

August 25, 2010
West Norriton, PA

MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Board President, Marc Lieberman, called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m. on August 25, 2010.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Marc Lieberman, President, Cheltenham	Present
Marie A. Knox, Vice-President, Upper Merion Area	Present
Daniel B. Sattler, Treasurer, Methacton	Present
Jeannette Maitin, Secretary, Abington	Present
Jennifer Allebach, Upper Perkiomen	Present
Randy Bennett, Perkiomen Valley	Present
Joseph Chmielewski, Past President, Upper Dublin	Present
Thomas DiBello, Spring-Ford Area	Absent
Malcolm Gran, Springfield Township	Present
Dr. Susan Guthrie, Lower Merion Area	Present
Dr. David Hakes, Upper Moreland Township	Present
Robert H. Hartman, Jr., Pottstown	Absent
Yuri Khalif, Lower Moreland Township	Absent
R. Bud Miller, Souderton Area	Absent
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	Present
Vincent Sherpinsky, North Penn	Present
Mitch Zimmer, Colonial	Present

Others

Dr. Jerry W. Shiveley, Executive Director	Present
Mark Fitzgerald, Solicitor	Present

Dr. Shiveley introduced and welcomed the Interim Director of the Special Education Division, Dr. Barbara Burke-Stevenson.

4. Approval of Minutes of June 23, 2010

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Polaneczky and seconded by Mrs. Maitin that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the minutes of the June 23, 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. Approval of Bills as Included in the Treasurer's Reports

Mr. Sattler presented the June 2010 Treasurer's Report to the Board. The cash balance as of June 30, 2010 was \$30,744,273.05.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sattler presented the July 2010 Treasurer's Report to the Board. The cash balance as of July 31, 2010 was \$29,522,391.48.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

7. Human Resources Report

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Knox and seconded by Mr. Zimmer that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the July and August personnel recommendations listed as Item 2.

Motion passed unanimously.

8. Reports of Staff

a. Dr. Barbara Burke-Stevenson

Dr. Burke-Stevenson thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve the children of Montgomery County in her position as interim director of the

Special Education Division. Dr. Burke-Stevenson reported that 85% of the work to convert a wing of the Anderson School for the new partial hospitalization program has been completed. She thanked Brittany Lourea-Waddell for the marvelous job she has done to bring this program to fruition.

b. Mr. Stan Wisler

Mr. Wisler reported on the following Action Items:

MANAGEMENT SERVICES

1. Authorization to Declare Equipment Surplus/Obsolete

Authorization is requested to declare the list of items presented obsolete.

2. Recommendation to Approve the Montgomery County School Entities Fuel Bid

The Administration recommends approval of the Montgomery County School Entities fuel bid for July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. The bids were opened on June 17, 2010.

3. Recommendation to Approve Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) Reimbursement Application

The Administration requests approval to submit an application to PEMA for reimbursement of funds to the MCIU for February's snow removal expenses.

4. Recommendation to Approve the 2010-2011 Summer Transportation Schedule

The Administration recommends approval of the 2010-2011 Summer Transportation schedule for students in the Early Intervention and Extended School Year programs as presented.

5. Recommendation to Approve 2009-2010 Budget Transfers

The Administration recommends approval of the 2009-2010 budget transfers as presented. Approval is also requested to approve any post audit transfers that may be necessary, the list of which will be provided at a future board meeting.

NONPUBLIC SCHOOL SERVICES

1. Nonpublic Schools/Act 89 Budget Revision

The Administration recommends approval of the budget revision for Nonpublic School's 2009-2010 Act 89 budget due to the receipt of additional State funds in the amount of \$508,708.

2. Title I District Contracts

The Administration recommends Board approval to accept 2010-2011 Title I funds from school districts to operate their Title I Reading and/or Math Programs for students in nonpublic schools. These contracts are with districts for the projected amounts listed below:

<u>District</u>	<u>Title I Amounts</u>
Abington	\$31,893.00
Cheltenham	12,397.00
Colonial	6,703.00
Jenkintown	6,290.00
Norristown	21,435.62
North Penn	20,730.00
Perkiomen Valley	2,525.00
Pottsgrove	10,111.00
Pottstown	6,713.28
Springfield	11,016.00
Spring-Ford	3,100.00
Upper Dublin	19,946.00
Upper Merion	13,205.00
Upper Moreland	6,787.00
Wissahickon	7,350.00

SPECIAL EDUCATION

1. Recommendation for Approval of Application and MAWA Agreement

The Administration requests approval to submit the application and MAWA agreement to the Pennsylvania Department of Education/Bureau of Special Education for the State Early Intervention Project, in the revised allocation amount of \$12,028,576, for the period of July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. Previous Board Action was June 23, 2010

2. Recommendation for Approval of Application for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

The Administration requests approval to submit the application to the Pennsylvania Department of Education/Bureau of Special Education, for the P.L. 108-446 and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, P.L. 111-5, IDEIA/ARRA/Part B, Section 611 for Early Intervention Purposes, in the revised amount of \$2,619,534, for the period of July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. Previous Board action was on June 23, 2010.

