooms in the amount of \$21,009.48.

(3) Approve the Trash Bid for school years 2009-2010, 2010-2011, and 2011-2012.

B. Nonpublic School Services

(1) Approve the 2009-2010 Nonpublic School Services Budget

C. Special Education

(1) Approve the Submission of the Application to PDE/Special Education for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 for IDEA/ARRA Part B, Section 611 funds in the amount of \$24,358,846 for July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

Motion passed unanimously.

c. Dr. Mary Jane Gales

Dr. Gales informed the Board members that the state budget is still being debated. A quick settlement is not anticipated. The House Appropriations Committee met to discuss the federal stimulus funds in IDEA and Title programs. Dr. Gales also reported that she will be following HB 624 which requires a school district to permit any private or nonpublic school student living within that district to participate in the extracurricular programs.

d. Ms. Gail Kennedy

Mrs. Kennedy highlighted the Internet Redundancy portion of her report, noting that MCIU has contracted with Cavalier Commercial Services to provide a redundant Internet connection for members of the Regional Wide Area Network. This service will prevent the possibility of becoming temporarily inoperable due to a car accident or fire.

e. Dr. Robert Shields (Acting Director, CIPD)

Dr. Shields thanked the MCIU Board members and their districts for their support of the 2008-09 Reading Olympics. Dr. Shields also extended his thanks to MCIU staff members Maria Johns and Linda Bean for doing an excellent job of producing this event which brought thousands of students together to celebrate reading.

f. Dr. Ken Voss

Dr. Voss reported that he and his supervisory staff completed over 150 needs assessment meetings with nonpublic school principals or heads of school for the 2009-10 school year. Dr. Voss also reported that there has been an outpouring of interest and registrations for the NPSS summer camps.

g. Dr. Janet Sloand

Dr. Sloand brought attention to the many publications that are created, developed, printed and disseminated through the PaTTAN office in conjunction with the Bureau of Special Education and the PA Departments of Education, Health, and Public Welfare. Over 300,000 pieces of printed material are distributed throughout the school year.

h. Mrs. Kristen Rawlings

Ms. Rawlings' report was included in the material presented in her PowerPoint "Spotlight" Presentation highlighting the many services of the Communications' Division.

12. Spotlight on an MCIU Division – Communications – Ms. Kristen Rawlings and Legislative Services & Grant Development – Dr. Mary Jane Gales

Ms. Rawlings spotlighted both internal and external communication devices including media relations, special events, oversight of the MCIU website and publications. Ms. Rawlings' report also highlighted the services that are available to the component school districts through the Communications Division.

A PowerPoint presentation was also presented on the Legislative Services & Grant Development Division by Dr. Mary Jane Gales. Information was presented on the legislative work done on behalf of the school districts on issues that impact education. Advocacy efforts highlighted by Dr. Gales included the 2009-10 education budget, the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009, state-wide health care, reauthorization of ESEA (NCLB), GCA/Keystone Exams and school consolidation.

13. Report of the Solicitor

Mr. Sultanik had no report.

14. Report of the Executive Director

(a) Assistance to Districts on Stimulus Funds

Dr. Shiveley drew attention to the booklet included in the board packet entitled, "*American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 – Service Ideas for Montgomery County School Districts*". Division directors worked together to put

this 1st edition of service ideas together and will continue to revise it as information is gathered and money is released. Copies have been distributed to district superintendents, business managers and human resource directors.

(b) MCIU Schools Graduation Ceremonies

Dr. Shiveley brought attention to the flyer handed out regarding the MCIU schools' graduation ceremonies. An invitation was extended to the Board members to attend the Anderson School graduation on Tuesday, June 9th at 9 a.m., the Montgomery School graduation ceremony on Tuesday, June 10th at 9 a.m. and the Lynch Home ceremony on Tuesday, June 10th at 1 p.m.

15. Report of Board Committees

Nominating Committee: Mrs. Maitin reported that the Nominating Committee, consisting of Mitch Zimmer, Burunda Prince-Jones and herself, had met and the following slate of officers was recommended:

President	John Grispon (through November 2009 when his term on the Spring-Ford Area school board ends)
Vice President	Joseph Chmielewski (through November 2009 at which time he will be appointed as President to replace John Grispon) Note: Marc Lieberon will replace Mr. Chmielewski as the Vice President effective December 2009
Secretary	Jeannette Maitin
Treasurer	Marie Knox

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Miller and seconded by Dr. Baumgartner to accept the Nominating Committee's recommendation of the slate of officers as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

A vote to elect the nominated slate will be taken at the June Board meeting.

Mr. Sultanik stated that he would review the Board policy on the legality of the recommended slate and will report back at the June board meeting.

Executive Committee: The Executive Committee met to discuss the Director of Management Services/CFO's contract extension and compensation. Mr. Stan Wisler's contract is expiring on June 30, 2009. It was the recommendation of the committee to extend Mr. Wisler's contract for another four years and to increase his salary and benefits as listed on the proposed contract.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Zimmer and seconded by Mr. Lieberman that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the extension of Mr. Wisler's contract for another four years and to increase his salary and benefits as recommended.

Motion passed unanimously.

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 **June 24, 2009, PaTTAN, King of Prussia Conference Room D at 7:45 p.m.**

20. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Dr. Baumgartner and seconded by Mr. Hartman, the meeting was adjourned at 9:22 p.m.