

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD MINUTES

### 1. Call to Order

President Burunda Prince-Jones called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. on May 21, 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 (by phone)
Lynn K. Bigelow, Perkiomen Valley	Absent
Stephen Bochneak, Bryn Athyn	Absent
James F. Butt, Cheltenham Township	Present
Leslie Finegold, Colonial	Absent
Dr. David Hakes, Upper Moreland	Absent
Yuri Khalif, Lower Moreland Township	Absent
Holly Kisailus, Springfield Township	Absent
Kenneth L. Mullen, Jenkintown	Absent
Carolyn Murphy, North Penn	Present
Janice Pearce, Norristown Area	Present
James W. Phillips, Methacton	Absent
Virginia O. Pollard, Lower Merion	Present (by phone)
Rick Rabinowitz, Pottsgrove	Absent
Donna M. Scheuren, Souderton Area	Present
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 April 30, 2014

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Polaneczky and seconded by Mr. Butt that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the minutes of the April 30, 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 Cynthia E. Welder Award

The Montgomery County Intermediate Unit employed Cynthia E. Welder as a school psychologist and a special education supervisor servicing children with disabilities from 1956 to 1968. A Memorial Committee established a fund in her honor to annually recognize both an individual and an organization for their outstanding and dedicated service to the exceptional children of the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit.

Dr. Lois Robinson, Special Education Director, introduced Mrs. Samantha Levy as the recipient of the 2014 Individual Award in recognition of her outstanding contributions to the MCIU and children with special needs in her position as a Behavior Analyst Specialist.

Dr. Robinson announced that the recipient of the 2014 Cynthia E. Welder Organization Award was General Healthcare Resources, Inc. who has provided exceptional service in securing qualified healthcare staffing for the students of the MCIU for the past five years. Four individuals from General Healthcare Resources, Inc. were in attendance to accept this award.

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

Mr. DiBello presented the April Treasurer's Report to the Board for approval. The cash balance as of April 30, 2014 was \$38,857,041.57.

**Motion:** It was moved by Ms. Buri and seconded by Mr. Butt that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the April Treasurer's Report and the ratification of the payment of bills.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

8. Human Resources Report

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. DiBello and seconded by Ms. Buri that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the personnel recommendations as listed for May 2014.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

9. Approval of Proposed 2014-2015 Intermediate Unit Board Meeting Dates

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Butt and seconded by Mrs. Scheuren that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the 2014-2015 Intermediate Unit Board Meeting Dates as follows:

- August 27, 2014
- September 17, 2014
- October 15, 2014
- November 19, 2014
- January 28, 2015
- February 25, 2015
- March 25, 2015
- April 22, 2015
- May 27, 2015
- June 24, 2015

**Motion passed unanimously.**

10. Management Services Report

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

A. MANAGEMENT SERVICES DIVISION

- (1) Recommendation to Approve the Montgomery County School Entities Fuel Bid

B. NONPUBLIC SCHOOL SERVICES DIVISION

- (1) Recommendation for Approval of Nonpublic School Services Division Budget for 2014-2015
- (2) Recommendation to Approve the Revision of the Title II (Part A) Program Funds
- (3) Recommendation for Approval for the Continuation of Title I Neglected Program Funds
- (4) Recommendation for Approval for the Continuation of Title I Delinquent Program Funds
- (5) Recommendation to Approve the Acceptance of the Title II (Part A) Program Funds

**Motion:** It was moved by Mrs. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Butt that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the requested Action Items.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

11. Questions on Division Directors' Reports

There were no questions on the Division Directors' Reports.

12. Legislative Update – Tina Viletto, Esq.

Ms. Viletto highlighted the following legislative issues:

- State Revenues: The Independent Fiscal Office estimates that Pennsylvania tax revenues will fall \$1.35 billion short of Governor Corbett's projections for the 2013-14 and 2014-15 fiscal years. Legislative leaders are caucusing with members to discuss what cuts will need to be made to the proposed budget. Other revenue opportunities are being investigated, including liquor privatization.
- Pension Reform: Due to the dismal revenue projections pension reform will continue to be a part of the conversation, but there is currently no legislation that speaks to any direct plans.
- Special Education Funding: It is anticipated that Senate Bill 1316 will be voted on by the full Senate; however, there has been significant pushback from the charter school community.
- MCIUEF Golf Fundraiser: Ms. Viletto thanked MCIU Board Vice President Lou Polaneczky for participating in this annual event. Ms. Viletto reported that this event generated almost \$26,000 this year.

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

Dr. Voss and Dr. Robinson made a presentation to the MCIU Board regarding Equitable Participation (EP) which is a part of IDEA and is a federal mandate that provides funds to the IU's Special Education Division to be used for identified students enrolled by their parents in eligible nonpublic schools. The presentation highlighted the work of the EP Team and how the Special Education and Nonpublic School Services Divisions work together to provide effective and efficient services.

14. Report of the Solicitor

Mr. Sultanik had no report.

#### 15. Report of the Substitute Executive Director

Dr. Landis stated that it is necessary at this time to appoint a director to the ExplorationsPHP Board to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Dr. Jerry Shiveley.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Mr. Polaneczky to nominate Dr. Bradley C. Landis to serve as a board member on the ExplorationsPHP Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Butt.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

#### 16. Report of Board Committees

Mr. Wisler was asked to provide an update on the construction project at 2 W. Lafayette Street. He stated that the project is both on schedule and within budget. Walls are beginning to be constructed. Mr. Wisler will continue to share a monthly status report with the board.

#### 17. Old Business

There was no old business.

#### 18. New Business

Ms. Prince-Jones thanked all of the stakeholder groups for their feedback and response to the survey for the Executive Director Search. As the survey results are analyzed, it is anticipated that a job description will be developed by the end of the month and the close of the application window will be July 31. The interview process will begin in Fall 2014. The Executive Search Committee will continue to provide updates and welcomes any feedback. Ms. Viletto reminded board members to access the survey via the link on the MCIU website.

Mr. Polaneczky participated in the recent Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Education Foundation Golf Outing on May 12, 2014. He thanked the members of the organization for their efforts to make this annual event a success.

Mrs. Scheuren commented on the April 30<sup>th</sup> MCIU Board Meeting Minutes that Mrs. Prince-Jones acknowledged Wissahickon High School's recent ranking in *US News and World Report's Best High Schools in Pennsylvania*. Mrs. Scheuren extended accolades to Lower Merion High School for their ranking of 15 and Souderton Area Senior High School of 18. She thanked the administrators and teachers at Souderton for this substantial increase from their previous ranking of 38.

19. Additional Public Comments

There were no additional public comments.

20. The date of the next Intermediate Unit Board Meeting will be **Wednesday, June 25, 2014, at PaTTAN King of Prussia, Valley Forge Conference Room at 7:00 p.m.**

21. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.