

MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD MINUTES

1. Call to Order

President Burunda Prince-Jones called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. on June 25, 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	Present
James W. Phillips, Methacton	Absent
Virginia O. Pollard, Lower Merion	Present (by phone)
Rick Rabinowitz, Pottsgrove	Present
Donna M. Scheuren, Souderton Area	Absent
William Scott, Upper Perkiomen	Present
Michele R. Tinsman, Abington	Present
W. Ronald Williams, Pottstown	Present

Others

Mr. Stan Wisler, CFO/Director of Management Services	Present
Jeffrey Sultanik, Solicitor	Present

4. Approval of Minutes of May 21, 2014

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Polaneczky and seconded by Mr. Rabinowitz that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the minutes of the May 21, 2014 meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Greetings from Support Staff Meet and Discuss Leadership

The following members of the Support Staff Meet and Discuss Committee introduced themselves to the Board and stated that representatives from this group will be attending future Board meetings:

- Christine Butterfield, Secretary – Special Education
- Rick Casciello, Facilities Maintenance Technician – PaTTAN
- Anne Draus, Technology Support Specialist – TIS
- John Hampton, Field Service Technician – TIS
- Allan Moore, Network and Systems Engineer – TIS
- Lisa Moore, Secretary – Nonpublic School Services
- Bonnie Neiman, Secretary – CIPD
- RoseAnne Westerfer, Secretary – Special Education (EI)

6. 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.

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

Mr. DiBello presented the May Treasurer's Report to the Board for approval. The cash balance as of May 31, 2014 was \$40,689,331.05.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. DiBello and seconded by Mr. Chmielewski that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the May 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 Dr. Hakes that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the personnel recommendations as listed for June 2014.

Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Prince-Jones noted two resignations of administrators: Dr. Janet Sloand, Director of PaTTAN; and Mr. Christopher Stultz, Principal of The Anderson School, and expressed thanks to both administrators for their service to the MCIU. Dr. Sloand commented that her decision to leave after eight years was a very difficult one and was based on her lengthy travel time. She thanked the MCIU Board and the leadership provided by Dr. Brad Landis for her wonderful experience.

9. Report of Judge of Elections on Intermediate Unit Board Member Election – Mr. Sultanik

The ballots for election of the members of the Board of Directors of the Intermediate Unit were opened and tallied on June 20, 2014. There were a total of nine open positions and nine candidates. Based upon the ballots received and tallied, and in accordance with the law, the candidates were duly elected. They will assume their terms effective July 1, 2014. The weighted vote results were as follows:

<u>Name of Candidate</u>	<u>School District</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Weighted Vote</u>
1. James F. Butt	Cheltenham Twp.	3 Years	214
2. Louis A. Polaneczky	Hatboro-Horsham	3 Years	203
3. Janice Pearce	Norristown Area	3 Years	198
4. W. Ronald Williams	Pottstown	3 Years	204
5. Maura Buri	Upper Merion	3 Years	195
6. Michele R. Tinsman	Abington	2 Years	204
7. James W. Phillips	Methacton	1 Year	194
8. Lynn K. Bigelow	Perkiomen Valley	1 Year	213
9. Rick Rabinowitz	Pottsgrove	1 Year	201

10. Appointment of Nominating Committee to Recommend 2014-2015 Intermediate Unit Board Officers

Ms. Prince-Jones stated that the Nominating Committee is comprised of four board members: Mr. Joe Chmielewski, Mr. Ken Mullen, Ms. Burunda Prince-Jones, and Ms. Donna Scheuren. She encouraged board members interested in serving in any capacity to contact her. The committee will bring their suggestions for a Slate of Officers to the August 27, 2014 meeting.

11. Management Services Report

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

- A. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
 - (1) Recommendation to accept amended agreement between Capital Area Intermediate Unit and the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit

B. MANAGEMENT SERVICES

- (1) Recommendation to Approve Depositories for 2014-2015
- (2) Recommendation to Approve the Budget Transfer Process for 2013-2014
- (3) Recommendation to Transfer Funds to the Capital Projects Fund
- (4) Recommendation to Approve the MCIU Insurance Coverage for 2014-2015
- (5) Recommendation to Accept the 2014-2015 Student Accident/Football Insurance Quotations
- (6) Recommendation to Approve the Montgomery County School Entities Fuel Bid
- (7) Recommendation to Approve Broker Agreement with Cushman Wakefield

C. PATTAN

- (1) Recommendation to accept Continuation of Projects – Pennsylvania Department of Education/Bureau of Special Education and Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network (PaTTAN)
- (2) Recommendation to accept Continuation of Projects – Tuscarora Intermediate Unit 11 for the Early Intervention Project

D. SPECIAL EDUCATION DIVISION

- (1) Recommendation for approval to accept additional Early Intervention Funds
- (2) Recommendation for approval of an IDEA Regular Project Application for School Age
- (3) Recommendation for approval of application for IDEA/Section 611 Early Intervention Funds
- (4) Recommendation for approval of IDEA Federal Early Intervention Project application
- (5) Recommendation for approval to submit application for State Early Intervention Funds

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

Motion passed unanimously.

