

**AUGUST 10, 2009, 7:00 PM**  
**CHOCONUT VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FACULTY ROOM**

**MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA**

**MEETING MINUTES APPROVED SEPTEMBER 14, 2009**

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Mr. Chris Caterson  
President, Board of Directors

Mr. Michael F. Ognosky  
Superintendent of Schools

The Montrose Area School District Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Board President Mr. Chris Caterson at 7:00 PM in the Choconut Valley Elementary School faculty room, RR 1 Box 1730, Friendsville, PA, 18818.

**I. OPENING EXERCISES** - Led by Mrs. Gloria Smith, Board Member

**II. ROLL CALL** – Mrs. Judith Sample, Co-Board Secretary

**PRESENT:** Mr. Christopher Caterson, Mr. George Gow, Mrs. Mary Homan, Ms. Julie Humphrey, Mrs. Kathleen Mordovancey (arrived 7:05 PM), Mrs. Gloria Smith, Mr. Karl Wimmer

**ABSENT:** Mrs. Pamela Staats, Mr. Douglas Wilcox

**ADMINISTRATORS/SUPERVISORS:** Mr. Michael Ognosky, Mrs. Michelle Lusk, Mr. James Tallarico, Mr. Russ Canevari, Mr. Greg Adams, Mr. Chris McComb, Mr. Craig Owens, Mr. Rickie Clapper

Following the roll call Mr. Ognosky introduced Mrs. Michelle Lusk, newly hired Business Manager for the district. Mrs. Lusk was welcomed by the members of the Board and those in attendance.

**III. GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING**

- A. Elementary Science Initiative – Anne Lathrop, teacher, and students, Evelyn Klie, Annelise Mittmann, Genna Smith, Kylie Robinson, Paige Dolaway, and Lyndsey Kerr

Mr. Adams introduced Mrs. Anne Lathrop, fourth grade teacher at Lathrop Street Elementary School and winner of an Environmental Education Grant. Mrs. Lathrop reviewed the requirements for the grant as well as the projects that the students participated in. Each of the six students presented to the Board and those in attendance a synopsis of their individual project. Mrs. Lathrop and the students received the congratulations of the Board as well as certificates of achievement.

- B. Weight Lifting – Eric Stallings, teacher, and students, Anthony Bistocchi, Levi Tiffany, Rachel Davenport, Jamie Bozzo, Jay White, James Wetherill, and Tyler Whipple

Mr. Tallarico introduced Mr. Eric Stalling to those in attendance at this evening's meeting. Mr. Stalling thanked Mr. Tallarico and the Board of Directors for their support for this program and introduced each member of the team, reviewing their many accomplishments and awards. Mr. Stallings and his team members received the congratulations of the members of the Board and certificates of achievement.

**IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR VISITORS TO ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS** - None

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**V. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- A. Items from members of Board of Directors

Mr. Caterson read a thank you note received from Mrs. Eileen Baessler, newly retired English teacher at the Junior-Senior High School for the retirement dinner provided by the district's Board of Directors.

**VI. AGENDA ITEMS**

**A. MINUTES – Mr. Chris Caterson, Board President**

17. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mrs. Mordovancey to approve the following minutes as submitted:
- a. July 13, 2009 Board Meeting
  - b. July 27, 2009 Finance Committee Meeting
  - c. August 3, 2009 Transportation Committee Meeting
- Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;  
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes  
**YES – 7      NO – 0      ABSTAIN – 0**

**B. FINANCE – Mr. Chris Caterson, Chairperson**

18. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mrs. Mordovancey to approve a list of bills to be paid as submitted.  
Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;  
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes  
**YES – 7      NO – 0      ABSTAIN – 0**
19. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Ms. Humphrey to approve the June and July 2009 Treasurer's Reports as submitted.  
Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;  
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes  
**YES – 7      NO – 0      ABSTAIN – 0**

**C. LEGISLATIVE – Mr. Chris Caterson, Chairperson**

**D. TRANSPORTATION – Mrs. Mary Homan, Board Member**

20. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Mrs. Homan to approve the following school bus updates for the 2009-2010 school year as submitted:
- a. David Darrow, bus contractor, Bus 13 from a 2001, 72 passenger to a 2007, 72 passenger
  - b. Conaty Transportation, Inc, bus contractor, Bus 41 from a 2005, 72 passenger to a 2010, 72 passenger
  - c. Conaty Transportation, Inc, bus contractor, Bus 40 from a 1999, 72 passenger to a 2005, 72 passenger
- Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;  
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes  
**YES – 7      NO – 0      ABSTAIN – 0**
21. Prior to this vote Mr. Ognosky reviewed the late run schedule for those in attendance. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Ms. Humphrey to approve late run contractors for the 2009-2010 school year as follows at a total cost not to exceed \$55,000 for Routes A, B, and C; Routes D and E to be paid from the Accountability Block Grant at the rate of \$100 per day each Monday through Thursday:
- a. Route A (Lawsville)      Conaty Transportation, Inc.
  - b. Route B (Birchardville)      Grisafi Brothers Transportation, Inc.
  - c. Route C (Little Meadows)      Timothy Legg Busing, Inc.
  - d. Route D (Lathrop Street Elementary School)      Bunnell Busing, Inc.
  - e. Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;  
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes  
**YES – 7      NO – 0      ABSTAIN – 0**

**VI. AGENDA ITEMS – Transportation continued**

22. The Extended School Year (ESY) bus runs were reviewed by Mr. Ognosky prior to the vote on this item. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Mr. Caterson to approve summer 2009 extended school year transportation contracts as follows at a combined total cost not to exceed \$49,774.25:
- a. Lisa Ottens & Ruth Snedeker, Elk Lake & Binghamton Univ, \$8,216.17
  - b. William & Glenna Tennant, NEIU, High School, Lathrop St., Carbondale, \$22,269.00
  - c. Joseph & Donna Fizzano, Dunmore & Elk Lake, \$11,447.40
  - d. Joyce Smales, Lourdesmont, \$7,841.68
- Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;  
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes  
**YES – 7      NO – 0      ABSTAIN – 0**

