

MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD MINUTES

1. Call to Order

President Grispon called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. on October 28, 2009.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

John S. Grispon, President, Spring-Ford Area	Present
Marc Lieberson, Vice-President, Cheltenham	Present
Jeannette Maitin, Secretary, Abington	Absent
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
Joseph Chmielewski, Upper Dublin	Present
Malcolm Gran, Springfield Township	Absent
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	Present
Ted Miller, Jenkintown	Absent
Janice Pearce, Norristown Area	Present
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 Young, Upper Perkiomen	Present
Mitch Zimmer, Colonial	Absent

Others

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

4. Approval of Minutes of September 23, 2009

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Young and seconded by Mr. Chmielewski that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the minutes of the September 23, 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 their agenda.

6. 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, 2009, was \$12,044,577.34.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

7. Human Resources Report

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

Motion passed unanimously.

8. Review of Procedures for 2010/2011 Budget Approvals

Mr. Wisler reviewed the timeframe for the presentations and approvals of the 2010-2011 MCIU General Operating Budgets.

9. First Review of Proposed 2010/2011 Intermediate Unit General Operating Budgets

Mr. Wisler gave a PowerPoint presentation of the 2010/2011 General Operating Budgets including the General Administrative Services Budget, Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development Services Budget, Legislative Services and Grant Development Budget, and Technology and Information Services Budget totalling \$8,798,328. The projected increase in the districts' contributions is \$39,242 or 2.9%. The individual district contribution varies based on enrollment and a wealth formula calculated by the state.

10. Reports of Staff:

a. Dr. Jeanmarie Mason

Dr. Mason was pleased to inform the Board that MCIU staff member, Darlene Anderson, was the recipient of the Pennsylvania Outstanding Adapted Physical Education Teacher Award by the PA State Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (PSAHPERD).

Dr. Mason also reminded the Board members that they are invited to the MCIU Education Foundation Harvest Social and Fundraiser on November 5, 2009.

b. Mr. Stan Wisler

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

Management Services

Recommendation to approve Agreement for Joint Purchasing of Prescription Drug Benefits in accordance with the initiative to self-insure the Prescription (Rx) Program for the Independence Blue Cross (IBC) Affiliation to be effective January 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010.

Special Education

Recommendation to accept a subcontract agreement between the Eastern Center for Arts and Technology and the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit for Vocational Evaluation Services in the amount of \$65,000 for the period August 17, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

Motion passed unanimously.

c. Dr. Mary Jane Gales

Dr. Gales reported that the Keystone Exams were passed by the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) at its October 22nd meeting. The state plans to ask the federal government to permit the first three exams to be used to satisfy the No Child Left Behind Act in 2012-13, thus enabling the state to discontinue the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA's) exams in 11th grade.

Dr. Gales also reported that the state budget was passed, but is not yet finalized. House and Senate leaders continue to discuss details on the legalization of table games.

d. Ms. Gail Kennedy

Ms. Kennedy informed the Board that the Technology & Information Services Division (TIS) is hosting a day long Technology vendor event on November 6th for district technology directors and staff.

Ms. Kennedy also reported that TIS streamed the live video of Attorney General Tom Corbett's Cyber Bullying presentation to 20 district schools and over 1600 students.

e. Ms. Kendall Glouner

In addition to the items highlighted in Ms. Glouner's written report, she informed the Board of the continuation of the Teaching American History professional development sessions for 2009-2010. Funded by a U.S. Department of Education grant, MCIU will once again work with the Valley Forge Freedom Foundation to present trainings and educational programs.

f. Dr. Ken Voss

Ms. Nancy Myers, Nonpublic School Services Supervisor, reported in Dr. Voss' absence. Ms. Myers reported that there was an error on the written report and that the Nonpublic School Services day of in-service was held on October 12th, not August 12th. NPSS counselors presented at the Family Involvement Conference on the topic of "How to Handle Conflict." NPSS is also working with the Special Education division to provide psychological assessments for the recent emergence of Equitable Participation testing requests.

g. Dr. Janet Sloand

Dr. Sloand brought attention to the Educational Interpreter Initiative developed by PaTTAN to assist in expanding the pool of qualified interpreters to work with the deaf and hard of hearing. Mentorship and professional development programs will help highly qualified personnel attain the required score of 3.5 on the Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment.

h. Ms. Kristen Rawlings

Ms. Rawlings reported that the fall issues of *MCIU Update* and the 2008-2009 Annual Report have been completed and distributed to all school district board members, superintendents, legislators, PAIU executive directors, PDE contacts and MCIU staff.

11. Spotlight on an MCIU Division – Mr. Stan Wisler, Management Services

Mr. Wisler presented his PowerPoint overview of the Proposed 2010/2011 Montgomery County Intermediate Unit General Operating Budgets during his staff report. Mr. Wisler will highlight Management Services at the November Board meeting

12. Report of the Solicitor

Mr. Sultanik had no report.

13. Report of the Executive Director

Dr. Shiveley thanked Jane Mansuy and Stan Wisler for the fine work they did on the recently held Budget & Negotiation Strategies workshop for superintendents, business managers and human resources directors. Mrs. Mansuy and Mr.

Wisler worked in tandem with superintendents, Mr. David Krem (Pottstown), Dr. Melissa Jamula (Upper Merion), and Dr. Charles Amuso (Souderton).

Dr. Shiveley informed the Board that Dr. Baumgartner would be unable to attend the AESA Annual Conference in December. There are three openings for Board members. Any Board member who is interested in attending should contact Dr. Shiveley's Executive Assistant, RoseAnn Westerfer by the end of the week.

14. Report of Board Committees

Board Policy Committee

Dr. Hakes reported that the Policy Committee met prior to tonight's Board meeting to review the Programs Policies 200 series. This series will be brought forward at the November Board meeting for first reading.

Dr. Hakes recommended that a motion be made to approve the Programs Policies 100 series.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Sherpinsky and seconded by Dr. Baumgartner that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the second reading and adoption of the MCIU Programs Policies (100 series).

Motion passed unanimously.

15. Old Business

There was no old business.

16. New Business

There was no new business.

17. Additional Public Comments

There were no additional public comments.

18. The date of the next Intermediate Unit Board Meeting will be **Wednesday, November 18, 2009, West Norriton Conference Room B3/B4 at 7:45 p.m.**

19. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Mr. Chmielewski and seconded by Dr. Baumgartner the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.