

MINUTES

MIDWESTERN INTERMEDIATE UNIT IV BOARD

November 19, 2014

453 Maple Street, Grove City, PA 16127

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

Others Present: Laura Urbach, Kim Eaton, Brenda Marino, Toby Woodward, Jill Manczka, John Suchonic, Shana Cook, Michael Lucidore, Stephanie Cubberley, and Tom Zelesnik.

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

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

- III.** The President called for an Executive Session beginning at 7:34 p.m. and ending at 7:48 p.m. for the discussion of personnel matters.

- IV.** Minutes of the October 15, 2014 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. Branca, with all members present voting in favor.

- V.** On a motion by Mrs. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Hill, with all members present voting in favor, the Agenda was approved with the following additions:
 1. ADDITION: Employment – Ekas, Christine
 2. ADDITION: Request for Contract Authorization – Fuel Media
 3. ADDITION: MIU IV Comprehensive Plan for 2014-2017

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VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Program Budgets

On a motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mrs. Ferguson, with all members present voting in favor, the following attached program budgets were approved:

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Federal ABE/GED (2014-15)	\$ 130,754.00 – <i>revision</i>
State ABE/GED (2014-15)	\$ 75,000.00 – <i>revision</i>
Arts & Culture In School Grant – Target	\$ 2,000.00

B. Financial Statements and Bills

On a motion by Mr. Tucker, seconded by Ms. Foltz, 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)	\$ 1,668,661.00
3. Special Education (Yellow)	\$ 19,310,700.00
4. Federal Programs/Projects (Pink)	\$ 73,114,722.00
5. Frew Mill School (Green)	\$ 0.00
TOTAL	\$ 98,428,136.00

BILLS

1. IU General Fund (White)	\$ 1,723,991.04
2. Nonpublic Schools (Blue)	\$ 25,431.56
3. Special Education (Yellow)	\$ 196,563.57
4. Federal Programs/Projects (Pink)	\$ 1,206,785.84
5. Frew Mill School (Green)	\$ 0.00
TOTAL	\$ 3,152,772.01

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VI. NEW BUSINESS (continued)

C. Resignations

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

Field Technician

1. Warren Wright, 541 Lincoln Avenue, Grove City, PA 16127, Technician, effective at the close of work on November 4, 2014.

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2. Jacque Kendall, 1977 Route 956, Volant, PA 16156, Secretary/Clerk, effective at the close of work on February 13, 2015 due to retirement.

Frew Mill School

3. Lynn Hamilton, 303 Pittsburgh Street, Zelienople, PA 16063, a furloughed Teacher from Frew Mill School, effective at the close of work on October 30, 2014 due to retirement. She will no longer be considered for recall.

D. Leave Request

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

Early Intervention

1. Jennifer Stiglitz, 410 Suncrest Drive, Cranberry Twp., PA 16066, Speech Therapist, an unpaid leave from January 5, 2015 through April 7, 2015 with MIU IV coverage of all health benefits as provided by MIU IV Policy 435, Family and Medical Leaves.

IU

2. Jacque Kendall, 1977 Route 956, Volant, PA 16156, Secretary/Clerk, an extension of unpaid intermittent leave from January 2, 2015 through February 13, 2015 with MIU IV coverage of all health benefits as provided by MIU IV Policy 535, Family and Medical Leaves.

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VI. NEW BUSINESS (continued)

D. Leave Requests (continued)

Special Education Core Services

3. Betty DeSimone, 730 East Main Street, New Castle, PA 16101, Paraprofessional, an unpaid leave from December 5, 2014 through February 13, 2015 with MIU IV coverage of all health benefits as provided by MIU IV Policy 535, Family and Medical Leaves.
4. Amy Bartley, 56 Upper Idlewild Drive, New Castle, PA 16101, Secretary/Clerk, an unpaid leave from November 13, 2014 through January 10, 2015 with MIU IV coverage of all health benefits as provided by MIU IV Policy 535, Family and Medical Leaves.
5. Karen Thompson, 330 North Bluff Street, Butler, PA 16001, Teacher, an extension of unpaid leave from January 2, 2015 through the end of the 2014-15 school year with coverage of all health benefits as provided by MIU IV Policy 435, Family and Medical Leaves.

