

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD MINUTES

### 1. Call to Order

President Joseph Chmielewski called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m. on May 28, 2008.

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

### 3. Roll Call

Joseph Chmielewski, President, Upper Dublin	Present
John S. Grispon, Vice-President, Spring-Ford Area	Present
Jeannette Maitin, Secretary, Abington	Absent
Marie A. Knox, Treasurer, Upper Merion Area	Absent
Dr. R. Paul Baumgartner, Souderton Area	Present
Randy Bennett, Perkiomen Valley	Absent
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 Lieberon, Cheltenham	Present
Ted Miller, Jenkintown	Present
Janice Pearce, Norristown Area	Present
Thayer Pendleton, Bryn Athyn	Absent
Burunda Prince-Jones, Wissahickon	Absent
Frederick P. Remelius, Pottsgrove	Absent
Daniel B. Sattler, Methacton	Present
Vincent Sherpinsky, North Penn	Present
Mary Young, Upper Perkiomen	Present
Mitch Zimmer, Colonial	Present

### Others

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

4. Approval of Minutes of April 23, 2008

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Zimmer that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the minutes of the April 23, 2008 board meeting.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

5. Public Comments on Agenda Items

Mr. Chmielewski 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

Mr. Sherpinsky presented the April Treasurer's Report to the Board. The cash balance as of April 30, 2008, was \$29,341,098.90.

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

**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.

Dr. Ken Voss introduced Andrea Kalaczniak, a Remedial Reading/Math Specialist with the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit staff member for 29 years 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 Andrea for the award.

Mr. Chmielewski congratulated Ms. Kalaczniak on behalf of the entire Board of Directors and noted that it was an honor for the Board to hear of such long standing accomplishments.

**RECESS:** After a fifteen minute recess called by President Chmielewski for friends, relatives and the Board to congratulate Ms. Kalaczniak and share in refreshments, the meeting was called back to order at 8:22 p.m.

9. Approval of Proposed 2008/2009 Intermediate Unit Board Meeting Dates

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Sherpinsky and seconded by Mr. Miller that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the 2008/2009 Intermediate Unit Board Meeting Dates as follows:

2008

August 27  
September 24  
October 22  
November 19

2009

January 28  
February 25  
March 25  
April 22  
May 27  
June 24

**Motion passed unanimously.**

10. Approval of Proposed Resolution to Provide for the Orderly Operation of the Intermediate Unit

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Lieberman and seconded by Mr. Zimmer that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the Resolution to Provide for the Orderly Operation of the Intermediate Unit Between the November and January Board meetings, June and August Board meetings, and in the event that there is no quorum at a regular Board meeting.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

## 11. Reports of Staff

### a. Dr. Jeanmarie Mason

Dr. Mason reported on the status of the Early Intervention Allocation for the 2008-2009 year. The status of the funding will be \$8,368 per child. PDE has also indicated that we must increase the amount of monies from \$1,100,000 to \$1,150,000 generated from Medical Assistance. The Special Education Division will seek Technical Assistance from the state to assist the IU in looking at other program and fiscal adjustments to meet this per child allocation.

Dr. Mason thanked the school districts for providing timely responses to her request for their Cost Plan Contracts.

### b. Mr. Stan Wisler

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Sherpinsky and seconded by Mr. Lieberman that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the 2008-2009 Audio-Visual/Computer Cooperative Purchasing Bid.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Gran and seconded by Dr. Baumgartner that the Intermediate Unit Board accept the 2008-2009 Student Accident/Football Insurance Quotations.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Grispon and seconded by Mr. Sherpinsky to award the Contract for Local Audit Services for 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 to Mallie, Falconero and Company, LLP.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Zimmer that the Intermediate Unit Board Accept the Teaching American History Grant.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Sherpinsky and seconded by Mr. Miller that the Intermediate Unit Board Approve the 2008-2009 Nonpublic School Services Budget.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Wisler reported that Management Services will be analyzing RFP's for banking services for fiscal year 2008-2009. Recommendations will be made at the June Board meeting.