12. Questions on Division Directors' Reports

Special Education Report - Mr. Polaneczky commented on the enrollment growth at The Anderson School this year. Dr. Robinson responded that they are very pleased with the growth this past year and noted that Mr. Christopher Stultz will be greatly

missed. Current enrollment is 70 students. At this time, Mrs. Rawlings played a video of the recent graduation ceremony at The Anderson School.

13. Legislative Update – Tina Viletto, Esq.

Ms. Viletto stated that it is a very busy time in Harrisburg with a number of hot topics including:

State Budget – House Bill 2328 was approved this afternoon with a vote of 110-93. This is a vehicle for approval of the state budget and has been moved to the House. This bill eliminates funding for the Ready to Learn Block Grant and Hybrid Learning Grant, and reduces the Accountability Block Grant. The bill next goes to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Special Education Funding Bill – Senate Bill 1316 has stalled due to significant pushback from the charter school community. Senator Pileggi filed an amendment that includes a provision that if there is a disagreement between PDE and a charter school with regard to the cost of providing an education to a special education student, a charter school may request that the costs attributed to the student be reviewed by a special education cost review panel.

Pension Reform – This continues to be a key issue. Representative Tobash's proposal has been reintroduced but does not have enough support yet.

Furloughs for Economic Reasons: House Bill 1722 was approved by the House Education Committee which amends the Public School Code to consider additional factors when permitting furloughs of teachers for economic reasons.

PlanCon: House Bill 2124 was passed by the House to amend the Public School Code to streamline and automate the PlanCon process to allow districts ineligible for reimbursement due to the moratorium to remain eligible for reimbursement. This bill is in the Senate now.

14. MCIU Programs Update – PaTTAN and Project MAX – Dr. Janet Sloand, Dr. Lois Robinson and Mrs. Donna Gaffney

Dr. Sloand provided an overview of the Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network (PaTTAN). Highlights of the presentation included MCIU and PaTTAN's mission, system of statewide support, relationship to intermediate units, educators, parents and families of students with disabilities, and the Pennsylvania Department of Education, and PaTTAN's statewide initiatives.

Dr. Robinson and Dr. Gaffney joined Dr. Sloand in presenting on a key collaboration between PaTTAN and MCIU, Project MAX. The purpose of Project MAX is to increase the capacity of Pennsylvania schools to provide all students, including

those with complex instructional needs, with maximum access and learning of the general education curriculum and the PA Core Standards.

15. Report of the Solicitor

Mr. Sultanik had no report.

16. Report of the Substitute Executive Director

- A. Overview of ESD112 Communications Audit Findings – Mr. Wisler announced that this presentation will be postponed until the August 27, 2014 meeting due to Dr. Landis' absence at tonight's meeting.
- B. AESA Conference - Mr. Wisler announced that the annual AESA Conference will be held from December 3-7, 2014 in San Diego, California. There are three openings, and any board members interested in attending the conference should contact Ms. Prince-Jones.

17. Accept resignation of MCIU Board member James Butt, Cheltenham Township School District effective June 30, 2014

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Polaneczky that the Intermediate Unit Board accept the resignation of Mr. James Butt.

Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Prince-Jones thanked Mr. Butt for his dedicated service to the MCIU and presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation.

18. Report of Board Committees

- A. Facilities: Mr. Chmielewski directed attention to the building progress report included in the Management Services Report and stated that the work is on schedule and is in some cases ahead of the supplies being delivered.
- B. Nominating Committee: Ms. Prince-Jones reported that the Nominating Committee has drafted a preliminary Slate of Officers that they will recommend to the Board to be voted on at the August Board meeting as follows:

President	Louis A. Polaneczky
Vice President	Thomas J. DiBello
Secretary	Maura Buri
Treasurer	Dr. David Hakes

19. SharePoint Overview

Mrs. Kennedy directed attention to a red folder at each board member's place containing a User Guide and log-in information for the new SharePoint site for MCIU's Board of Directors. The site will manage and store documents for board meetings. The site will be piloted for a few months and board packets will continue to be mailed. After that time, board members will have the opportunity to opt out of hard copies of the board packets. Board members should contact Gail Kennedy if they have any questions or issues with accessing this site.

20. Old Business

There was no old business.

21. New Business

There was no new business.

22. Additional Public Comments

There were no additional public comments.

23. The date of the next Intermediate Unit Board Meeting will be **Wednesday, August 27, 2014, at West Norriton Conference Room B3/B4 at 7:00 p.m.**

24. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.