

MINUTES, March 25, 2026

MINUTES of March 25, 2026, MIDWESTERN INTERMEDIATE UNIT IV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

453 Maple Street, Grove City, PA 16127

Members Present: Jean Biehls, Rodney Bobby, Eric DiTullio, Brian Foltz, Merle Glass,
Kelli Mayer, Michael Panza, Gary Shingleton, Brenda Marino

Others Present: Donna Volpe, Melissa Wyllie, Maureen Werwie, Jason Williams,
Shawn Algoe, Chuck Sapienza, Julie McElroy, Dawn Blair, David Zupsic
Meredith Elkin, Jordan Strausbaugh, Amy Miller, Erin Bowser, Sara Joseph
Jen Guthrie, Bryda Drumm, Melani Marshall

- 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 6:14 p.m. and ending at 6:26 P.M. for the discussion of legal matters, and/or personnel issues.
- IV.** Minutes of the February 25, 2026, meeting, held at Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV, 453 Maple Street, Grove City, PA 16127, were approved on motion by Mr. DiTullio seconded by Mr. Bobby with all members present voting in favor.
- V.** On a motion by Mr. Bobby, seconded by Mr. DiTullio, with all members present voting in favor, the agenda was approved with the following:

ADDITION: Employment- Alyssa Hile

ADDITION: Electric Consortium

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

VII. TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

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IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Financial Statements and Bills

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS February 1, 2026, through February 28, 2026

1.	State and Federal Programs (Fund 10)	\$ 37,782,848.00
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		\$ 61,392,565.00

BILLS February 1, 2026, through February 28, 2026

1.	General Fund (Fund 10)	\$ 3,337,866.43
	• State and Federal Programs	
	• Nonpublic School Services	
	• General Fund	
2.	Special Education (Fund 20)	\$ 796,048.23
TOTAL		\$ 4,133,914.66

B. Updated Listing of Credit Card Corporations and Authorized Employees

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

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IX. NEW BUSINESS (continued)

C. Request for Contract Authorization

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

Special Education

Sophie Lee, Floating Substitute Teacher, effective March 16, 2026 until June 30, 2026, due to the vacancy created by the resignation of Dalton Foore. Her salary will be set at 92% of Step 1, Bachelors on the 2025-2026 PSEA salary schedule. She will be issued a Temporary Professional Contract for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year only. Continued employment is contingent upon successful completion of the personnel file documentation and probationary period.

Elect

Alyssa Hile, Full-time ELECT Teen Parenting Counselor, effective April 13, 2026, due to the vacancy created by the resignation of Sarah Burdett. Her salary will be set at Step 1, Bachelors on the 2025-2026 PSEA salary schedule. Continued employment is contingent upon successful completion of the personnel file documentation and probationary period.

E. Leaves

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

Employee #5 of 2025-2026 school year, unpaid leave beginning on April 30, 2026 and ending on July 23, 2026 with MIU IV coverage of all health benefits as provided by MIU IV Policy 335, Family and Medical Leave.

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IX. NEW BUSINESS (continued)

Employee #6 of 2025-2026 school year, unpaid intermittent leave beginning on March 12, 2026 and ending on April 10, 2026 with MIU IV coverage of all health benefits as provided by MIU IV Policy 335, Family and Medical Leave.

Employee #1 of 2025-2026 school year, extension of unpaid leave beginning on April 7, 2026 and ending on June 30, 2026 with MIU IV coverage of all health benefits as provided by MIU IV Policy 335, Family and Medical Leave.

F. Tenure

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

It is recommended that the minutes of the March 25, 2026 Board Meeting show that tenure was granted to the following professional staff member who was hired after June 1, 1996 and has attained 3 years of satisfactory service by the end of March 2026:

Haley Vissari

G. Field Experience

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

It is recommended that the following Grove City College student be approved for Field Experience in Megan DeFazio's Early Intervention Classroom from March 26, 2026 through May 1, 2026.

Ellie Day

H. Out of State Travel

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

It is recommended that the following staff members be approved for out of state travel to, The Oncenter in Syracuse, NY. On May 4, 2026, to May 6, 2026, to attend The Reading League Conference: Turning Data into Instructional Impact.

Linda Delvaux – Educational Consultant

Leah Winans – Educational Consultant

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IX. NEW BUSINESS (continued)

I. 2026-2027 Early Intervention Calendars

On a motion by Mr. DiTullio, seconded by Mr. Bobby with all members present voting in favor the attached Early Intervention Calendars for the 2026-2027 school year were approved.

J. Permission to Advertise for Bids

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

Permission is requested to advertise for bids regarding the following:
Transportation Contracts -- bid proposals will be sought for the provision of transportation services for students with disabilities in the Early Intervention and Community Based Vocational Training Programs in Butler, Lawrence, and Mercer Counties as needed for the time period of September 1, 2026 through August 1, 2028.

K. Zito RWAN Agreement

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

Move to approve the 36-month Technical Service Agreement (TSA-3) with Zito Business for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029. This agreement provides for 28,800 Mbps of Dedicated Internet Access and Wide Area Network (WAN) E-Line services for the Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV E-Rate Consortium at a total base Monthly Recurring Cost (MRC) of \$23,197.50. This approval is contingent upon the successful award of E-Rate funding and includes a non-appropriation clause allowing for termination should local or federal funds become unavailable.

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IX. NEW BUSINESS (continued)

L. Electric Consortium

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

It is recommended that the Board approve a three-year contract extension with Direct Energy Business LLC (NRG) for Power Supply Coordination Services (PSC Services) and electricity supply, beginning January 2027. The contract will establish pricing for Fixed Adders (capacity, transmission, etc.), consistent with our current agreement. Wholesale electricity purchases will subsequently be made and combined with the Fixed Adder to determine the final price. The contract extension was approved by the Western Pennsylvania Electric Consortium Committee.

X. Adjournment

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

President

Secretary