

MINUTES, January 28, 2026

MINUTES of January 28, 2026, MIDWESTERN INTERMEDIATE UNIT IV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

453 Maple Street, Grove City, PA 16127

Members Present: Rodney Bobby, Joseph Bolz, Eric DiTullio, Brian Foltz, Merle Glass,
Michael Panza (v), Richard Rossi, Gary Shingleton, Wayde Killmeyer

Others Present: Donna Volpe, Brenda Marino, Melissa Wyllie, Maureen Werwie, Jason
Williams, Shawn Algoe, Chuck Sapienza, Steven Sheirer, Meredith Elkin

- 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 6:10 p.m. and ending at 6:27 P.M. for the discussion of legal matters, and/or personnel issues.
- IV. Minutes of the December 10, 2025, meeting, held at Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV, 453 Maple Street, Grove City, PA 16127, were approved on a motion by Mr. DiTullio, seconded by Mr. Bobby with all members present voting in favor.

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

ADDITION: ESPA Collective Bargaining Agreement

ADDITION: Employment- Kristen Shoemaker

ADDITION: Leave-Employment #3

ADDITION: Agreement-Exec. Director Search

CHANGE: Policy 916

CHANGE: Policy 338.1

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

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VII. TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

The topic of discussion was the 2026 Annual Convention. The Board of Directors unanimously voted to proceed with mail-in ballot voting for the 2026-2027 election of Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV board members. Mail-in ballots will be sent to all participating districts.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Policy Review

On a motion by Mr. DiTullio, seconded by Mr. Rossi, with all members present voting in favor, MIU Policy **819 Suicide Awareness, Prevention & Response** was given a second read and adoption

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Financial Statements and Bills

On a motion by Mr. DiTullio, seconded by Mr. Rossi, with all members present voting in favor, the following financial statements and bills for the various IU Budgets were approved.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS November 1, 2025, through November 30, 2025

1.	State and Federal Programs (Fund 10)	\$ 37,785,717.00
2.	Special Education (Fund 20)	\$ 16,013,921.00
3.	Capital Projects (Fund 30)	\$ 265,000.00
4.	Nonpublic Schools (Fund 10)	\$ 2,404,912.00
5.	IU General Fund (Fund 10)	\$ 4,442,184.00
6.	Internal Service Fund – UC/WC (Fund 70)	\$ 131,000.00
7.	Internal Service Fund – Dental & Vision (72)	\$ 162,700.00
8.	OPEB Trust (Fund 73)	\$ 190,000.00

TOTAL \$ 61,395,434.00

BILLS November 1, 2025, through November 30, 2025

1.	General Fund (Fund 10)	\$ 3,796,537.48
	• State and Federal Programs	
	• Nonpublic School Services	
	• General Fund	
2.	Special Education (Fund 20)	\$ 893,378.50

TOTAL \$ 4,689,915.98

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IX. NEW BUSINESS (continued)

B. Updated Listing of Credit Card Corporations and Authorized Employees

On a motion by Mr. DiTullio seconded by Mr. Rossi with all members present voting in favor. The attached updated listing of credit cards and authorized employees as shown in compliance with MIU IV Policy #610.1 – Credit Cards. Each authorized employee will sign the credit card employee usage agreement, and it will be made part of the employee's personnel file maintained in Human Resources.

C. Request for Contract Authorization

On a motion by Mr. DiTullio, seconded by Mr. Bobby 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.

D. Employment

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

Special Education

Shannon Merriman, Paraprofessional, effective January 29, 2026 due to the retirement of Joy Hayden. Her salary will be based on Associate Level, 2025-2026 ESPA, Paraprofessional level. Continued employment is contingent upon successful completion of the probationary period.

Kayla Wissinger, Secretary/Clerk, effective February 23, 2026 due to the transfer of Jennifer Hedglin. Her salary will be based upon Associate Level, on the 2025-2026 ESPA salary schedule for Secretary/Clerk. Continued employment is contingent upon successful completion of the probationary period.

Nonpublic School Services

Kristen Shoemaker, Nonpublic School Counselor, effective February 9, 2026 due to the retirement of Rhett Fertig. Her salary will be set at Step 1, Masters, on the 2025-2026 salary schedule. She will be issued a Temporary Professional Contract.

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IX. NEW BUSINESS (continued)

E. Leave

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

Employee #1 of 2025-2026 school year an extension of unpaid leave beginning January 5, 2026 through April 6, 2026 with MIU IV coverage of all health benefits as provided by MIU IV Policy 335, Family and Medical Leave.

Employee #3 of 2025-2026 school year, unpaid leave beginning January 5, 2026 through February 12, 2026 with MIU IV coverage of all health benefits as provided by MIU IV Policy 335, Family and Medical Leave.

F Transfer

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

It is recommended that Jessa Girty, Floating Substitute Teacher, is transferred to the position of Long Term Substitute Teacher effective January 29, 2026 until June 30, 2026 due to the leave of Employee #1 of 2025-2026. Her salary will be set at 92% of Step 1, Bachelor's degree on the 2025-2026 PSEA salary schedule.

G. 2026-2027 General Operating Budget

On a motion by Mr. Boltz, seconded by Mr. DiTullio the following was approved.

The 2026-2027 General Operating Budget totaling \$4,552,816 is recommended for approval, advertisement, and distribution to the twenty-seven local school boards for consideration.

H. Policy Review

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

It is recommended that the following policies, *Community, 901, 902, 904, 906, 907, 908, 911, 912, 916, 918 and Employees, 311, 338, 338.1* be given *first* read and tentative approval.

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IX. NEW BUSINESS (continued)

I. Field Experience

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

It is recommended that the following list of Grove City College students be approved for Field Experience in Megan DeFazio's Early Intervention Classroom from January 29, 2026, through April 24, 2026.

Anna Novelli	Georgia Groom
Lillian Foos	Maria Stairs
Zoey Linder	Lorelai Rames

J. Bargaining Unit Agreement – ESPA

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

It is recommended that the attached Collective Bargaining Agreement between Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV Board of Directors and Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV Educational Support Personnel Association (ESPA) be approved for the period of (5) years, July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2031.

K. Executive Director Search Agreement

On a motion by Mr. Bobby, seconded by Mr. Foltz, with all members present in favor, the following amended motion was approved.

It is recommended that the attached agreement between Dr. Wayne Killmeyer, Search Consultant, and Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV for the upcoming Executive Director search be approved. Dr. Wayne Killmeyer will be paid \$5,000 for his services.

IX. Adjournment

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

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