

MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD MINUTES

1. Call to Order

President Burunda Prince-Jones called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m. on February 26, 2014.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Burunda Prince-Jones, President, Wissahickon	Present
Louis A. Polaneczky, Vice President, Hatboro-Horsham	Present
Maura Buri, Secretary, Upper Merion Area	Present
Thomas J. DiBello, Treasurer, Spring-Ford Area	Present
Joseph Chmielewski, Past President, Upper Dublin	Present
Lynn K. Bigelow, Perkiomen Valley	Present
Stephen Bochneak, Bryn Athyn	Absent
James F. Butt, Cheltenham Township	Present
Leslie Finegold, Colonial	Present
Dr. David Hakes, Upper Moreland	Present
Yuri Khalif, Lower Moreland Township	Absent
Holly Kisailus, Springfield Township	Absent
Kenneth L. Mullen, Jenkintown	Present
Carolyn Murphy, North Penn	Present
Janice Pearce, Norristown Area	Absent
James W. Phillips, Methacton	Absent
Virginia O. Pollard, Lower Merion	Present
Rick Rabinowitz, Pottsgrove	Present
Donna M. Scheuren, Souderton Area	Present
William Scott, Upper Perkiomen	Present
Michele R. Tinsman, Abington	Present
W. Ronald Williams, Pottstown	Present

Others

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

4. Accept the resignation of MCIU Board Member, Mr. Daniel S. Kaye, Abington School District.

Motion: It was moved by Dr. Hakes and seconded by Mr. Polaneczky that the Intermediate Unit Board accept the resignation of Mr. Daniel S. Kaye.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Appoint and Welcome New MCIU Board Members

Motion: It was moved by Dr. Hakes and seconded by Mr. Chmielewski that the Intermediate Unit Board acknowledge and appoint those nominated to fill the vacant and/or unexpired terms of the board members listed below:

<u>Vacating Board Member</u>	<u>Nominated Board Member</u>	<u>School District</u>
Mr. Daniel S. Kaye	Mrs. Michele R. Tinsman	Abington
Mr. Marc Lieberson	Mr. James F. Butt	Cheltenham Twp.
Mr. Randy Bennett	Mr. Lynn K. Bigelow	Perkiomen Valley
Mrs. Nancy Landes	Mr. Rick Rabinowitz	Pottsgrove
Mr. Robert H. Hartman, Jr.	Mr. W. Ronald Williams	Pottstown

Motion passed unanimously.

6. School Directors' Recognition

Dr. Shiveley announced that January was School Directors' Recognition Month for the State of Pennsylvania. He brought attention to the certificates of recognition and small gifts, and thanked the MCIU board members for the outstanding work they do for the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit.

7. Approval of Minutes of November 20, 2013

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Chmielewski and seconded by Mr. Polaneczky that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the minutes of the November 20, 2013 meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

8. Public Comments on Agenda Items

Ms. Prince-Jones asked if there were any public comments regarding agenda items. Since there were none, the board proceeded with the agenda.

9. Special Presentation of 25 Year Employee Awards

The Intermediate Unit honors employees who have completed twenty-five years of service. The following dedicated staff members were recognized and honored:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Mary Ann deSante	Speech Language Pathologist
Kathleen Wilz	Speech Language Pathologist

President Prince-Jones presented the staff member in attendance, Ms. deSante, with a plaque and thanked her for her dedicated service to the students and districts of Montgomery County.

10. Presentation

Mr. Chmielewski, Chair of the Board's Facilities Committee, provided a timeline of events leading up to the purchase of the new MCIU facility at 2 W. Lafayette Street in Norristown. Mr. Arif Fazil from the construction management firm, D'Huy Engineering, announced that the construction bids were opened on February 18th, and he reviewed the criteria used to measure the bids. The following recommendations for bid awards are included in the board packet:

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| • General Construction | E.R. Stuebner, Inc. | \$5,153,000 |
| • Mechanical | Worth & Company, Inc. | \$2,747,000 |
| • Electrical | Silas Bolef Co. | \$2,567,000 |
| • Plumbing | Vision Mechanical, Inc. | \$ 488,700 |

Following a question and answer session, the following motion was made.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Pollard and seconded by Dr. Hakes that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the construction bids to the contractors listed above subject to final review of contracts, bonds, and insurance by MCIU's solicitor.

Motion passed 16 ayes; 1 nay [Scheuren].

11. Approval of Bills as Included in the Treasurer's Report (November/December/January)

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Scott and seconded by Dr. Hakes that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the January Treasurer's Report as well as the approval and the ratification of the payment of bills for the November and December Treasurer's Reports.

Motion passed unanimously.

12. Human Resources Report

Following Mr. Hurd's presentation of the Human Resources Report, Mrs. Scheuren requested the listing of years of experience for new hires on this report in the future. Dr. Shiveley reviewed the sequential process used by the MCIU to assess the need

to fill vacant positions. Mr. Hurd also shared that the results of the Position Study are anticipated for the end of March/beginning of April 2014.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Chmielewski and seconded by Dr. Hakes that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the personnel recommendations as listed for February 2014 and the ratification of the personnel recommendations as listed for January 2014.

