

MINUTES, May 27, 2026

MINUTES of May 27, 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, Brandy Woods, Lia Noel, Jessica Sloan, Kim Paglia, Shannon Baker

- 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 6:19 p.m. and ending at 6:40 P.M. for the discussion of legal matters, and/or personnel issues.
- IV.** Minutes of the April 22, 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. Foltz, seconded by Mr. Rossi, with all members present voting in favor, the agenda was approved with the following:

CHANGE: Attachment D. Contracts for Approval
- VI.** On a motion by Mr. DiTullio, seconded by Dr. Panza with all members present voting in favor, to add Motion O. from the floor was approved.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

VIII. TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

IX. OLD BUSINESS

President

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B. Updated Listing of Credit Card Corporations and Authorized Employees

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X. NEW BUSINESS (continued)

C. Program Budgets

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

PCCD 25-26 School Safety & Mental Health	\$ 70,000
Transportation Fund 20 (Final 25-26)	\$ 91,311
Annual Homeless Grant (Final 25-26)	\$ 288,901
ELECT Teen Parenting (Final 25-26)	\$ 503,170
District Technicians Local Revenue (Final 25-26)	\$ 202,827
WRAST (Final 25-26)	\$ 126,620
WRAST Preliminary (Proposed 26-27)	\$ 131,394
IDEA Component 3 Special Education (Final 25-26)	\$ 11,376,196
IDEA Component 2 Special Education (Final 25-26)	\$ 1,139,662
IDEA Component 1 Special Education (Final 25-26)	\$ 1,060,337
IDEA Component 619 Special Education (Final 25-26)	\$ 957,206
Early Intervention Access Spec. Ed. (Final 25-26)	\$ 1,091,984
Early Intervention Special Education (Final 25-26)	\$ 9,105,810
School Age Access Special Education (Final 25-26)	\$ 364,534
CORE Special Education (Final 25-26)	\$ 5,955,661
Act 89 Nonpublic (Final 25-26)	\$ 2,398,562
IDEA EP Nonpublic (Final 25-26)	\$ 221,353
Title 1 Nonpublic (Final 25-26)	\$ 444,510

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X. NEW BUSINESS (continued)

D. Contracts for Approval

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. DiTullio, with all members present voting in favor, the following resignations were approved.

ELECT

Juliann Mangino, ELECT Counselor, the close of work on June 1, 2026 due to retirement.

Special Education

Elisa Serrano, Speech & Language Therapist, effective June 30, 2026, due to resignation.

Sarah Tonty, School Psychologist, effective July 1, 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.

Special Education

Employee #8 of 2025-2026 school year, unpaid leave beginning on April 25, 2026 and ending on May 13, 2026 with MIU IV coverage of all health benefits as provided by MIU IV Policy 335, Family and Medical Leave. These leave may be extended up to 12-weeks as per FMLA rules and requirements.

Employee #9 of 2025-2026 school year, unpaid leave beginning on August 10, 2026 and ending on November 10, 2026, with MIU IV coverage of all health benefits as provided by MIU IV Policy 335, Family and Medical Leave.

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X. NEW BUSINESS (continued)

G. Employment

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

Elena Marino, ELECT Teen Parenting Counselor, effective July 1, 2026, due to the vacancy created by the retirement of Juliann Mangino. Her salary will be set at Step 2, Bachelors on the 2026-2027 PSEA salary schedule. Continued employment is contingent upon successful completion of the personnel file documentation.

H. Tenure

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 minutes of the May 27, 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 May 2026:

Stacy Edwards
Allayna Deaven

I. Field Experience

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 following MIU IV employee be approved for Field Experience at Slippery Rock University.

Dawn Blair	Slippery Rock University	8/24/2026 – 12/17/2026	Supervisor Melissa Wyllie
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J. Student Accident Insurance

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

It is recommended that the Board approve Student Accident Insurance through AG Administrators LLC at a cost of \$575 for the period covering July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027.

K. Long Term Disability Insurance

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

It is recommended that the Board approve Guardian as provider for group Long Term Disability Insurance effective July 1, 2026 at a rate of \$.152 per \$100.

L. State and Federal Project Submission Authorization

On a motion by Mr. Bobby, seconded by Mr. DiTullio 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 2026-2027 school year on behalf of the IU and/or local district consortiums when applicable.

M. Bid Award – Transportation

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

Bids were reviewed following the bid deadline on May 5, 2026, for transportation services for students with disabilities in Butler, Lawrence, and Mercer Counties as needed for the time period of September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2028. It is recommended that the total bid award be made to Watson's, Inc.

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N. Out of State Travel

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 Board approve Out of State Travel for Wendy Kinnear, Regional Coordinator of Homelessness Program to attend the NAEHCY National Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, from October 30, 2026, to November 3, 2026.

O. Motion to Enter into Contingent Fee Agreement

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

A Motion is made to authorize the Intermediate Unit to enter into an Attorney-Client Fee Contract with the Frantz Law Group, ALPC, 402 West Broadway, Suite 860, San Diego, California 92101, and Dillon McCandless King Coulter & Graham, LLP, 128 West Cunningham Street, Butler, Pennsylvania, 16001 for the commencement of a legal action against the Social Media Companies (Meta, Tik Tok, YouTube, etc.) Said action shall be for the purpose of claiming money damages.

The Attorney-Client Fee Contract shall provide for a Contingent Fee of Twenty-Five Percent (25%) of any recovery. Expenses needed to fund the litigation shall be advanced by Frantz Law Group, APLC, and deducted from any recovery. The Intermediate Unit shall not be responsible for any fee or cost reimbursement in the event that there is no recovery in the action.

The School Board President and/or Intermediate Unit Superintendent are authorized to sign the Attorney-Client Fee Contract.

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X. NEW BUSINESS (continued)

P. **Board Member Nominations:**

Nominations for board members for a three (3) year term:

July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029

Mr. Eric DiTullio, Seneca Valley School District
Ms. Deborah Roberson, Sharon City School District
Mr. Rodney Bobby, Mercer Area School District
Mr. Brian Foltz, Sharpsville Area School District
Ms. Jean Biehls, Ellwood City School District
Ms. Kelli Mayer, Jamestown Area School District

Dr. Panza made a nomination to elect all six nominees. Motion to close nomination was made by Mr. Rossi, seconded by Mr. Bobby.

It is recommended that the persons named above be accepted as the elected members to the Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV Board of Directors for a term of **July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029.**

On a motion by Mr. Boltz, seconded by Dr. Panza, the following was approved by a Roll Call Vote of (11) YES, (0) NO.

X. **Adjournment**

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

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