3. Recommendation for Approval for Project Continuation of Early Intervention American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

The Administration requests the approval to submit an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Education/Bureau of Special Education, for the P.L. 108-446 and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, P.L. 111-5, IDEIA/ARRA/Part B, for Early Intervention purposes, in the amount of \$239,200 for the continuation of project from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. Previous Board action was November 18, 2009.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

c. Dr. Mary Jane Gales

Dr. Gales reported that Pennsylvania received approximately \$282 million less than anticipated from the federal government. Dr. Gales described several scenarios as proposed by Governor Rendell and the senate republicans to balance the budget that was approved in July. Dr. Gales also reported that Pennsylvania did not receive any of the Phase II Race to the Top funding. Secretary Duncan is hopeful that there will be funding for a Phase III Race to the Top in next year's budget.

d. Mrs. Gail Kennedy

Mrs. Kennedy reported on the new equipment and services available to the districts including Webcam video conferencing and video streaming, Safari digital video and Elluminate webinar software.

Mrs. Kennedy also informed the Board that MCIU is submitting an application for funding for the final year of the eFund Act 183 grant. Grant funding will benefit the districts through further new services and equipment.

e. Ms. Kendall Glouner

Ms. Glouner reported that the recently held Phi Delta Kappa Level I Curriculum Audit Training provided participants from both district and nonpublic schools with a high quality framework for reviewing all aspects of curriculum. Level II training is scheduled to be held in December.

Ms. Glouner also reported that the State Board of Education adopted the *Common Core State Standards* in English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics, with full implementation expected by July 1, 2013.

f. Dr. Ken Voss

Dr. Voss reported that the Nonpublic Schools Opening Day is scheduled for August 31st. New staff members who replaced retiring psychologists and itinerant personnel will join returning staff for three days of professional development.

Donations for the Annual Back-To-School Book Bag Drive sponsored by the Homeless Children's Initiative are being accepted at the MCIU.

g. Dr. Janet Sloand

Dr. Sloand reported that PaTTAN planned and presented seven institutes throughout the summer months. Attendance exceeded expectations.

Dr. Sloand brought attention to the brochure attached to her written report entitled, "*Teacher's Desk Reference: Practical Information for Pennsylvania's Teachers*". The TDR is a series of topical briefs developed by PaTTAN King of Prussia consultants to provide practical information for Pennsylvania's teachers.

h. Mrs. Kristen Rawlings

Mrs. Rawlings reported that the Communications Division worked with the School District of Springfield Township and Pottsgrove School District over the summer months, developing district newsletters, calendars and other publications.

9. Report of the Solicitor

Mr. Fitzgerald had no report.

10. Report of the Executive Director

- a. Dr. Shiveley stated that his report on the achievement of the 2009-2010 MCIU Division Goals will be postponed until the next Board meeting.
- b. Dr. Shiveley thanked Mr. Joseph Chmielewski for representing the MCIU Board of Directors at the Special Education Division Opening Day ceremonies.
- c. Dr. Shiveley reported that he will present the summary of his summer visits with the superintendents at the September or October MCIU Board meeting.
- d. Dr. Shiveley reported that Jeannette Maitin and Burunda Prince-Jones are going to attend the AESA Annual Conference in Savannah, December 1-4, 2010. Because Marc Lieberson is not able to attend, one more space is available. Interested Board members should contact Dr. Shiveley.

11. Report of Board Committees

Mr. Lieberson reported that the Executive Committee met to review the Executive Director's goals for 2010-2011. Mr. Lieberson asked for a motion to approve the goals as submitted and reviewed again in Executive Session.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Maitin and seconded by Mrs. Knox that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the Executive Director's Goals for 2010-2011 as reviewed and discussed at the Executive Session.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lieberson reported that the Executive Committee reviewed the Resolution to Elect the Executive Director in Accordance with 24 P.S. Section 9-963(B). Mr. Lieberson asked for a motion to approve the renewal of the Executive Director's commission.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Knox and seconded by Mr. Chmielewski that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the reappointment of Dr. Jerry W. Shiveley to serve in the capacity of Executive Director of Montgomery County Intermediate Unit No. 23 effective July 1, 2011 for a term of four (4) years.

Motion passed unanimously.

12. Old Business

Mr. Polaneczky asked Mr. Wisler if the MCIU budget included the reduced PSERS employer rate and if not, how the budgeted difference would be handled. Mr. Wisler indicated that we did not know about the reduced rate prior to budget approval and the difference would be reserved to offset projected future PSERS employer rate increases.

13. New Business

Mr. Lieberman asked for a volunteer to represent the MCIU Board of Directors as a voting delegate for the Legislative Policy Council at the PSBA Conference in Hershey in October. Interested Board members should contact Dr. Shiveley.

14. Additional Public Comments

There were no additional public comments.

15. The date of the next Intermediate Unit Board Meeting will be **September 22, 2010, West Norriton Conference Room at 7:45 p.m.**

16. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Mr. Sattler and seconded by Mrs. Maitin, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.