

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD MINUTES

### 1. Call to Order

President Marc Leiberson called the meeting to order at 7:48 p.m. on April 28, 2010.

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

### 3. Roll Call

Marc Lieberon, President, Cheltenham	Present
Marie A. Knox, Vice-President, Upper Merion Area	Absent
Daniel B. Sattler, Treasurer, Methacton	Present
Jeannette Maitin, Secretary, Abington	Absent
Jennifer Allebach, Upper Perkiomen	Present
Dr. R. Paul Baumgartner, Souderton Area	Present
Randy Bennett, Perkiomen Valley	Present
Joseph Chmielewski, Upper Dublin	Present
Thomas DiBello, Spring-Ford Area	Present
Malcolm Gran, Springfield Township	Present
Dr. Susan Guthrie, Lower Merion Area	Present
Dr. David Hakes, Upper Moreland Township	Absent
Robert H. Hartman, Jr., Pottstown	Present
Yuri Khalif, Lower Moreland Township	Present
Ted Miller, Jenkintown	Present
Janice Pearce, Norristown Area	Absent
Thayer Pendleton, Bryn Athyn	Absent
Louis Polaneczky, Hatboro-Horsham	Present
Burunda Prince-Jones, Wissahickon	Absent
Frederick P. Remelius, Pottsgrove	Absent
Vincent Sherpinsky, North Penn	Present
Mitch Zimmer, Colonial	Present

### Others

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

4. Approval of Minutes of March 24, 2010

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Polaneczky and seconded by Mr. Chmielewski that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the minutes of the March 24, 2010 board meeting.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

5. Public Comments on Agenda Items

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

6. Presentation of the Bobbie S. Goodman Award

Bobbie S. Goodman was employed as a reading teacher in the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit, Nonpublic 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 Nonpublic School Services Division staff member who exemplifies Bobbie's characteristics which form the criteria for the award.

Dr. Ken Voss introduced Mr. Hal Goodman, husband of Bobbie Goodman, Messrs. Michael and Larry Goodman, sons of Bobbie, and Cindy and Rachel, granddaughters of Bobbie, all in attendance for the presentation.

Dr. Voss introduced Peg McHugh, a Nonpublic School Services School Counselor with the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit 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 Peg for the award. Mrs. McHugh thanked her family and the MCIU Nonpublic School staff for the part that they played in her receipt of this award.

Mr. Lieberson congratulated Mrs. McHugh on behalf of the entire Board of Directors. There was a brief recess so that the Board could celebrate with Mrs. McHugh, her family and the Nonpublic School Services Division staff in attendance.

President Lieberson reconvened the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

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

Mr. Dan Sattler presented the March Treasurer's Report to the Board. The cash balance as of March 31, 2010 was \$31,578,988.60.

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Gran and seconded by Mr. Hartman that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the March Treasurer's Report and the payment of bills.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

8. Human Resources Report

**Information Items**

Mrs. Mansuy reported that the Annual Diversity Fair recently held at the MCIU was a success, with staff from 18 districts and the MCIU in attendance.

Mrs. Mansuy also reported that the Human Resources Division held its first ever professional development day for district Human Resources/Payroll/Benefits Assistants. The workshop was well attended and well received with 15 school districts represented.

**Action Item**

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Zimmer and seconded by Dr. Baumgartner that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the personnel recommendations listed as Item 2.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

9. Reports of Staff

a. Dr. Jeanmarie Mason

Dr. Mason highlighted the Special Education Directors' meeting held in March, noting that Eric Goldstein, Montgomery County Human Services Administrator, spoke to the group about behavioral health services offered through the county. In addition, Dr. Mason informed the Board that the Special Education division received 94 requests for evaluations from nonpublic schools for Equitable Participation purposes. These evaluations help to determine if a child is in need and/or eligible for special education.

b. Mr. Stan Wisler

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

**MANAGEMENT SERVICES DIVISION**

(1) Approval is requested to enter into the 2010-2011 Act 30 contracts with the following Private Residential Rehabilitative Institutions (PRRIs) for the

period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 in the amounts indicated below. Previous Board action was April 22, 2009.

Carson Valley School	\$3,491,705
New Life Youth and Family Services	\$1,099,344
St. Gabriel's Hall System	\$7,451,121

- (2) Recommendation to accept the GASB 45 Valuation Agreement between Conrad Siegel Actuaries (through the Pennsylvania Insurance Trust) and the Montgomery County School Entities for actuarial services to comply with the requirements of GASB 45.
- (3) Recommendation to Award Supply Bids and Fixed Rate Discount Bids for Montgomery County School Entities Joint Purchasing Board.
- (4) The Administration recommends approval of grant funds in the amount of \$30,000 from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development through the Community Revitalization Assistance Program to continue the work of the Bucks and Montgomery County regional nonpublic and special education transportation initiative from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development.
- (5) The Administration requests authorization to Declare Equipment Surplus/Obsolete.

