

October 15, 2014
West Norriton, PA

MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Vice President Thomas DiBello called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. on October 15, 2014.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

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

Others

Dr. Bradley C. Landis, Acting Executive Director	Present
Brian Subers, Solicitor	Present

4. Approval of Minutes of September 17, 2014

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Scott and seconded by Ms. Pearce that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the minutes of the September 17, 2014 meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Public Comments on Agenda Items

Mr. DiBello asked if there were any public comments regarding agenda items. Since there were none, the board proceeded with the agenda.

6. Approval of Bills as Included in the Treasurer's Report (September)

Dr. Hakes presented the September 2014 Treasurer's Report to the Board. The cash balance as of September 30, 2014 was \$37,328,966.54.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Scott and seconded by Ms. Pearce that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the September Treasurer's Report.

Motion passed unanimously.

7. Human Resources Report

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

Motion passed unanimously.

8. First Review of Proposed 2015-2016 General Operating Budget

Mr. Wisler provided an overview of the MCIU General Operating Budget for 2015-2016. Mr. Wisler noted that the budget was distributed to all board members electronically and is available on the MCIU Board SharePoint site. Following a question and answer session, Mr. Wisler stated that MCIU Board action on the 2015-2016 General Operating Budget will be requested at the November 19th board meeting.

9. Management Services Report

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

A. PaTTAN

- (1) Recommendation to Accept Continuation of Projects – Montgomery County Intermediate Unit and Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network (PaTTAN)

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

Motion passed unanimously.

10. Questions on Division Directors' Reports

There were no questions on the Division Directors' Reports.

11. Legislative Update – Tina Viletto, Esq.

Ms. Viletto highlighted the following legislative issues:

- Basic Education Funding Commission: A hearing is scheduled at 10:00 a.m. in Perkiomen Valley School District on October 16, 2014. Six Montgomery County superintendents will be testifying before the commission.
- Pass the Trash Bill: House Bill 1816 was passed today, making Pennsylvania the third state to enact "Pass the Trash" legislation, which extensively expands current background check requirements for prospective school employees.
- Home School Legislation Bill – House Bill 1013, which would revise Pennsylvania's home education statute, went to the Senate for approval.
- EpiPen Bill – House Bill 2049 was recently passed. This bill would permit schools to maintain a supply of EpiPens and train school employees to administer the medication during medical emergencies.
- Taxpayer Relief – House Bill 1067 was recently passed, which would provide senior citizens property tax and rent rebate assistance.

Mrs. Pollard commended the MCIU's efforts to make the September 30th Basic Education Funding Campaign statewide videoconference event successful.

Mrs. Viletto announced that tickets are available for the Montgomery County Education Foundation's annual fall fundraiser on November 5, 2014.

12. Report of the Solicitor

Mr. Subers had no report.

13. Report of the Acting Executive Director

- A. Action Item: Motion to renew the terms of Dr. Lois Robinson and Mr. Stan Wisler to the Explorations PHP Board of Directors and to appoint Dr. John J. George as a new board member.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Pollard and seconded by Mr. Williams that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the requested Action Item.

Motion passed unanimously.

- B. Information Item: Incoming Executive Director, Dr. John George, and Acting Executive Director, Dr. Brad Landis, informed the Board that the MCIU is actively pursuing a federal grant to operate the Head Start program for Montgomery County. This is a great opportunity for the MCIU. Dr. Landis already addressed this topic with the Montgomery County Superintendents' Council and received their unanimous support. Dr. George added that if the Head Start grant is achieved, it could be a high profile opportunity for the MCIU and contribute towards the long-term goal of increasing the MCIU's involvement in Montgomery County. Dr. Robinson added that the Head Start program would be an enhancement to the MCIU's Early Intervention program. It was noted that the deadline for grant submission is November 24, 2014.

No opposition from MCIU board members was expressed. Dr. George indicated that he will proceed with this grant opportunity.

14. Report of Board Committees

There were no Board Committee reports.

15. Old Business

- Mr. Phillips asked if there are any companies that the MCIU conducts business with who would be interested in rental opportunities at the new building. Dr. Landis responded that the MCIU has a relationship with Staffing Plus, and that Montgomery County Community College has shown an interest in renting office space.
- MCIU board members were invited to enjoy a slice of cake immediately following tonight's meeting in celebration of Mrs. Carolyn Murphy's birthday.

16. New Business

- Dr. George informed the Board that he has appointments scheduled to meet individually with all Montgomery County superintendents over the next 3-4 weeks.

- Ms. Buri extended thanks to Mary Dougherty for her support of the MCIU Board of Directors and the Executive Director's Office during this time of transition.

17. Additional Public Comments

There were no additional public comments.

18. The date of the next Intermediate Unit Board Meeting will be **Wednesday, November 19, 2014, at West Norriton Conference Room B3/B4 at 7:00 p.m.**

19. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mrs. Pollard, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.