

MINUTES, May 21, 2025

MINUTES of May 21, 2025, MIDWESTERN INTERMEDIATE UNIT IV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

453 Maple Street, Grove City, PA 16127

Members Present: Kevin Boariu, Joseph Boltz, Eric DiTullio, Merle Glass, Dr. Michael Panza, Anna Pascarella, Deborah Roberson, Gary Shingleton, Patty Wilson, Dr. Wayde Killmeyer

Others Present: Donna Volpe, Brenda Marino, Melissa Wyllie, Maureen Werwie, Julie McElroy

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 6:05 p.m. and ending at 6:50 P.M. for the discussion of legal matters, and/or personnel issues.

IV. Minutes of April 23, 2025, meeting, held at Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV, 453 Maple Street, Grove City, PA 16127, was approved on a motion by Dr. Panza, seconded by Mr. DiTullio, with all members present voting in favor.

V. On a motion by Mr. DiTullio, seconded by Ms. Pascarella, with all members present voting in favor, the agenda was approved with the following:

CHANGE: Contracts for Approval (D)

CHANGE: Voluntary Transfer motion (H)

ADDITION: 2025-2026 Insurance Package (O)

ADDITION: Bid Award Flooring (P)

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The President asked if there were any questions or comments from the public.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

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VIII. NEW BUSINESS (continued)

C. Program Budgets

On a motion by Mr. DiTullio, seconded by Ms. Pascarella, with all members present voting in favor, the following Program Budgets were approved.

Budget	Amount
PA Pre-K Counts 2024-25 Final	\$ 1, 140,340
WRAST Preliminary IU 13 2025-26	\$ 127,665
PC Technicians 2024-25 Final	\$ 195,609
Annual Homeless Grant 2024-25 Final	\$ 209,804
Act 89 NonPublic 2024-25 Final	\$ 2, 441,019
Title 1 NonPublic 2024-25 Final Budget	\$ 360,423
Early Intervention Access 2024-25 Final	\$ 822,000
IDEA 619 Budget 2024-25 Final	\$ 455,892
CORE 2024-25 Final	\$ 5, 898,862
IDEA Component 1 2024-25 Final	\$ 1,116,149
IDEA 619 2024-25 Final	\$ 455,892
IDEA EP/Component 3 2024-25 Final	\$11,597,62
Transportation 2024-25 Final	\$ 77,218
Early Intervention 2024-25 Final	\$ 9,161,143
School Age Access 2024-25 Final	\$ 375,000
IDEA Component 2 2024-25 Final	\$ 1,073,984
Preschool Early Intervention Service	\$ 10,000

D. Request for Contract Authorization

On a motion by Dr. Panza, seconded by Mr. DiTullio, with all members present voting in favor, the following was approved. In order to comply with PA Public School Code Section 508, approval is requested 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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VIII. NEW BUSINESS (continued)

E. Resignations

On a motion by Mr. DiTullio, seconded by Ms. Pascarella, with all members present voting in favor, the following resignations were approved.

Business Services

Maggie Reiser, Assistant Fiscal Manager, effective the close of work on May 16, 2025.

Special Education

Lauren Clark, Speech Language Therapist, effective the close of work on June, 27 2025.

F. Employment

On a motion by Mr. DiTullio seconded by Ms. Pascarella, with all members present voting in favor, the following employments were approved.

Special Education

Dalton Foore, Floating Substitute Teacher, effective June 19, 2025 ending 2025-2026 school year. His salary will be set at 92% of Bachelor, Step 1 on the PSEA 2025-2026 salary schedule. He will be issued a Temporary Professional Contract for the 2025-2026 school year only. Employment is contingent upon receiving the required Pennsylvania teaching certification within a reasonable time after hire

Davin Beahm, Floating Substitute Teacher, effective August 11, 2025 and ending 2025-2026 school year. His salary will be set at 92% of Bachelor, Step 1 on the PSEA 2025-2026 salary schedule. He will be issued a Temporary Professional Contract for the 2025-2026 school year only.

Jessa Girty, Floating Substitute Teacher, effective August 11, 2025 and ending 2025-2026 school year. Her salary will be set at 92% of Bachelor, Step 1 on the PSEA 2025-2026 salary schedule. She will be issued a Temporary Professional Contract for the 2025-2026 school year only. Employment is contingent upon receiving the required Pennsylvania teaching certification within a reasonable time after hire.

Nichole Laborie, Special Education Teacher, effective May 5, 2025 due to an increase in student caseload. Her salary will be set at Step 1, Masters, on the 2025-2026 PSEA salary scheduled. She shall be issued a Temporary Professional Contract.