c. Dr. Sharon Richardson

Dr. Richardson reported that the state budget is not expected to be approved before July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Dr. Richardson also brought attention to the COLA proposal for annuitants of PSERS and SERS, noting that the figures are staggering. Legislators have received little feedback from the school districts on this issue, but continue to hear from school retirees in support of the COLA.

d. Ms. Gail Kennedy

Mrs. Kennedy reported that the Technology and Information Services Division is addressing the security needs of our districts by researching and developing security visitor access systems. Mrs. Kennedy also reported that TIS will be moving to server virtualization this summer. This will allow the IU to reduce the number of servers to a virtual environment thereby reducing cooling, power, and administrative system support for school districts.

e. Dr. Pete Grande

Dr. Grande reported on the success of the Reading Olympics, bringing attention to the information and pictures hanging on the walls of the meeting room and thanking staff member, Maria Johns, for her efforts in bringing this competition to fruition.

f. Dr. Ken Voss

Dr. Voss reported that all Act 89 needs assessments had been completed. Dr. Voss also noted that the final budget allocations for the Nonpublic School Services division will be based on a total of 30,500 students, the second highest number in the state after the City of Philadelphia.

g. Dr. Janet Sloand

Dr. Sloand reported that PaTTAN King of Prussia is responsible for managing the implementation of Chapter 14 and Chapter 711 Special Education Regulations for the state. PaTTAN will be working with the Bureau of Special Education to develop training materials and to communicate the changes to school districts and parents.

h. Mrs. Kristen Rawlings

Mrs. Rawlings reported that the MCIU Update, a quarterly external newsletter will be published and distributed the first week in June.

12. Spotlight on an MCIU Division – Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development – Dr. Pete Grande

Dr. Pete Grande conducted a CIPD Focus Group as part of his spotlight on Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development. A PowerPoint presentation was made with information being presented by a panel of experts on the four categories of Curriculum, Instruction, Professional Development, and Student Services.

13. Report of the Solicitor

Mr. Sultanik had no report.

14. Report of the Executive Director

Dr. Shiveley informed the Board that he has reserved two spaces for board members to attend the AASA Annual Conference in Phoenix, AZ December 3-6, 2008. He asked that Board members contact him to let him know of their interest in attending.

Dr. Shiveley reported that Dr. Robert Barr, former Director of Teacher Education at Indiana University, Dean of Education at Boise State University and Oregon State University, a noted researcher, author and workshop presenter visited The Anderson School for two days in order to offer suggestions for the future vision of the school. Dr. Barr spent an entire day with staff, students, and some parents in order to gain insight about current school operations. Dr. Barr then chaired a full day workshop with Dr. Shiveley, Dr. Mason, and the Anderson staff in order to share his research and proven approaches of best practice for alternative education.

Dr. Shiveley reminded the group that MCIU will be posting the Board of Directors' photos in the lobby/hallways of the IU building. He asked that Board members forward their photos to Kristen Rawlings or be prepared to sit for a photo shoot after tonight's' meeting or at the June Board meeting.

Dr. Shiveley announced that the June Board meeting will be held at PaTTAN, King of Prussia.

Dr. Shiveley announced that there will be an Executive Session held prior to the start of the June 25<sup>th</sup> Board meeting to discuss the Executive Directors' evaluation and compensation package.

Dr. Shiveley extended an invitation to the Board members to attend the Anderson School graduation on Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. and the Montgomery School graduation ceremony at 1 p.m. the same day.

15. Report of Board Committees

Mr. Miller reported that the Nominating Committee had met and the following slate of officers was recommended:

President	Joseph Chmielewski
Vice President	John Grispon
Secretary	Jeannette Maitin
Treasurer	Marie Knox

A vote will be taken at the June meeting.

16. Old Business

Mr. Sattler expressed his gratitude to the Division Directors and Dr. Shiveley for the recently held New Board Member Orientation which he found to be very beneficial.

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 25, 2008, PaTTAN, King of Prussia Conference Room D at 7:45 p.m.**

20. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Mr. Grispon and seconded by Mr. Sherpinsky, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.