

MINUTES, August 5, 2026

MINUTES of August 5, 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, Michael Panza, Gary Shingleton, Brenda Marino

Others Present: Jennifer Hedglin, Melissa Wyllie, Maureen Werwie, Jason Williams, Shawn
Algoe, Chuck Sapienza (V), Julie McElroy, Dawn Blair, David Zupsic,
Debra Allebach, Wayde Killmeyer, Steven Sheirer

- 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 7:05 p.m. and ending at 7:30 P.M. for the discussion of legal matters and/or personnel issues.
- IV.** Minutes of the June 24, 2026, meeting, held at Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV, 453 Maple Street, Grove City, PA 16127, were approved on motion by Mr. Foltz, seconded by Mr. Bobby with all members present voting in favor.
- V.** On a motion by Mr. DiTullio, seconded by Mr. Bobby, with all members present voting in favor, the agenda was approved.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

VII. TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Policy Review

On a motion by Mr. DiTullio, seconded by Dr. Panza, with all members present voting in favor, the MIU IV Policy: 006.1 *Attendance at Meetings Via Electronic Communications* was given a second reading and adoption.

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IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Financial Statements and Bills

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026

1.	State and Federal Programs (Fund 10)	\$ 27,517,477.00
2.	Special Education (Fund 20)	\$ 15,159,977.00
3.	Capital Projects (Fund 30)	\$ 265,000.00
4.	Nonpublic Schools (Fund 10)	\$ 2,398,562.00
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		\$ 50,266,900.00

BILLS June 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026

1.	General Fund (Fund 10)	\$ 2,113,374.95
	• State and Federal Programs	
	• Nonpublic School Services	
	• General Fund	
2.	Special Education (Fund 20)	\$ 854,379.61
TOTAL		\$ 2,967,754.56

B. 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 was approved. 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. Program Budgets

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

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2026-2027 Title I - Part A Preliminary	\$ 5,141,804.00
2026-2027 Title II - Part A Preliminary	\$ 535,950.00
2026-2027 Title I - Part D Preliminary	\$ 430,518.00
2026-2027 Title IV - Part A Preliminary	\$ 381,238.00

D. Contracts for Approval

On a motion by Mr. Bobby, 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.

E. Resignations

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

Special Education

Taylor Ansell, Speech & Language Pathologist, the close of work on August 14, 2026 due to resignation.

Jessa Girty, Floating Substitute Teacher, the close of work on July 24, 2026 due to resignation.

Kimberly Pickstone, Paraprofessional, the close of work on July 24, 2026 due to resignation.

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Carly Weaver, Special Education Behavior Coach, the close of work on August 4, 2026 due to resignation.

Rachel McMichael, Special Education Teacher, the close of work on September 18, 2026 due to retirement.

F. Leave

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

Employee #1 of 2026-2027 school year, unpaid leave anticipated to begin on August 10, 2026 and ending on or around December 8, 2026, pending the use of paid leave, with MIU IV coverage of all health benefits as provided by MIU IV Policy 335, Family and Medical Leave. FMLA leave may be extended up to a maximum of 12-weeks as per FMLA rules and requirements.

Employee #2 of 2026-2027 school year, unpaid leave anticipated to begin on January 4, 2027 and ending on or around April 9, 2027, pending the use of paid leave, with MIU IV coverage of all health benefits as provided by MIU IV Policy 335, Family and Medical Leave. FMLA leave may be extended up to a maximum of 12-weeks as per FMLA rules and requirements.

Employee #3 of 2026-2027 school year, unpaid leave anticipated to begin on October 14, 2026 and ending on or around January 28, 2027, pending the use of paid leave, with MIU IV coverage of all health benefits as provided by MIU IV Policy 335, Family and Medical Leave. FMLA leave may be extended up to a maximum of 12-weeks as per FMLA rules and requirements.

Employee #4 of 2026-2027 school year, unpaid leave anticipated to begin on November 25, 2026 and ending on or around January 26, 2027, pending the use of paid leave, with MIU IV coverage of all health benefits as provided by MIU IV Policy 335, Family and Medical Leave. FMLA leave may be extended up to a maximum of 12-weeks as per FMLA rules and requirements.

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G. Employment

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

General Operating Budget (GOB)

McKala Flick, Secretary/Clerk, effective August 31, 2026 due to the vacancy created by the resignation of Carrie McComb. Her salary will be based on Bachelor's Level, 2026-2027 ESPA, Secretary/Clerk. Continued employment is contingent upon the successful completion of all personnel file documentation and probationary period.

Special Education

Ashley Eck, Paraprofessional, effective August 24, 2026 due to the vacancy created by the resignation of Kimberly Pickstone. Her salary will be based on Bachelor's Level, 2026-2027 ESPA, Paraprofessional. Continued employment is contingent upon the successful completion of all personnel file documentation and probationary period.

H. Substitutes 2026-2027 School Year

On a motion by Mr DiTullio, seconded by Ms. Biehls with all members present voting in favor the following list of substitutes for the 2026-2027 school year was approved.

Jodi Barrett
Diane Becker
Jeanne Brenckle
Susan Conroy
Bob Kobet

Linda Radio
Barbara Rosenbaum
Eric Slifkin
Marybeth Strauch

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IX. NEW BUSINESS (continued)

I. Bus Drivers 2026-2027 School Year

On a motion by Mr. DiTullio, seconded by Dr. Panza with all members present voting in favor, the following bus driver (Watson's) for the 2026-2027 school year was approved.

Kimberly Davis

J. Field Experience

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

Student Name	University/College	Timeframe	Program	MIU IV Supervisor
Jonah Lentz	Slippery Rock University	9/9/2026-11/11/2026	Occupational Therapy	Kelly Kushich

K. 2026-2027 ESPA Health Employer Funding Rates

On a motion by Mr. DiTullio, seconded by Mr. Bobby with all members present voting in favor of, the following employer monthly funding rates for ESPA health benefit plans for the 2026-2027 fiscal year was approved:

Medical:		
	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Yearly</u>
Single	\$880.48	\$10,565.76
Parent/Children	\$1,584.89	\$19,018.68
Employee/Spouse	\$1,937.15	\$23,245.80
Family	\$2,641.59	\$31,699.08
Buyout:		
Single	\$440.24	\$5,282.88
Parent/Children	\$792.45	\$9,509.34
Employee/Spouse	\$968.58	\$11,622.90
Family	\$1,320.80	\$15,849.54

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L. First National Bank Accounts Update

On a motion by Mr. DiTullio, seconded by Dr. Panza with all members present voting in favor, the following updates to the FNB accounts were approved:

Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV Labor Management Recognition Fund

Remove: Donna Volpe, Patricia Connolly

Add: Jennifer Hedglin

Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV Coffee Club

Remove: Donna Volpe, Patricia Connolly

Add: Jennifer Hedglin

Close Account

Midwestern Intermediate Money Market

Remove: Patricia Connolly, Wayde Killmeyer

Add: Jennifer Hedglin

X. Adjournment

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

President

Secretary