

MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD MINUTES

1. Call to Order

President Burunda Prince-Jones called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m. on April 30, 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	Absent
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	Present
Holly Kisailus, Springfield Township	Absent
Kenneth L. Mullen, Jenkintown	Present
Carolyn Murphy, North Penn	Present
Janice Pearce, Norristown Area	Present
James W. Phillips, Methacton	Present
Virginia O. Pollard, Lower Merion	Present (by phone)
Rick Rabinowitz, Pottsgrove	Absent
Donna M. Scheuren, Souderton Area	Absent
William Scott, Upper Perkiomen	Absent
Michele R. Tinsman, Abington	Present
W. Ronald Williams, Pottstown	Present

Others

Dr. Bradley C. Landis, Substitute Executive Director	Present
Jeffrey Sultanic, Solicitor	Present

4. Approval of Minutes of March 26, 2014

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Polaneczky and seconded by Mr. Chmielewski that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the minutes of the March 26, 2014 meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. 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.

6. Presentation of 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.

President Prince-Jones introduced Dr. Ken Voss who announced that Mrs. Roseanne Gale, a Nonpublic School Services Reading Teacher with the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit, has been selected 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 Mrs. Gale for the award.

Mrs. Gale expressed her gratitude to the Bobbie S. Goodman Awards Committee, her family and the MCIU Nonpublic School Services staff for the part that they played in her receipt of this award. Mrs. Gale stated that she was honored to receive this award in memory of such an exceptional teacher and person.

Dr. Ken Voss introduced the members of Bobbie's family who were in attendance for the presentation: Bobbie's husband Hal, sons Michael, Larry and Steve Goodman, Michael's wife, Stacey, and their children Rachel and Sydney.

There was a brief recess so that the Board could celebrate with Mrs. Gale's family and the Nonpublic School Services Division staff in attendance.

President Prince-Jones reconvened the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

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

Mr. DiBello presented the March Treasurer's Report to the Board for approval. The cash balance as of March 31, 2014 was \$41,651,686.76.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

8. Human Resources Report

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Butt that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the personnel recommendations as listed for April 2014 including the Addendum dated April 30, 2014.

Motion passed unanimously.

9. First Review of the 2014-2015 Nonpublic School Services Budget

Dr. Voss provided an overview of the Nonpublic School Services Division 2014-15 proposed budget. The Nonpublic School Services Division (NPSS) serves students in remedial reading and mathematics, school counseling, speech-language therapy, and school psychology. Additionally, NPSS served a total of 277 campers through seven summer camps last summer.

Dr. Voss presented information on Pennsylvania and Montgomery County enrollment trends for both public schools and nonpublic schools. Excluding Philadelphia, the NPSS Division of the MCIU is the largest Nonpublic Schools Services Division in the Commonwealth. Regional Act 89 funding accounts for the majority of the funds to support the division. Dr. Voss extended thanks to Dr. Mary Rita Cleary and Mrs. Nancy Myers for their contributions to the NPSS Division.

Action on this budget will take place at the May 21, 2014 board meeting.

10. Management Services Report

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

A. MANAGEMENT SERVICES

- (1) Recommendation to Award the Commissioning of RFP
- (2) Recommendation to Approve the Right of Way Easement

- (3) Recommendation to Award Supply Bids and Fixed Rate Discount Bids for Montgomery County School Entities Joint Purchasing Board

B. NONPUBLIC SCHOOL SERVICES DIVISION

- (1) Authorization to Declare Equipment Surplus/Obsolete

C. MANAGEMENT SERVICES DIVISION (Addendum dated April 30, 2014)

- (1) Recommendation to Execute the Resolution for E-Signature for the Pennsylvania Department of Education
- (2) Recommendation to Approve Contract with Ray and Associates, Inc.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Polaneczky and seconded by Mr. Chmielewski that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the requested Action Items.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Wisler thanked Ms. Sandy Edling for her work and announced that the contract with North Montco Technical Center has been renewed.

11. Questions on Division Directors' Reports

There were no questions on the Division Directors' Reports. However, Mr. DiBello requested that a monthly status report on the new building at 2 W. Lafayette Street be distributed to board members moving forward. Mr. Wisler responded that he will provide this information.

12. Legislative Update – Tina Viletto, Esq.

Ms. Viletto highlighted the following legislative issues:

- State Revenues - Revenue projections are down. The April report will be released tomorrow, and it is expected that there will be a \$1 billion shortfall.
- The General Assembly reconvened on Monday for two weeks.
- Property Tax Independence Act (SB76) – The bill is currently before the Senate Finance Committee, and an informational hearing on the bill was held today.
- ACCESS Resolution – Board action is being requested this evening to adopt a Resolution to support efforts to create pressure for changes in how DPW is managing Access, particularly with regard to third party liability. A public hearing on this topic is scheduled for May 7th prior to the May 10th deadline to address the prevention of reimbursement of funds due to a procedural issue.

- PSBA Advocacy Forum and Day on the Hill – On Monday, May 5th, Ms. Viletto along with other Allwein Advocacy Award winners will be presenting on how to be an effective advocate.
- Ms. Janice Pearce shared that Norristown Area School District prevailed in a landmark case before PDE against Renaissance Academy.

13. MCIU Programs Update – Equitable Participation – Dr. Ken Voss and Dr. Lois Robinson

This presentation will be postponed until the May board meeting.

14. Report of the Solicitor

Mr. Sultanik stated that he will deliver his report to the Board in executive session following tonight's meeting.

15. Report of the Substitute Executive Director

- A. Action Item: Recommendation to Approve the Resolution Opposing Restricting Federal Medical Assistance Reimbursement

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Butt and seconded by Dr. Hakes that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the Resolution Opposing Restricting Federal Medical Assistance Reimbursement.

Motion passed unanimously.

16. Report of Board Committees

- A. Executive Search Committee: Ms. Prince-Jones stated that following tonight's approval of the MCIU's agreement with Ray and Associates, Inc., the executive director search will be proceeding with deliberate haste. An email update was sent to all MCIU staff, and Ray and Associates, Inc. will be setting up meetings with all shareholder groups.
- B. Facilities Committee: Mr. Chmielewski stated that the construction team continues to meet every two weeks and that D'Huy Engineering is doing a very good job of keeping the project on schedule.

17. Old Business

There was no old business.

18. New Business

Ms. Prince-Jones thanked the MCIU's administrative staff for their support of Dr. Bradley Landis as Substitute Executive Director during this time of transition.

Ms. Prince-Jones also shared that Wissahickon High School was ranked 9th in the state of Pennsylvania in *US News and World Report's Best High Schools*.

19. Additional Public Comments

There were no additional public comments.

20. The date of the next Intermediate Unit Board Meeting will be **Wednesday, May 21, 2014, at West Norriton Conference Room B3/B4 at 7:00 p.m.**

21. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m. and the Board reconvened in Executive Session.