

MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD MINUTES

1. Call to Order

President David Hasiuk called the meeting to order at 7:48 p.m. on October 25, 2006.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

David A. Hasiuk, President, Upper Moreland Township	Present
S. Troy Miller, Vice President, Perkiomen Valley	Present
Cedric McKeever, Secretary, Lower Moreland Township	Present
Marie A. Knox, Treasurer, Upper Merion Area	Present
Dr. Russel S. Bleiler, Hatboro-Horsham	Absent
Joseph Chmielewski, Upper Dublin	Present
Tracy G. Cole, Souderton Area	Present
Boo Crofton, Wissahickon	Present
Diane DiBonaventuro, Lower Merion Area	Present
Malcolm Gran, Springfield Township	Present
John S. Grispon, Spring-Ford Area	Present
Robert H. Hartman, Jr., Pottstown	Absent
Marc Lieberon, Cheltenham	Present
Vicki J. Lightcap, Upper Perkiomen	Absent
Jeannette Maitin, Abington	Present
Margaret M. Martinez, Methacton	Absent
Ted Miller, Jenkintown	Present
Janice Pearce, Norristown Area	Present
Thayer Pendleton, Bryn Athyn	Absent
Vincent Sherpinsky, North Penn	Present
Gordon Whitlock, Pottsgrove	Present
Mitch Zimmer, Colonial	Present

Others

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

4. Approval of Minutes of September 27, 2006

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Troy Miller and seconded by Mr. Whitlock that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the minutes of the September 27, 2006 Board meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Appointment of New Board Member

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Troy Miller and seconded by Mr. Mitch Zimmer that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the appointment of Mrs. Jeannette Maitin to the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Board of Directors.

Motion passed unanimously.

6. 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 their agenda.

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

Ms. Knox presented the September Treasurer's Report to the Board. The cash balance as of September 30, 2006, was \$15,448,881.70.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

8. Personnel Report

Mrs. Mansuy informed the Board that Item 2.5.1 on Page 3 should be deleted from the Personnel Report. The balance of the report remains as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

9. First Review of Proposed 2007/2008 Intermediate Unit General Operating Budgets

Dr. Shiveley brought attention to the new format of the General Operating Budgets and noted that the four general operating budgets account for \$6.4 million of the \$112 million total intermediate unit budget. The increase in the district contributions to the four general operating budgets represents a .23% (less than 1%) increase for 2007-2008.

Mr. Stan Wisler presented a PowerPoint overview of the Proposed 2007/2008 Intermediate Unit General Operating Budgets, including the General Administrative Services Budget, Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development Services Budget, State and Federal Legislative Budget, and

Instructional Materials Services Budget. Mr. Wisler also informed the Board members that the fiscal office is working to consolidate services in the IMS division and that there will be a 0% increase in aggregate in the IMS budget.

10. Review of Procedures for 2007/2008 Budget Approvals

Mr. Hasiuk reviewed the Procedures for the 2007/2008 Budget Approval and made note that action on the budget will be required at the November meeting, which will be held one week earlier than normal on November 15, 2006.

11. Reports of Staff:

a. Dr. Jeanmarie Mason

Dr. Mason brought attention to the District's Special Education Coordinators' meeting which was held in September, the purpose of which was to share information regarding local and state updates, provide a network for special administrators and to discuss common county issues relating to Special Education. Dr. Mason also informed the board that two MCIU Behavior Management Specialists, Michelle Tobash and Dennis Cullen, have passed the Behavior Analyst Certification Board's examination, giving them a tremendous level of expertise, particularly on Autism Spectrum Disorders.

b. Mr. Stan Wisler

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Whitlock and seconded by Mr. Sherpinsky that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the following continuing projects:

PROJECT CONTINUATION – NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL SERVICES DIVISION

Homeless Children's Initiative

The administration requests Board approval to enter into an agreement with Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 whereby Montgomery County Intermediate Unit will administer the general operation of Region #8, Homeless Children's Initiative Program, as it pertains to Montgomery County, PA for the period October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007 for a sum not to exceed \$60,751. Last Board action was January 24, 2006.

PROJECT REVISION – NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL SERVICES DIVISION

Tobacco Project

The administration requests approval to accept funds in the revised amount of \$96,427.40 (was \$113,444) from the Montgomery County Health Department for a one year grant for the Tobacco Project from July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007. Last Board action was January 24, 2006.