#### **SPECIAL EDUCATION DIVISION**

- (1) The Administration requests approval of a budget revision application to be submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Education/Bureau of Special Education, for the P.L. 108-446/IDEIA Regular Project, in the amount of \$22,144,814, for the period June 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010. Previous Board Action was June 24, 2009.

**Motion:** It was moved by Dr. Baumgartner and seconded by Mr. Polaneczky that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the Action Items listed above.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

c. Dr. Mary Jane Gales

Dr. Gales reported that Dr. Gerald Zahorchak, Secretary of Education, has resigned effective May 9, 2010. Governor Rendell has nominated Tom Gluck, Executive Deputy Secretary, to replace him. This nomination is subject to senate confirmation.

Dr. Gales also reported that due do a meeting between the Montgomery County School Directors Legislative Committee and Joe Torsella, Chair of the State Board of Education, an avenue of communication with the state board has been opened.

d. Mrs. Gail Kennedy

Mrs. Kennedy reported that the Technology & Information Services division hosted a PowerSchool Users Group at the MCIU for Montgomery and Bucks County technology staff, the purpose of which was to collaborate, share ideas and problem solve. Mrs. Kennedy also informed the Board that the intermediate unit will be offering Stoneware, a new desktop virtualization software that runs high powered applications, to the districts. A pilot program will be introduced this fall.

e. Ms. Kendall Glouner

Ms. Glouner reported that 19 school districts were represented at a recent PDE videoconference that presented information on maintaining Pennsylvania Information Management System (PIMS) data. Ms. Glouner also reported that the quarterly High School Principals meeting was held at the new Souderton High School facility. Future meetings will be held at various schools in an effort to allow the principals to see and learn about facilities and programs in other district schools.

f. Dr. Kenneth Voss

With the Nonpublic School Services Division taking the Spotlight at tonight's board meeting, Dr. Voss said that his written report stands as submitted.

g. Dr. Janet Sloand

Dr. Sloand reported that PaTTAN assumed the lead on offering professional development to school psychologists. The school psychologist training series provides information and support regarding the changing role of psychologists in Rtl, behavioral assessments and data analysis. Two of the trainings focused on Traumatic Brain Injury and Ethics and Ethical Issues.

h. Mrs. Kristen Rawlings

Mrs. Rawlings reported that the Communications Division has been supporting Pottsgrove and Springfield Township School Districts with their communications projects, including their newsletters and district calendars.

9. Spotlight on an MCIU Division – Nonpublic School Services – Dr. Ken Voss

Dr. Voss provided a first review of the NPSS 2010-2011 budget in a PowerPoint presentation. Action on this budget will take place at the May 26, 2010 board meeting.

Dr. Voss thanked Mary Rita Cleary and Terri Russo for their assistance in the production of the division highlight presented by Nancy Myers entitled, "*Partners in Learning: Developing Student Study Skills*". The *Partners* program is designed to help parents reinforce learning at home by actively participating in their child's lessons and activities.

10. Report of the Solicitor

Mr. Sultanik had no report

11. Report of the Executive Director

Appointment of Solicitor for 2010-2011

Dr. Shiveley recommended that the board renew Fox Rothschild's contract based on the retainer agreement for solicitor services for the school year 2010-2011 as included in the board packet.

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Zimmer and seconded by Dr. Baumgartner that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the Recommendation to Accept the Fox Rothschild LLP Retainer Agreement for Solicitor Services for School Year 2010-2011.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

12. Report of Board Committees

Policy Committee – In Dr. Hakes' absence, Mr. Lieberson reported that the Policy Committee had met and is bringing forward Administrative Employees Policies (Series 300) and Finances Policies (Series 600) for first reading. These policies will be brought forward at the May meeting for second reading and action to approve.

Nominating Committee – Mr. Chmielewski has agreed to chair the Nominating Committee. He asked that the current officers let him know if they are interested in retaining their positions. He also asked for volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee.

13. Old Business

There was no old business.

14. New Business

There was no new business.

15. Additional Public Comments

There were no additional public comments.

16. The date of the next Intermediate Unit Board Meeting will be **May 26, 2010,**  
**West Norriton Conference Room at 7:45 p.m.**

17. Adjournment

**Motion:** Upon a motion by Dr. Baumgartner and seconded by Mr. Sattler the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

**Motion passed unanimously.**