

November 20, 2013  
West Norriton, PA

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD MINUTES

### 1. Call to Order

President Burunda Prince-Jones called the meeting to order at 8:24 p.m. on November 20, 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	Present
Marc Lieberson, Past President, Cheltenham Township	Present
Randy Bennett, Perkiomen Valley	Present
Stephen Bochniak, Bryn Athyn	Absent
Maura Buri, Upper Merion Area	Present
Joseph Chmielewski, Upper Dublin	Present
Leslie Finegold, Colonial	Present
Dr. David Hakes, Upper Moreland	Present
Robert H. Hartman, Jr., Pottstown	Present
Daniel Kaye, Abington	Present
Yuri Khalif, Lower Moreland Township	Absent
Holly Kisailus, Springfield Township	Absent
Ken Mullen, Jenkintown	Absent
Carolyn Murphy, North Penn	Present
Janice Pearce, Norristown Area	Present
James Phillips, Methacton	Absent
Virginia Pollard, Lower Merion	Present
Donna Scheuren, Souderton Area	Present
William Scott, Upper Perkiomen	Present

### Others

Dr. Jerry W. Shiveley, Executive Director	Present
Jeffrey Sultanic, Solicitor	Present

4. Approval of Minutes of October 23, 2013

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Polaneczky and seconded by Mr. Lieberman that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the minutes of the October 23, 2013 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. Recognition of Departing MCIU Board Members

Ms. Prince-Jones recognized the four members who are departing the MCIU Board of Directors and thanked them for their hard work and dedication. Certificates of Appreciation were given to the following Board members who were in attendance: Randy Bennett, Robert Hartman, Nancy Landes, and Marc Lieberman.

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

Mr. DiBello presented the October 2013 Treasurer's Report to the Board. The cash balance as of October 31, 2013 was \$47,462,187.99.

Ms. Scheuren thanked Mr. Wisler for the email containing additional details regarding last month's Treasurer's Report. She further questioned the contracts with AT&T and Mr. Wisler stated he would investigate and respond. Ms. Scheuren also made note of the associated charges from the PA Turnpike Commission and catering charges on September 10<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Sloand responded that turnpike charges are for PaTTAN staff, and Dr. Shiveley responded that he also has charges for travel. Ms. Scheuren confirmed that the catering expenses for September 10<sup>th</sup> were covered by participant fees.

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

**Motion passed 16 ayes; 1 nay [Scheuren].**

8. Human Resources Report

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Lieberman and seconded by Mr. Chmielewski that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the personnel recommendations as listed for November 2013.

**Motion passed 16 ayes; 1 nay [Scheuren].**

9. Mr. Stan Wisler

Action Items:

Mr. Stan Wisler requested approval of the following November 2013 Action Items:

A. MANAGEMENT SERVICES

1. Recommendation to Approve the 2014-2015 General Operating Budget
2. Recommendation to Designate Amounts for the Committed Fund Categories
3. Recommendation to Accept the 2012-2013 Audited Financial Statements as Prepared by Maillie Falconiero and Company

B. SPECIAL EDUCATION

1. Recommendation for Approval of an IDEA Regular Project Budget Revision

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

**Motion passed 16 ayes; 1 nay [Scheuren].**

Information Item:

- A. Dr. Lois Robinson gave a PowerPoint presentation of the proposed Special Education budget for first review by the Board. The projected budget represents an overall decrease of 2.85% for a total proposed budget of \$72,726,112.

10. Questions on Division Directors' Reports

Dr. Shiveley reported that monthly written reports will continue to be included in board packets. Due to the redundant nature of verbal reports of the same material, a move is being made to request that board members read over the written reports and address any questions they may have during this portion of the meeting moving forward. A verbal update of the Legislative Report will continue to be provided.

Ms. Prince-Jones asked if there were any questions regarding the written reports. Since there were none, the board proceeded with the agenda.