Motion passed unanimously.

c. Dr. Lorie Stout

Recent legislative activities were reflective of the last 48 hours, with the House and Senate in session on Monday, October 23rd. The Senate dealt with the issues of gambling reform and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). The House passed the CHIP bill, but sent an amended gambling bill back to the Senate. Dr. Stout does not believe that any education bills will be passed by the end of this current session.

d. Mr. Dick Luoma

Mr. Luoma stated that he is enjoying his position as Interim Director of IMS and finds it very challenging. He is working with the organization to restructure the division and help with the transition process. Mr. Luoma also mentioned that the Building Contact Day recently held at the IU was very successful. Representatives from each of the schools were invited to attend this informational meeting in an effort to link the schools with the IMS division.

e. Dr. Robert Shields

Dr. Shields gave an update on the Pennsylvania Value Added Assessment (PVAAS) program, noting that a science field test has been added and that it will be mandatory for all school districts in the Spring of 2007.

f. Mrs. Elizabeth Weber

Mrs. Weber gave a brief update on the Non-Public School Services' Action Items listed in Mr. Wisler's Management Services Report. The Homeless Children's Initiative requires the school districts to aid homeless children and provides a part-time staff member to aid in the dissemination of information as per the McKinney-Vento Act. Mrs. Weber also reported that the state reduced the amount being given for the Tobacco Grant from \$113,444 to \$96,427.40. This money is used to train school district personnel on tobacco prevention.

g. Dr. Janet Sloand

Dr. Sloand reported that the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA) 2004 took effect on October 13th. Over 400 staff members were trained on the new federal regulations at a recent workshop, with further sessions to be scheduled. Dr. Sloand also thanked Dr. Shiveley for attending the recent U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services Community Based Public meeting on the IDEA 2006 regulations hosted by PaTTAN.

12. Spotlight on an MCIU Division – Special Education – Dr. Jeanmarie Mason

Dr. Mason presented a PowerPoint Presentation entitled, "The Current State of IU Programs – Early Intervention and School Age," with a Spotlight on Hearing

and Vision Services. Dr. Mason introduced Special Education staff members, Dr. Joan Evans, Terri Cohen-Johnson, and Joe Polzer who spoke about and presented information on the Hearing and Vision support services offered through the Special Education Division. Examples of the various hearing and vision aids available to students were provided. Andrew Wai, a student at North Penn High School, demonstrated the use of several assistive technology devices for the visually impaired.

13. Report of the Solicitor

Mr. Sultanik had no report.

14. Report of the Executive Director

Dr. Shiveley thanked Dr. Mason and the Special Education staff for their presentation, and noted that Dr. Mason downplayed the current level of discomfort being experienced in the EI program. Dr. Shiveley extended his appreciation to Mr. Jeff Sultanik and Mr. Karl Romberger for their involvement with the IU to itemize and solve the legal issues stemming from the lawsuits and complaints.

Dr. Shiveley informed the board members that the IMS Director position now being advertised has been changed to Technology and Information Systems Director, and that the Legislative Director's position has been adjusted to include grant development.

Dr. Shiveley reported that the Montgomery County Commissioners held a press conference recently where they announced the awarding of \$1 million to the school districts for a silent panic alarm, a means to communicate the critical information that an emergency is occurring in a discrete fashion. Dr. Shiveley plans on working with the commissioners, superintendents and Mr. Tom Sullivan, Director of Montgomery County Emergency Management Services for the distribution of the funds.

15. Report of Board Committees

Mr. Hasiuk said that the Finance Committee met on October 5th and again on October 25th along with the Executive Board. The entire Board of Directors met in Executive Session on October 25th. The topic of these meetings was the further development of the Executive Director's compensation package and its' alignment with the Executive Director's goals. Mr. Hasiuk addressed the role of the MCIU Board of Directors and the need to develop an appropriate way to govern, support and properly compensate. Mr. Hasiuk suggested that it is not the role of the board to either rubber stamp, or micro-manage, but rather to look for the measure of accomplishments by asking what the organization is doing and how, when and why as a measurement of goal accomplishment.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Sherpinsky and seconded by Mr. Whitlock that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the Executive Director's amended compensation plan, goals for 2006-2007, and the accountability items for modifying the compensation agreement.

Motion passed unanimously.

16. Old Business

There was no old business.

17. New Business

Mr. Hasiuk informed the board members that the November 15th Legislative Committee meeting will be the last meeting presided over by Dr. Lorie Stout. Mr. Hasiuk asked the board members to encourage their district's Legislative Directors to attend.

18. Additional Public Comments

There were no additional public comments.

19. The date of the next Intermediate Unit Board Meeting will be **Wednesday, November 15, 2006, West Norriton Conference Room at 7:45 p.m.**

20. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Mr. Zimmer and seconded by Mr. Ted Miller the meeting was adjourned at 9:42 p.m.