Motion passed 16 ayes; 1 nay [Scheuren].

13. Review and Approval of Guidelines for Conducting the Nomination of Intermediate Unit Board Members

Dr. Shiveley reviewed the guidelines for conducting the nomination of MCIU board members as included in the board packet.

14. Appointment of Judge of Elections

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Polaneczky and seconded by Dr. Hakes that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the Appointment of Jeffrey T. Sultanik, Esq. as Judge of Elections.

Motion passed unanimously.

15. Management Services Report

Mr. Stan Wisler requested ratification of the January 2014 Action Items as listed below:

A. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
(1) Recommendation to Accept the Statewide System of Support Region 1 Funding

B. SPECIAL EDUCATION DIVISION
(1) Recommendation to Approve the 2014-2015 Special Education Division Budget

Mr. Stan Wisler requested approval of the following February 2014 Action Items:

A. MANAGEMENT SERVICES
(1) Authorization to Declare Equipment Surplus/Obsolete
(2) Recommendation to Award Construction Contracts for Renovation Work at 2 West Lafayette Street in Norristown

B. NONPUBLIC SCHOOL SERVICES DIVISION

(1) Recommendation to Approve the Project Continuation for the 2013-2014 Homeless Children's Initiative – Region #8 Agreement

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Polaneczky and seconded by Mr. Chmielewski that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the requested February 2014 Action Items and ratification of the requested January Action Items. Note: A separate motion was made earlier in the meeting for approval for the Award of Construction Contracts for Renovation Work at 2 West Lafayette Street in Norristown.

Motion passed 16 ayes; 1 nay [Scheuren].

16. Questions on Division Directors' Reports

There were no questions from board members. President Prince-Jones thanked the Division Directors for the effort involved in producing these comprehensive reports, and Mrs. Scheuren commented that she finds the reports very beneficial to share information with her school district's board members.

17. Legislative Update – Tina Viletto, Esq.

Ms. Viletto highlighted the following legislative issues:

- MCIU Legislative Committee: Mr. Ron Williams, representative from Pottstown was named Chair of the Legislative Committee, and Ms. Susan Arnhold from Abington School District was named Vice Chair.
- Governor Corbett's Proposed 2014-15 Budget: The current budget proposal does not include an increase to the basic education funding line. The Ready to Learn Block Grant is slated to provide an additional \$240 million to school districts that focus on student achievement and academic success, and \$1 million will be made available for the Expanding Excellence Program. The Accountability Block Grant will be level funded at \$100 million again this year. Budget Secretary Zogby reports that state revenues continue to be less than anticipated.
- E-Rate: President Obama announced that the Federal Communications Commission will invest \$2 billion to expand high-speed Internet connectivity over the next two years.
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA): Concerns over the potential hazards of PCBs emitted from fluorescent light ballasts installed in public buildings pre-1979 may result in a financial burden on school districts to replace fixtures.
- Charter School Reform: There continues to be discussion regarding charter funding reform but no definitive action from the legislature.

- Legislative Breakfast: This year's Legislative Breakfast is scheduled for Friday, March 28th at the William Penn Inn.

18. MCIU Programs Update – Cooperative Services

Mr. Wisler presented an overview of various cooperative services and consortium efforts which have been initiated and implemented by the MCIU to provide cost savings to districts, relieve burdens from district staff, and to serve as a resource to districts.

19. Report of the Solicitor

Mr. Sultanik had no report.

20. Report of the Assistant Executive Director

Dr. Landis will make his report as part of tonight's Executive Director report.

21. Report of the Executive Director

A. New Board Member MCIU Orientation:

Dr. Shiveley announced that a New Board Member MCIU orientation will be held on March 24th at 5:30 p.m. An email will be sent out shortly to all board members.

B. Big Picture of MCIU Initiatives:

Dr. Landis presented an overview of a series of initiatives that the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit is engaged in as the MCIU plans for a transition into a new building and a change in its leadership.

22. Report of Board Committees

A. Building Committee Update:

This item was moved up on the agenda.

B. Executive Committee Update:

Mr. Polaneczky reported that the five MCIU board members who comprise the Executive Committee (Mrs. Prince-Jones, Mr. Polaneczky, Mr. Scott, Dr. Hakes, and Mr. Chmielewski) and Mr. Sultanik are in the process of interviewing search committees.

23. Old Business

Mrs. Pollard and Mrs. Murphy reported on their experience as representatives of the MCIU Board at the Association of Educational Service Agencies (AESA) National Conference in San Antonio, Texas. They reported that the MCIU was well represented with excellent presentations by several cabinet members. The conference was very informative and included excellent presentations and networking opportunities.

24. New Business

Mrs. Scheuren reminded the Board of the request made by departing Perkiomen Valley board member, Mr. Randy Bennett, that a thorough look at all MCIU programs, such as the Anderson School, be presented to the MCIU Board to include both positives and negatives. Dr. Shiveley stated that a report on this information will be made at the next MCIU Board meeting.

25. Additional Public Comments

There were no additional public comments.

26. The date of the next Intermediate Unit Board Meeting will be **Wednesday, March 26, 2014, at West Norriton Conference Room B3/B4 at 7:00 p.m.**

27. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.