**D. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS / SAFETY – Mr. George Gow, Chairperson**

**F. TECHNOLOGY – Mr. Karl Wimmer, Chairperson**

23. Mr. Owens reviewed the agreement and answered questions from the Board in regard to this item. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mrs. Homan to renew our agreement as submitted with NEIU 19 for Internet2 Service from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 at a monthly cost of \$116.67.
- Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;  
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes  
**YES – 7      NO – 0      ABSTAIN – 0**

**G. CURRICULUM – Mrs. Gloria Smith, Board Member**

24. Mr. Ognosky reviewed the needs of this student reflected in this and the following item for those in attendance. A motion was made by Mr. Gow, seconded by Mrs. Mordovancey to continue a contract as submitted with Binghamton University Children's Unit for Treatment and Evaluation for a special needs student for 10 months, September 2009 through June 2010, at a cost not to exceed \$34,083.00.
- Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;  
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes  
**YES – 7      NO – 0      ABSTAIN – 0**

25. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Mr. Gow to continue a contract as submitted with Robin Armstrong to provide personal assistive services for a special needs student for the 2009-2010 school year, including summer extended school year, (204 day contract) at the rate of \$18.00 per hour for 8 hours per day with no fringe benefits to be paid from ACCESS funds.
- Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;  
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes  
**YES – 7      NO – 0      ABSTAIN – 0**

**H. EXTRA CURRICULAR – Mrs. Kathy Mordovancey, Chairperson**

26. Mr. Tallarico reviewed the coaching positions that are still vacant prior to this vote. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mrs. Homan to appoint the following contingent upon completion of employment requirements:
- a. Ryan Soden as Assistant Junior High Soccer Coach effective beginning with the 2009 fall sports season at a cost of \$1,400.00
  - b. Elizabeth Roan as Assistant Volleyball Coach effective beginning with the 2009 fall sports season at a cost of \$2,150.00
- Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;  
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes  
**YES – 7      NO – 0      ABSTAIN – 0**

**VI. AGENDA ITEMS – continued**

I. **POLICIES** – Mrs. Gloria Smith, Chairperson

J. **PERSONNEL** – Ms. Julie Humphrey, Chairperson

27. In response to questions from the Board Mr. Ognosky reported on the number of days worked for this position and Mr. McComb reviewed the interview process. A motion was made by Mrs. Homan, seconded by Mrs. Smith to employ Jacquie Meehan as Cafeteria/Clerical Aide at the Choconut Valley Elementary School effective August 21, 2009 for a maximum of 7 ½ hours per day for 187 days per school year at the rate of \$8.99 per hour together with individual fringe benefits in accordance with the current MESPA Support Staff Agreement.  
Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;  
Mrs. Mordovancey, No; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes  
**YES – 6      NO – 1      ABSTAIN – 0**

28. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Mrs. Homan to appoint Rebecca Cooley as a daily support staff substitute effective immediately contingent upon completion of employment requirements.  
Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;  
Mrs. Mordovancey, No; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes  
**YES – 7      NO – 0      ABSTAIN – 0**

K. **PROFESSIONAL** – Mrs. Mary Homan, Chairperson

29. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mrs. Mordovancey to employ the following long-term substitute teachers at the Lathrop Street Elementary School for the 2009-2010 school year at a daily rate of \$147.22 with no additional fringe benefits, contingent upon completion of employment requirements:  
a. Holly Johnson, first grade  
b. Matthew Voda, fifth grade learning support  
Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;  
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes  
**YES – 7      NO – 0      ABSTAIN – 0**

30. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Ms. Humphrey to appoint the following as mentor teachers for the 2009-2010 school year at the rate of \$ 1,000.00:  
a. William Walker, English at the Junior-Senior High School  
b. Laurie Andre, learning support at the Lathrop Street Elementary School  
Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;  
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes  
**YES – 7      NO – 0      ABSTAIN – 0**

31. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Mrs. Smith to appoint the following daily substitute teachers for the district effective immediately contingent upon completion of employment requirements:  
a. Connie Ridall, Elementary  
b. Jaelynn Goff, Social Studies  
c. Elizabeth Roan, Health & Physical Education  
Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;  
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes  
**YES – 7      NO – 0      ABSTAIN – 0**

**VII. NEW BUSINESS** – Mr. Caterson, Board President

32. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Gow to appoint Rebecca Cross as census taker for Liberty Township effective immediately at the rate of \$1.00 per old card and \$2.00 per new card.  
Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;  
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes  
**YES – 7      NO – 0      ABSTAIN – 0**

**VIII. SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC BOARD MEETINGS** – Mr. Caterson reviewed the following upcoming meetings:

- A. Monday, August 10, 2009, immediately following Board meeting – Work Session, Choconut Valley Elementary School faculty room
- B. Monday, August 17, 2009, 7:00 PM – Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting, Junior-Senior High School Community Learning Center
- C. Monday, September 14, 2009, 7:00 PM – Board meeting, Choconut Valley Elementary School faculty room
- D. Monday, September 14, immediately following Board meeting – Work Session, Choconut Valley Elementary School faculty room

Following a discussion by the members of the Board it was determined that an Extra Curricular Committee meeting will be held Monday, August 17, 2009.

**IX. OPPORTUNITY FOR VISITORS' ADDITIONAL COMMENTS** - None

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**X. ADJOURNMENT** – This meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:50 PM.

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Michael Ognosky, Superintendent of Schools