

November 19, 2014
West Norriton, PA

MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Vice President Thomas DiBello called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. on November 19, 2014.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Louis A. Polaneczky, President, Hatboro-Horsham	Present (late arrival)
Thomas J. DiBello, Vice President, Spring-Ford Area	Present
Maura Buri, Secretary, Upper Merion Area	Present
Dr. David Hakes, Treasurer, Upper Moreland	Absent
Burunda Prince-Jones, Past President, Wissahickon	Absent
Lynn K. Bigelow, Perkiomen Valley	Present
Stephen Bochniak, Bryn Athyn	Absent
Joseph Chmielewski, Upper Dublin	Present
Marcus A. Delgado, Cheltenham Township	Absent
Leslie Finegold, Colonial	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	Absent
Virginia O. Pollard, Lower Merion	Present
Rick Rabinowitz, Pottsgrove	Present
Donna M. Scheuren, Souderton Area	Present
William Scott, Upper Perkiomen	Present
Michele R. Tinsman, Abington	Present
W. Ronald Williams, Pottstown	Present

Others

Dr. John J. George, Executive Director	Present
Kyle Berman, Solicitor	Present

Mr. DiBello announced that there was an Executive Session held prior to tonight's Board meeting to discuss personnel issues. Mr. DiBello also welcomed Ms. Ann Hinkson-Herrmann, Director of PaTTAN, to the MCIU.

4. Approval of Minutes of October 15, 2014

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Rabinowitz that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the minutes of the October 15, 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 (October)

Mr. DiBello presented the October 2014 Treasurer's Report to the Board. The cash balance as of October 31, 2014 was \$38,274,746.17.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Chmielewski and seconded by Mr. Williams that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the October Treasurer's Report.

Motion passed unanimously.

7. Human Resources Report

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Chmielewski and seconded by Mrs. Pollard that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the personnel recommendations as listed for November 2014.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hurd directed attention to the Addendum to the Human Resources Report for November 2014.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Chmielewski and seconded by Mrs. Pollard that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the addendum to the Human Resources Report for November 2014 as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

8. Management Services Report

Action Items:

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

A. MANAGEMENT SERVICES

1. Recommendation to Approve the 2015-2016 General Operating Budget
2. Recommendation to Execute the Resolution for E-Signature for the Pennsylvania Department of Education
3. Recommendation to Designate Amounts for the Committed Fund Categories
4. Recommendation to Accept the 2013-2014 Audited Financial Statements as Prepared by Maillie
5. Recommendation to Award Renovation Related Contracts for the Refurbishment of the Workstations and Office Furniture, Electrostatic Painting and Moving
6. Recommendation to Accept Funds from the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the Title III Program

Dr. George commended Mr. Stan Wisler, Ms. Sandy Edling, and Ms. Mary Davidheiser for their efforts to ensure an excellent audit report.

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

Motion passed 14 ayes; 1 nay.

Mr. Rabinowitz made a motion to amend the above motion to conduct a separate vote on Item #5C (Contract to American Office Services, Inc. in the amount of \$49,763 for electrostatic painting of file cabinets/shelving/bookcases.) Mr. Williams seconded the motion to amend the original motion.

Motion denied 6 ayes; 9 nays.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Williams that the Intermediate Unit Board uphold the original motion as stated above.

Motion passed 13 ayes; 2 nays.

Information Item:

- A. Dr. Lois Robinson provided an overview of the 2015-2016 Special Education Budget. The budget document was distributed electronically to board members. The proposed 2015-2016 budget of \$69,396,375 represents an overall decrease of 4.58%. The budget will be presented for action at the January 28, 2015 board meeting.

Mr. Polaneczky arrived at the meeting at 8:05 p.m. At that time, Mr. DiBello turned the meeting over to Mr. Polaneczky for the remainder of the agenda.

9. Questions on Division Directors' Reports

There were no questions on the Division Directors' Reports.

10. Legislative Update – Tina Viletto, Esq.

Ms. Viletto highlighted the following legislative issues:

- Pennsylvania Election – The November 4th election resulted in the election of Democrat Tom Wolf to the position of Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Commissioner Josh Shapiro has been named to the Governor's Transition Team. The General Assembly will be sworn in on January 6, 2015, and Governor-elect Tom Wolf's inauguration is scheduled for January 20, 2015.
- Basic Education Funding Commission – A series of hearings continue throughout the state including a hearing on October 16, 2014 at Perkiomen Valley School District. Testimony was heard from six Montgomery County school superintendents.
- "Pass the Trash" Law – Governor Corbett signed into law House Bill 1816 now Act 168 of 2014.
- Volunteer Background Checks – House Bill 435 was signed into law by the Governor, now Act 153 of 2014.

11. Report of the Solicitor

Mr. Berman had no report.

12. Report of the Assistant Executive Director

Dr. Landis announced that the MCIU and Montgomery County Community College are discussing utilizing the MCIU facility at 2 W. Lafayette Street to hold programs after hours and provide Montco with a presence in downtown Norristown.

13. Report of the Executive Director

- District Visits – Dr. George has completed his visits to all Montgomery County School Districts and has found the superintendents to be very welcoming. Visits with legislators will be conducted next. Dr. George will provide the Board with a summary of his visits during January/February.
- Head Start Grant – Dr. George reported that the MCIU completed the federal grant application to operate the Head Start program for Montgomery County. Dr. George praised the efforts of Dr. Lois Robinson, Ms. Sandy Edling, and all of the

division directors for their collaborative focus on this grant application. As a result of this process, the MCIU formed a number of new relationships and partnerships with key stakeholder groups. Overwhelming county-wide support was received from all 21 school district superintendents, key legislators, and affiliated providers.

14. Report of Board Committees

- A. Facilities Committee – Mr. Chmielewski reported that work on the new building project is going well and that we are on par for a successful project. The Facilities Committee will be conducting their next meeting during December.

15. Old Business

Mrs. Scheuren congratulated Dr. George on his first MCIU Board meeting and charged him with a task for the coming year. Mrs. Scheuren expressed concerns regarding attendance at the annual AESA Conference as these expenses were not formally approved by the Board. She stated that Bucks County Intermediate Unit only sends two representatives and asked Dr. George to take a closer look at this conference and consider limiting attendance at next year's conference.

16. New Business

Mrs. Pearce announced that Gotwals Elementary School in Norristown School District received a \$500,000 grant from the federal ConnectED initiative and Apple to provide student iPads. Additionally, Mrs. Pearce cautioned about serious challenges with charter schools and encouraged MCIU board members to join together to bring this issue to the attention of their local school boards to help protect our public school districts.

17. Additional Public Comments

There were no additional public comments.

18. The date of the next Intermediate Unit Board Meeting will be **Wednesday, January 28, 2015, at West Norriton Conference Room B3/B4 at 7:00 p.m.**

19. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Mr. Chmielewski and seconded by Mr. Scott, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.