

September 18, 2013  
West Norriton, PA

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD MINUTES

### 1. Call to Order

President Burunda Prince-Jones called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. on September 18, 2013.

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

### 3. Roll Call

Burunda Prince-Jones, President, Wissahickon	Present
Louis Polaneczky, Vice President, Hatboro-Horsham	Present
Nancy Landes, Secretary, Pottsgrove	Present
Thomas DiBello, Treasurer, Spring-Ford Area	Absent
Marc Lieberon, Past President, Cheltenham Township	Present
Randy Bennett, Perkiomen Valley	Absent
Stephen Bochneak, Bryn Athyn	Absent
Maura Buri, Upper Merion Area	Present
Joseph Chmielewski, Upper Dublin	Absent
Leslie Finegold, Colonial	Absent
David Hakes, Upper Moreland	Absent
Robert H. Hartman, Jr., Pottstown	Absent
Howard Jones, Methacton	Present
Daniel Kaye, Abington	Absent
Yuri Khalif, Lower Moreland Township	Absent
Holly Kisailus, Springfield Township	Absent
Ken Mullen, Jenkintown	Absent
Carolyn Murphy, North Penn	Absent
Janice Pearce, Norristown Area	Absent
Virginia Pollard, Lower Merion	Absent
Donna Scheuren, Souderton Area	Absent
William Scott, Upper Perkiomen	Absent

### Others

Dr. Jerry W. Shiveley, Executive Director	Present
Kyle Berman, Solicitor	Present

There was no quorum present for the meeting. No board action could take place.

#### 4. 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.

#### 5. Reports of Staff

##### A. Dr. Lois Robinson

The MCIU Training and Consulting Department provided professional development during the month of August to over 700 paraprofessionals from Upper Perkiomen, Lower Merion, Cheltenham and Lower Moreland School Districts. The training was very successful and positive feedback was received. Additional training dates in November and February are almost at full capacity. Additionally, bus driver training was provided to 300+ bus drivers and aides in Lower Merion, Council Rock and Cheltenham School Districts.

##### B. Tina Viletto, Esq.

Ms. Viletto reported that the General Assembly is not due to reconvene until September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Discussion on property tax elimination continues to be a hot topic. Representative Seth Grove has been supporting the idea of forming one countywide school board and one property tax rate for the 15 school districts in York County. He has requested a study be performed through the Independent Fiscal Office.

##### C. Mrs. Gail Kennedy

The MCIU and the Pennsylvania Association of Intermediate Units (PAIU) have partnered with Microsoft Education to offer the Shape the Future Program which offers discounts to school districts for the purchase of new electronic devices. Schools interested in this program need to provide a Letter of Eligibility and should contact Mrs. Kennedy for further information.

##### D. Mrs. Donna Gaffney

The Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development Division has been providing support and staff development to teachers and administrators of the MCIU and school districts regarding the new Educator Effectiveness initiative issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

##### E. Dr. Ken Voss

The Nonpublic School Services Division noted a decrease in nonpublic schools enrollment but also an increase in enrollment in some of the independent schools. More concrete enrollment figures will be available in October. An Act

89 workshop will be hosted by NPSS in October for new principals in nonpublic schools in Montgomery County to provide an overview of the available services.

F. Dr. Janet Sloand

Dr. Sloand reported that over 350 participants attended the Pennsylvania Low Incidence Institute summer conference organized by PaTTAN in State College from August 5-8, 2013. A highlight of the conference was keynote speaker, Dr. William Henderson, and Dr. Sloand noted that 28 parent scholarships were awarded to enable families to attend the institute.

G. Ms. Kristen Rawlings

The MCIU has developed a corporate sponsorship package and will be seeking business sponsors to support three popular student scholastic competitions – Reading Olympics, Pennsylvania Regional Academic Competition, and the Middle School and High School Computer Fair. Mrs. Rawlings asked that board members contact her if they have any suggestions of businesses who would be interested in participating.

6. MCIU Programs Update – Personalized Learning

In the first of a new series of spotlight presentations, Mrs. Donna Gaffney, Mrs. Gail Kennedy, and Dr. Lois Robinson gave a collaborative presentation on the topic of personalized learning. The presentation focused in part on how the Hybrid Learning initiative is an integrated effort that crosses the CIPD, Technology, and Special Education Divisions. Video presentations of hybrid learning classes in Spring-Ford School District and the Anderson School were key features of the presentation.

7. Report of the Solicitor

It was noted that because there was no quorum, the board members present were unable to take the required action on the agenda items listed for action. The Board will be required to ratify certain actions that will transpire between now and the October board meeting, such as personnel appointments and payment of bills. Such items that require action will appear for ratification at the next board meeting.

8. Report of the Assistant Executive Director

Dr. Landis stated that the "go-live" date for public access to the School Performance Profile is September 30, 2013. School district officials will have access to the site prior to that date. The MCIU has been providing training and support to superintendents regarding communication on this topic, and on Friday the MCIU has invited members of the media to an information session on understanding this complex issue.

The MCIU is preparing to start this month with work on its Comprehensive Plan which has a final submission due date of November 2014. Dr. Landis is in the process of assembling a Steering Committee and asked for a board member volunteer to serve on this committee. Mrs. Prince-Jones announced that Mr. Polaneczky has volunteered to represent the MCIU Board on this committee.

9. Report of the Executive Director

A. Report on Achievement of 2012-13 Division Goals

Dr. Janet Sloand provided board members with a PowerPoint presentation highlighting a summary of divisional goal accomplishments for the 2012-13 school year. Copies of the report with additional details were included in board members' packets.

10. Report of Board Committees

There were no committee reports.

11. Old Business

There was no old business.

12. New Business

President Prince-Jones noted that because there was not a quorum this evening, the board members present were unable to take the required action on the agenda items listed for action. Although the Board will be required to ratify certain actions that will transpire between now and the October board meeting, such as personnel appointments and payment of bills, the election of PSBA Officers (Agenda Item #6) will need to be completed before the October 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. Mr. Berman indicated that since this is not an action required by School Code, the vote for election of officers could be done via email.

13. Additional Public Comments

There were no additional public comments.

14. The date of the next Intermediate Unit Board Meeting will be **Wednesday, October 23, 2013, at West Norriton Conference Room B3/B4 at 7:45 p.m.**

15. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.