

MINUTES

MIDWESTERN INTERMEDIATE UNIT IV BOARD

March 25, 2015

453 Maple Street, Grove City, PA 16127

Members Present: Cedric Butchy, J. Dayle Ferguson, Lynn Foltz, Merle Glass, William Halle, Robert Hill, Karen Houk, John Tucker, and Dr. Wayde Killmeyer, Executive Director.

Others Present: Laura Urbach, Kim Eaton, Brenda Marino, Toby Woodward, Jill Manczka, John Suchonic, and Chuck Davies.

- I.** The meeting was called to order by the President.

- II.** Roll call by the Secretary showed eight members present.

- III.** The President called for an Executive Session beginning at 7:06 p.m. and ending at 7:46 p.m. for the discussion of negotiations and personnel matters.

- IV.** Minutes of the February 25, 2015 meeting, held at Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV, 453 Maple Street, Grove City, PA 16127 were approved on a motion by Mr. Tucker, seconded by Mr. Glass, with all members present voting in favor.

- V.** On a motion by Mr. Glass, seconded by Mrs. Ferguson, with all members present voting in favor, the Agenda was approved with the following additions:
 1. ADDITION: Resignation – Lisa Novak
 2. ADDITION: Decrease in Days – Dean Hoffman
 3. ADDITION: Decrease in Days – Camille Valenza-Hazelton
 4. ADDITION: Substitute – Michael Hrycyk
 5. ADDITION: Substitute – Robert Scott
 6. ADDITION: One-Time Early Retirement Incentive Program
 7. ADDITION: Settlement Agreement Resolution

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VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Financial Statement and Bills

On a motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Tucker, with all members present voting in favor, the following financial statements and bills for the various IU Budgets were accepted:

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1.	IU General Fund (White)	\$ 4,334,053.00
2.	Nonpublic Schools (Blue)	\$ 1,654,871.00
3.	Special Education (Yellow)	\$ 19,310,700.00
4.	Federal Programs/Projects (Pink)	\$ 73,127,979.00
5.	Frew Mill School (Green)	\$ 0.00
	TOTAL	\$ 98,427,603.00

BILLS

1.	IU General Fund (White)	\$ 1,653,867.68
2.	Nonpublic Schools (Blue)	\$ 6,223.05
3.	Special Education (Yellow)	\$ 74,999.49
4.	Federal Programs/Projects (Pink)	\$ 1,783,699.29
5.	Frew Mill School (Green)	\$ 0.00
	TOTAL	\$ 3,518,789.51

B. Resignations

On a motion by Mrs. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Glass, with all members present voting in favor, the following resignations were accepted:

ABE / GED

1. Lisa Novak, 281 Hunter Road, Stoneboro, PA 16153, as a part-time Adult Basic Education/GED Teacher effective at the close of work on March 27, 2015.

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2. Joyce Davies, 2194 Prospect Road, Prospect, PA 16052, Teacher, effective at the close of work on June 29, 2015 due to retirement.

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B. Resignations (continued)

Special Education Core Services (continued)

3. Ann Raypush, 363 Freeport Road, Butler, PA 16002, Teaching Assistant, effective June 30, 2015 due to retirement.
4. Caitlin Wallenhorst, 4003 Beechwood Boulevard, Pittsburgh, PA 15217, School Psychologist, effective at the close of work on June 19, 2015.
5. Lana Mardis, 469 Lakewood Neshannock Falls Road, New Castle, PA 16105, Paraprofessional, effective at the close of work on June 30, 2015 due to retirement.
6. John Boskovic, 613 Ravenswood Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA Long-Term Substitute Teacher, effective at the close of work on March 31, 2015.