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VIII. NEW BUSINESS (continued)

G. Leave

On a motion by Mr. DiTullio, seconded by Ms. Pascarella, with all members present voting in favor, the following Family Medical Leaves were approved.

Employee #8 of 2024-2025, a twelve-week (60 work day) unpaid, intermittent leave beginning May 5, 2025 with MIU IV coverage of all health benefits as provided by MIU IV Policy 335, Family and Medical Leave.

Employee #9 of 2024-2025, a twelve-week (60 work day) unpaid leave beginning May 20, 2025 with MIU IV coverage of all health benefits as provided by MIU IV Policy 335, Family and Medical Leave.

H. Voluntary Transfer

On a motion by Dr. Panza, seconded by Mr. DiTullio, with all members present voting in favor, the following was approved.

It is recommended that Valerie Mitcheltree, 190-day Coordinator of Early Intervention (Act 93) be transferred to the position of a 185-day, Special Education Teacher (PSEA) effective August 11, 2025, or upon hiring a replacement, whichever is later. Her salary will be set at Step 3, Masters in Special Education, on the PSEA salary schedule. She shall be issued a Professional Contract.

I. Employment Rescind and Hire

On a motion by Mr. DiTullio, seconded by Dr. Panza, with all members voting in favor, the following motion was tabled.

It is recommended that the board approved motion of March 26, 2025 for employment of Ashley Roberts be rescinded. The March 26, 2025 board motion was as follows: Ashley Roberts, Special Education Teacher, effective June 19, 2025 due to the resignation of Hillary Mellott. Her salary will be based on the 2025-2026 PSEA salary, Step 7, Bachelor + 12. She will receive a Professional Contract.

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VIII. NEW BUSINESS (continued)

J. Job Description -Fiscal Services Assistant

On a motion by Mr. DiTullio, seconded by Ms. Pascarella, with all members present voting in favor, the attached job description was approved.

K. Student Accident Insurance

On a motion by Mr. DiTullio, seconded by Ms. Pascarella, with all members present voting in favor, the following was approved.

Student Accident Insurance through AG Administrators LLC at a cost of \$575 for the period covering July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

L. 2025-2026 Cyber Insurance

On a motion by Mr. DiTullio, seconded by Ms. Pascarella, with all members voting in favor the following was approved.

Cyber Insurance for 2025-2026 through Crum & Forster Specialty Insurance and AI Specialty Insurance at the price and with the features as discussed.

M. PSBA Better Unemployment Compensation (BUCS) Comprehensive Program

On a motion by Mr. DiTullio, seconded by Ms. Pascarella, with all members present voting in favor, the following was approved.

It is recommended that Pennsylvania School Boards Association Insurance Trust (PSBA Better Unemployment Compensation (BUCS) Comprehensive Program) be retained to provide a program for management of unemployment compensation risks and claims and related services for a term commencing July 1, 2025, and ending upon a cancellation notice by either party ninety (90) days before June 30, 2026. Services of the PSBA BUCS Comprehensive program include:

Claims Control Services
Administrative Services
Management Reports and Information Services
Field Services
Aggregate Excess Insurance Coverage
The 2025-2026 Claim Stop Loss Point \$120,818.72

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VIII. NEW BUSINESS (continued)

The recommendation that MIU IV participate in the PSBA BUCS Comprehensive Program at a cost of \$19,331 which includes the aggregate excess insurance coverage feature is based on a review of MIU IV's prior claims experience

N. State and Federal Project Submission Authorization

On a motion by Mr. DiTullio, seconded by Ms. Pascarella, with all members present voting in favor, the following was approved.

Authorization is requested for the Executive Director to submit applications for State and Federal funds for specific projects during the 2025-2026 school year on behalf of the IU and/or local district consortiums when applicable.

O. 2025-26 Insurance Package

On a motion by Ms. Roberson, seconded by Mr. DiTullio, with all members present voting in favor, the following was approved.

It is recommended that Encova Insurance Company provides 2025-26 workers' compensation coverage at a cost of \$93,207 and CM Regent provides coverage for auto insurance, property and general liability insurance, school leaders' insurance, umbrella insurance, and equipment insurance at a cost of \$66,681.

P. Bid Award-Flooring

On a motion by Mr. DiTullio, seconded by Mr. Boariu, with all members present voting in favor, the following was approved.

Bids were reviewed following the advertised bid opening for flooring on May 8, 2025. It is recommended that the total bid award be made to Spiegel's Flooring.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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

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