

MINUTES

MIDWESTERN INTERMEDIATE UNIT IV BOARD

February 25, 2015

453 Maple Street, Grove City, PA 16127

Members Present: Debra Allebach, Charles Branca, Cedric Butchy, J. Dayle Ferguson, Lynn Foltz, William Halle, Robert Hill, Karen Houk, Richard Roberts, John Tucker, and Dr. Wayde Killmeyer, Executive Director.

Others Present: Laura Urbach, Kim Eaton, Toby Woodward, Jill Manczka, John Suchonic, Scott Powner (Act 93), Cindy Kniess (PSEA), Chuck Davies, Melissa Hogue, Dr. Michael Panza; Rob Schafer and Greer Hayden (HHS DR).

- I. The meeting was called to order by the President.
- II. Roll call by the Secretary showed ten members present.
- III. The President called for an Executive Session beginning at 7:04 p.m. and ending at 7:29 p.m. for the discussion of negotiations and personnel matters.
- IV. Minutes of the January 28, 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. Roberts, with all members present voting in favor.
- V. On a motion by Mrs. Houk, seconded by Mr. Branca, with all members present voting in favor, the Agenda was approved with the following additions:
 1. ADDITION: Resignation – Stephanie Arrigo
 2. ADDITION: Employment – Beverly Everly
 3. ADDITION: Substitute – Lou Ann Rossman
 4. ADDITION: Contract – Jerry Ackerman Productions
- VI. Dr. Michael Panza, Superintendent of West Jefferson Hills School District and Board Member from Moniteau School District, addressed the Board stating that he would be honored to be considered for appointment to the MIU IV Board of Directors. Dr. Panza mentioned that he was previously a Superintendent at Moniteau School District and had also served as Superintendent of Record on the Local Task Force for Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV.

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VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Financial Statement and Bills

On a motion by Ms. Allebach, 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)	\$ 1,665,481.39
2.	Nonpublic Schools (Blue)	\$ 9,781.10
3.	Special Education (Yellow)	\$ 98,704.63
4.	Federal Programs/Projects (Pink)	\$ 2,428,175.08
5.	Frew Mill School (Green)	\$ 0.00
	TOTAL	\$ 4,202,142.20

B. Resignations

On a motion by Mr. Branca seconded by Mrs. Houk, with all members present voting in favor, the following resignations were approved:

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1. Brenda Gordon, 190 Northwestern Drive, Ellwood City, PA 16117, Teacher, effective at the close of work June 30, 2015 due to retirement.

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2. William Skalski, 505 Jefferson Ave., Ellwood City, PA 16117, Teacher, effective at the close of work on June 30, 2015 due to retirement.

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VII. NEW BUSINESS (continued)

B. Resignations (continued)

Early Intervention

3. Stephanie Arrigo, 5144 Cherry Drive, Export, PA 15632, Speech & Language Therapist, effective at the close of work on June 30, 2015 due to retirement.

Field Technician

4. Benjamin Brugere, 110 Cups Street, Butler, PA 16001, Technician, effective at the close of work on February 17, 2015.

WIA In-School Youth

5. Sheila Berry, 727 Tieline Road, Grove City PA 16127, as a part-time Instructor in the In-School Youth Program effective at the close of work on March 6, 2015.

C. Leave Requests

On a motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Ms. Foltz, with all members present voting in favor, the following leave requests were approved:

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1. Robert Ghering, 383 Poplar Street, Meadville, PA 16335, Technician, an extension of unpaid intermittent leave from February 6, 2015 through June 30, 2015 with MIU IV coverage of all health benefits as provided by MIU IV Policy 535, Family and Medical Leaves.

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2. Ruthie Hazlett, 1100 Bend Road, Mercer, PA 16137, an unpaid intermittent leave from January 22, 2015 through April 10, 2015 with MIU IV coverage of all health benefits as provided by MIU IV Policy 535, Family and Medical Leaves.