C. Decrease in Days

BE IT RESOLVED, that on a motion by Mrs. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Tucker, with all members present voting in favor, the Board of Directors of Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV reduced the positions of Special Education Supervisors held by the following individuals from a 260-day work year to a 210-day work year effective July 1, 2015, subject to rights to a hearing, pursuant to Section 1124(2) of the Public School Code because of curtailment/alteration of education program as a result of substantial decline in course enrollments and to conform with standards of organization or educational activities required by law or recommended by the Department of Instruction:

- Dean Hoffman
- Camille Valenza-Hazelton

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D. Leave Requests

On a motion by Ms. Foltz, seconded by Mr. Glass, with all members present voting in favor, the following leave request was approved:

IU / Special Education Core Services

1. Kenneth Palkovich, P.O. Box 65, Hillsville, PA 16132, Warehouse, an extension of unpaid leave from March 31, 2015 through June 30, 2015 with coverage of all health benefits as provided by MIU IV Policy 535, Family and Medical Leaves.

E. Employment

On a motion by Mrs. Houk, seconded by Mr. Hill, with all members present voting in favor, the following person was approved for employment in the position as indicated below:

Special Education Core Services

1. Colleen Burns, 325 Grant Street, Sharon, PA 16146, Part-Time, Long-Term Substitute Paraprofessional, not to exceed 24 hours/week effective February 26, 2015 through the end of the 2014-15 school year due to requirements of a student IEP. Her salary will be set at Level A, Teaching Assistant, on the 2014-15 ESPA salary schedule.

F. 2014-15 Substitutes

On a motion by Mr. Glass, seconded by Mrs. Ferguson, with all members present voting in favor, the attached list of substitutes for the 2014-15 school year was approved.

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G. Request for Contract Authorization

In order to comply with PA Public School Code Section 508, on a motion by Mrs. Houk, seconded by Mrs. Ferguson, with all members present voting in favor, approval was granted for Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV to enter into contracts in excess of one hundred dollars (\$100) with service providers as indicated on the attached listing.

H. Appointment of Solicitor

On a motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Tucker, with all members present voting in favor, the law firm of Maiello Brungo & Maiello, LLP was appointed to serve as Solicitor of Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV from March 26, 2015 through June 30, 2016, pending approval of rates as negotiated by the Executive Director and Director of Human Resources.

I. Joint Purchasing Cooperative Bid Awards

Bids were tabulated and reviewed following the bid openings for School Supplies, Maintenance Supplies, Nursing Supplies, Copier Paper, and Athletic Supplies as part of the Joint Purchasing Cooperative. Bids closed on February 12, 2015 at 3:30 p.m. On a motion by Ms. Foltz, seconded by Mrs. Houk, with all members present voting in favor, the attached list of recommended bid awards for vendors with the lowest bid price meeting bid specifications was approved.

Bids received from: See attached list.

Recommended bid awards: See attached list.

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J. **Permission to Advertise for Bids**

On a motion by Mr. Glass, seconded by Mrs. Ferguson, with all members present voting in favor, permission was granted to advertise for bids regarding the following:

AV & Microcomputer Supplies -- bid proposals will be sought for the purchase of Audiovisual and Microcomputer Supplies for the time period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

K. **One-Time Early Retirement Incentive Program for MIU IV EA, MIU IV ESPA, MIU IV Act 93 Group, and MIU IV Non-Act 93 Group**

On a motion by Mrs. Houk, seconded by Ms. Foltz, with all members present voting in favor, the following one-time modifications to the voluntary early retirement incentive programs available to members of Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV Education Association; Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV Educational Support Personnel Association PSEA-NEA; Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV Act 93 Group; and Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV Non-Act 93 Group were approved:

Notification: One (1) month prior to the effective date of retirement for action to be taken by the Board of Directors.

Eligibility: At least ten (10) years of employment with Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV, and twenty-seven (27) years of credited service with PSERS, and retiring through PSERS.

Rights and Benefits: Contained in respective bargaining unit agreement.

Expiration Date of Program Modifications: June 30, 2015

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L. Settlement Agreement Resolution

On a motion by Mr. Tucker, seconded by Mrs. Houk, with all members present voting in favor, the attached resolution to approve a settlement agreement and release for student (2015-101) was approved.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Tucker, seconded by Mrs. Ferguson, with all members present voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

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