

**APRIL 14, 2008
JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

**MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WORK SESSION MINUTES**

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Mr. Chris Caterson
President, Board of Directors

Mr. Michael F. Ognosky
Superintendent of Schools

I. Call to Order:

President Caterson called the work session to order at 8:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Doug Wilcox, Julie Humphrey, Mary Homan, George Gow, Karl Wimmer, Pam Staats, Chris Caterson, Gloria Smith and Kathy Mordovancey

Administration Present: Chris McComb, Greg Adams, Donald Golden, Craig Owens, Rickie Clapper and Mike Ognosky

Public Present:

II. Presentations and Reports:

A. Administrators' Reports:

1. Mrs. O'Malley (Food Service) submitted a written report prior to the meeting. Members present had no questions on the report content.
2. Mr. Adams (Lathrop Street Elementary Principal) discussed the successful elementary school play, "Sleeping Beauty", and praised the work of all who contributed to make the multiple showings a success. Board members present commented on the quality of the production. Mr. Adams also discussed the recently completed PSSA tests.
3. Mr. McComb (Choconut Valley Elementary Principal) discussed the PSSA results as well and thanked the board for the many tutoring opportunities that exist after school due to the board acceptance of the Accountability Block Grant.
4. Dr. Golden (Special Education Director) updated the board on the current status of the IEP preparations for next year.
5. Mr. Owens (Technology Director) provided the board with an update of the implementation of the new student software system and the resultant training schedule.
6. Mr. Clapper (Maintenance and Transportation Director) explained that the well at Choconut Valley is scheduled for work in the next week as is the kitchen floor at Choconut Valley.

III. Discussion items:

- A. Mr. Gilhool (Athletic Director) provided the board with an update on the proposal for a new scoreboard on the stadium field following the loss of the former board. He explained that he has solicited preliminary costs for a board as well as significant community business support for assisting in the cost. Community Bank has agreed to donate \$10,000 and other donors are also currently considering assisting. Following a number of questions and discussion, the board asked the administration to utilize the electronic bid process in order to solicit bids for the purchase of a new board.

- B. Mr. Gilhool also discussed the potential for a cooperative Agreement that would allow Montrose Area School District students to participate with Elk Lake in PIAA swimming competition. The process was explained and, following discussion, the board asked that a motion be placed on the May agenda to provide for a cooperative agreement in swimming with Elk Lake.
- C. Mr. Caterson discussed the potential of the district entering into an oil/natural gas lease. After discussion, the board asked the administration to solicit bids for the leasing for the purpose of oil/natural gas exploration of the 169 available acres at the Junior-Senior High School and 8.75 available acres at Lathrop Street.
- D. Mr. Ognosky explained that the district is currently working in cooperation with TreHab for the acquisition of a wind turbine as a test location for energy utilization at the Junior-Senior High School. The hope is that the turbine will be utilized for the energy consumption in the Administrative Offices.
- E. Mr. Ognosky explained that the Department of Transportation has notified the district that they will be acquiring a strip of land on the Choconut Valley Elementary property as part of a Choconut Creek restoration and flood prevention project. Further details will be announced as they become available.

IV. Old Business – There were on Old Business items at tonight’s meeting.

V. Informational Items – No informational items were brought forward by board members.

VI. Committee Meetings:

- A. Schedule Board Committee meetings – the following committee meetings have been established prior to the May 12, 2008 board meeting:
 - 1. Policy Committee – Monday, April 21, 2008 @ Administrative Offices 6:00 p.m.
 - 2. Energy Ad Hoc Committee – Monday, April 21, 2008 @ Administrative Offices 7:00 p.m.
 - 3. Curriculum Committee – Tuesday, April 22, 2008 @ High School Cafeteria 7:00 p.m.
 - 4. Finance Committee – Monday, April 28, 2008 @ High School Cafeteria 7:00 p.m.
 - 5. Student Liaison Committee – Monday, April 28, 2008 @ High School Room 8 – 3:00 p.m.
 - 6. Community Advisory Committee – Thursday, May 8, 2008 @ High School Cafeteria 7:00 p.m.

VII. Visitors’ Comments – There were no visitors’ comments during this segment of the meeting.

VIII. Adjournment – Adjournment was at 9:30 p.m. followed by a CLEAR session of the Board to discuss a personnel item.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Mike Ognosky