

MINUTES, April 22, 2026

MINUTES of April 22, 2026, MIDWESTERN INTERMEDIATE UNIT IV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

453 Maple Street, Grove City, PA 16127

Members Present: Jean Biehls, Rodney Bobby, Joseph Boltz, Eric DiTullio, Brian Foltz, Merle Glass, Kelli Mayer, Michael Panza, Deborah Roberson, Richard Rossi, Gary Shingleton, Brenda Marino

Others Present: Donna Volpe, Melissa Wyllie, Maureen Werwie, Jason Williams, Shawn Algoe, Jennifer Hedglin, Chuck Sapienza, Julie McElroy, Dawn Blair, David Zupsic, Meredith Elkin,

- I. The meeting was called to order by the President.
- II. Roll call by the Secretary showed eleven members present.
- III. The President called for an Executive Session beginning at 6:15 p.m. and ending at 6:35 P.M. for the discussion of legal matters, and/or personnel issues.
- IV. Minutes of the March 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. Foltz with all members present voting in favor.
- V. On a motion by Mr. DiTullio, seconded by Mr. Foltz, with all members present voting in favor, the agenda was approved with the following:

ADDITION: PSBA BUCS Comprehensive Program (N.)

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

VII. TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

- Board Member Elections

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

President

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IX. NEW BUSINESS (continued)

C. Updated Listing of Credit Card Corporations and Authorized Employees

On a motion by Mr. DiTullio, seconded by Dr. Panza, 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.

D. 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.

E. Resignations

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

Special Education

Jaclyn Underwood, Secretary/Clerk, the close of work on April 24, 2026 due to resignation.

Lauren Keffer, Physical Therapist, the close of work on June 24, 2026 due to resignation.

F. Leaves

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

Employee #7 of 2025-2026 school year, unpaid leave beginning on May 21, 2026 and ending on August 13, 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)

G. Tenure

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

It is recommended that the minutes of the April 22, 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 April 2026:

Katherine DeHart

H. 2026-2027 Joint Purchasing Bid Awards

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

Bids have been reviewed following the bid openings for Art Supplies, Athletic Supplies, Copier Paper, Incentives, Lighting, Maintenance Supplies, Nursing Supplies, and School Supplies, as part of the Joint Purchasing Cooperative. Bids closed on March 13, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. A list of recommended bid awards for vendors with the lowest bid prices meeting bid specifications is attached for board approval.

I. 2026-2027 General Operating Budget

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

It is recommended that the April 22, 2026, minutes show the following results of how MIU IV's local school boards vote independently, with a total proportionate vote of **620**.

	Individual Board Member Votes	Districts
*Not reported yet	18	2
Approved	207	25
Disapproved	0	
Abstain	0	
Absent	16	
Total	241	

* Union, New Wilmington

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IX. NEW BUSINESS (continued)

J. Field Experience

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

It is recommended that the following Penn West University student be approved for Field Experience in the Early Intervention Program from May 15, 2026 through August 14, 2026.

Jordyn Balega

K. 2026-2027 Early Intervention Calendars (revised)

On a motion by Mr. DiTullio, seconded by Dr. Panza, with all members present voting in favor, the attached 2026-2027 Early Intervention Calendars, with revisions, were approved.

L. PSBA Voting Delegate

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

It is recommended that Eric DiTullio, Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV's PSBA Liaison, be appointed as a Voting Delegate for the PSBA 2025 Delegate Assembly being held on November 7, 2026.

M. 2026-2027 Board Meeting

On a motion by Mr. DiTullio, seconded by Ms. Mayer with all members present voting in favor the following 2026-2027 MIU IV Board Meeting dates were approved.

July 2026 – NO MEETING

* August 5, 2026

September 23, 2026

October 28, 2026

* November 18, 2026

* December 16, 2026

January 27, 2027

February 24, 2027

March 24, 2027

April 28, 2027

May 26, 2027

June 23, 2027

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IX. NEW BUSINESS (continued)

N. **PSBA Better Unemployment Compensation (BUCS) Comprehensive Program**

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 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, 2026, and ending upon a cancellation notice by either party ninety (90) days before June 30, 2027. 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 2026-2027 Claim Stop Loss Point \$108,690.06

The recommendation that MIU IV participate in the PSBA BUCS Comprehensive Program at a cost of \$17,390.41 , which includes the aggregate excess insurance coverage feature, is based on a review of MIU IV's prior claims experience

X. **Adjournment**

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

President

Secretary