State and Federal Programs

6. Marian Bratnik, 471 Shenango Street, Mercer, PA 16137, Secretary/Clerk, an unpaid intermittent leave from October 29, 2014 through December 31, 2014 with MIU IV coverage of all health benefits as provided by MIU IV Policy 525, Family and Medical Leaves.

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VI. NEW BUSINESS (continued)

E. Employment

On a motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Ms. Foltz, with all members present voting in favor, the following persons were employed in the positions as indicated below:

ABE / GED

1. Christine Ekas, 405 Deer Run Road, Slippery Rock, PA 16057, as a part-time Tutor Trainer in the ABE/GED Program effective November 20, 2014 to June 30, 2015.

Field Technician

2. Benjamin Brugere, 110 Cups Street, Butler, PA 16001, as a Technician effective November 5, 2014 to fill the vacancy created by Warren Wright's resignation. His salary will be pro-rated based on Level A +48, Technician, on the 2014-15 ESPA salary schedule. Continued employment is contingent upon successful completion of the 60-work-day probation.
3. Bradley Hoagland, 2349 Rutledge Road, Transfer, PA 16154, as a Technician, effective November 12, 2014 to fill the vacancy created by Michele Enyon's resignation. His salary will be pro-rated based on Level A +48, Technician on the 2014-15 ESPA salary schedule. Continued employment is contingent upon successful completion of the 60-work-day probation.

Special Education

4. Barbara Federkeil, 220 Boyles Avenue, New Castle, PA 16101, Part-Time Teacher, to work no more than 18 hours per week, effective November 17, 2014 through the end of the 2014-15 school year. Her salary will be pro-rated based on Step 3, Bachelor's +24 level on the 2014-15 PSEA salary schedule.
5. John Boskovic, 613 Ravenswood Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15202, Long-Term Substitute Teacher, an extension of the long-term Substitute Teacher position effective January 2, 2015 through the end of the 2014-15 school year to fill the vacancy created by Karen Thompson's leave. His salary will be set at 92% of Step 1, Bachelor's level on the 2014-15 PSEA salary schedule.

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VI. NEW BUSINESS (continued)

F. 2014-15 Substitutes

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

G. Request for Contract Authorization

In order to comply with PA Public School Code Section 508, on a motion by Ms. Foltz, seconded by Mr. Glass, 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. Permission to Advertise for Bids

On a motion by Mrs. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Tucker, 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 February 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015.

I. Permission to Advertise for Bids – Joint Purchasing

On a motion by Ms. Foltz, seconded by Mr. Branca, with all members present voting in favor, permission was granted to advertise for bids for the 2015 Joint Purchasing Program which includes school supplies, athletic supplies, maintenance supplies, nursing supplies, and copier paper.

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VI. NEW BUSINESS (continued)

J. 2014-15 Bus Driver

On a motion by Mr. Glass, seconded by Mrs. Ferguson, with all members present voting in favor, the following bus drivers for the 2014-15 school year were approved:

<u>Anderson Coach & Tour</u> Donald Gruver
<u>Watson's</u> Fred Cresce Susan Hipkins Tammy Reid-Gramsky Kristy Wymer

K. Easement Document from First Energy

Ms. Foltz made a motion to accept the attached easement request from First Energy for improvement of lines of transmission and distribution of electric current, including communication facilities, upon, over, under and across a small portion of property at 453 Maple Street, Grove City, PA 16127.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Tucker.

After debate about the easement request, Ms. Foltz withdrew her motion.

Mr. Halle made a motion to lay the issue on the table, seconded by Mr. Hill, with all members present voting in favor.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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

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Secretary