11. Legislative Update – Tina Viletto, Esq.

Ms. Viletto highlighted the following items on her written report and provided updates:

- The Governor's agenda included several key initiatives, but a significant accomplishment has been the passing of the Transportation Funding Bill which will provide \$2.3 billion in funding over a five-year period. Discussion will continue in the House to determine the impact on education.
- Senate Bill 1085, Charter Funding Reform, continues to be a key issue. The Appropriations Committee made some amendments to the bill, and the Charter Reform Commission continues to study the problem.
- The Senate approved SB267 proposed by Senator Greenleaf to provide defibrillators in all school buildings.
- SB193 which would require school nurses to be certified in CPR, HB803 which addresses food allergies and emergency use of epinephrine, and HB1741 which would provide for notice prior to voting on collective bargaining agreements were all presented before the House today.
- House Select Committee on School Safety has issued their report. Following a cursory review, it appears that the report does not address funding but notes that the best improvements for school safety are installing cameras and locked entrances with a buzz system.
- Ms. Viletto will be testifying on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at a hearing on furloughing teachers for economic reasons.
- The IRRC will be meeting tomorrow on proposed Chapter 4 revisions regarding the Pennsylvania Core Standards and Keystone Exams.

#### 12. Report of the Solicitor

Mr. Sultanik had no report.

#### 13. Report of the Assistant Executive Director

Dr. Landis noted the report included in board members packets as well as the slide show presented at the beginning of the meeting titled "Did You Know?" This will be a new monthly feature highlighting MCIU programs and services. A request was made by Dr. Hakes to send this document to board members electronically to share with their respective school districts.

#### 14. Report of the Executive Director

- Dr. Shiveley recommended the renewal of Stan Wisler's contract and deferred to Mr. Sultanik who made the following motion:

A recommendation is made to renew the contract with Mr. Stan H. Wisler to include the conditions discussed in Executive Session. The MCIU Board made a motion to employ Mr. Stan Wisler, Director of Management Services/CFO, for the time period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2019 based upon the employee agreement outlined in Executive Session subject to approval of the Solicitor and Executive Director.

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Lieberman and seconded by Mr. Hartman that the Intermediate Unit Board approve the motion to renew Mr. Wisler's contract.

**Motion passed 14 ayes; 3 nays [Bennett, Kaye, Scheuren].**

- Survey for Meeting Starting Time - Based on the feedback received from a survey of board members, the start time for the regular MCIU Board Meetings will be changed to 7:00 p.m. beginning in January 2014.
- In an effort to make MCIU Board Meetings more focused, an additional change was made to the Executive Director's Board Memo. This information will also be shared via email with our board members.
- Dr. Shiveley announced his intention to retire from the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit effective June 30, 2014. Mr. Lieberman thanked Dr. Shiveley for his years of service and dedication to the MCIU.

#### 15. Report of Board Committees

Nomination Committee Appointment – This item has been deferred to the June 25, 2014 MCIU Board Meeting. The only office that requires action this evening is to nominate a board member to replace Ms. Nancy Landes as Board Secretary.

Ms. Prince-Jones asked for nominations for the position of Board Secretary.

Ms. Landes nominated Ms. Maura Buri to fill the remainder of her term as Board Secretary.

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Lieberman and seconded by Mr. Chmielewski that the Intermediate Unit Board elect Ms. Maura Buri to serve as Board Secretary through June 30, 2014.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

Executive Director Search Committee - Ms. Prince-Jones announced that she will be reaching out to board members to serve on an Executive Director Search Committee.

Facilities – Mr. Chmielewski reported that the construction leadership team continues to meet on a regular basis. The bid documents are being prepared to be sent out for bid in early January 2014.

#### 16. Old Business

There was no old business.

17. New Business

Mrs. Murphy thanked the MCIU Board of Directors and Administration for the beautiful flower arrangement that was sent to her family following her husband's passing.

18. Additional Public Comments

There were no public comments.

19. The date of the next Intermediate Unit Board Meeting will be **Wednesday, January 22, 2014, at West Norriton Conference Room B3/B4 at 7:00 p.m.**

20. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Mr. Lieberman and seconded by Mr. Polaneczky, the meeting was adjourned at 9:46 p.m.