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VII. NEW BUSINESS (continued)

C. Leave Requests (continued)

Special Education Core Services (continued)

3. Darlene Lavery, 795 Rockdale Road, Butler, PA 16002, an unpaid leave from February 20, 2015 through the end of the 2014-15 school year with MIU IV coverage of all health benefits as provided by MIU IV Policy 535, Family and Medical Leave.
4. Betty DeSimone, 730 East Main Street, New Castle, PA 16101, Paraprofessional, an extension of unpaid leave from February 16, 2015 through April 6, 2015 with MIU IV coverage of all health benefits as provided by MIU IV Policy 535, Family and Medical Leaves.

D. Temporary Transfer

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On a motion by Mrs. Ferguson, seconded by Ms. Allebach, with all members present voting in favor, the temporary transfer request of Richael Fertig, 102 Sunburst Court, Butler, PA 16001, was honored effective February 16, 2015 to June 30, 2015 from 185-day Educational Consultant position to a 210-day Supervisor of Special Education position. She will receive a \$1,250 per month stipend starting March 14, 2015 and ending June 14, 2015. The stipend will not be added to her base salary. This position is classified as a Professional I, Special Education Supervisor, with all benefits as provided in the Board approved Act 93 Nonbargaining Unit Compensation Plan. Upon the expiration of the transfer, she will be reinstated to a 185-day position under existing laws, regulations and budgeting limitations.

E. Recall from Furlough

BE IT RESOLVED, that on a motion by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Allebach, with all members present voting in favor, the Board of Directors of Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV, approved the creation of one (1) professional (Educational Consultant) position effective February 2, 2015 and directed the administration to recall the appropriate employee who is furloughed:

- Anthony Conti, Educational Consultant

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F. Employment

On a motion by Mrs. Houk, seconded by Ms. Foltz, with all members present voting in favor, the following persons were approved for employment in the positions as indicated below:

WIA In School Youth

1. Melissa Bestwick, 118 West Washington Street, Grove City, PA 16127, as a part-time Instructor in the In School Youth Program effective February 26, 2015 to June 30, 2015.

Special Education Core Services

2. Rebekah Bolyard, 21 Fredonia Road, Mercer, PA 16137, Long-Term Substitute Teacher, effective February 4, 2015 through the end of the 2014-15 school year due to Thomas Dobson's retirement. Her salary will be set at 92% of Step 1, Master's in Special Education on the 2014-15 PSEA salary schedule.
3. Beverly Everly, 221 Hall Road, Slippery Rock, PA 16057, Long-Term Substitute Paraprofessional, effective February 2, 2015 through the end of the 2014-15 school year to fill the vacancy created by Darlene Lavery's leave. Her salary will be based on Level A, Teaching Assistant, on the 2014-15 ESPA salary schedule.

G. 2014-15 Substitutes

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

H. Request for Contract Authorization

In order to comply with PA Public School Code Section 508, on a motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Ms. Foltz, 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.

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VII. NEW BUSINESS (continued)

I. Bid Award – Exterior EIFS / Window Replacement

The Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV Board of Directors granted authorization at their November 20, 2013 Meeting to proceed with items for building repairs and construction as discussed. Advertisement for bids for exterior EIFS and Window Replacement at Midwestern Intermediate Unit, 453 Maple Street, Grove City, PA 16127 was completed. Bids were tabulated and reviewed following the bid deadline on January 30, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. On a motion by Ms. Allebach, seconded by Mr. Tucker, with all members present voting in favor, the recommended bid award to Hudson Construction, the lowest bidder, in the amount of \$109,000.00 was approved.

Bids were received from:

- Blair Construction (DBA)
- CBF Contracting, Inc.
- Declan Construction, Inc.
- Faul Construction
- Fred L. Burns, Inc.
- GEM Building Contractors
- Hudson Construction
- Milcam, Inc.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Ms. Foltz, with all members present voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

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