

**DECEMBER 3, 2007  
JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

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

**MEETING MINUTES APPROVED JANUARY 14, 2008**

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Mr. Christopher Caterson  
President, Board of Directors

Mr. Michael F. Ognosky  
Superintendent of Schools

- I. CALL TO ORDER** - The Montrose Area School District Board of Directors Work Session was called to order by Mr. Christopher Caterson, Board President at 7:35 PM in the Junior-Senior High School cafeteria, 50 High School Road, Montrose PA, 18801.
- A. Roll Call Attendance – Mr. Lewis Plauny, Board Secretary  
**PRESENT:** Mr. Chris Caterson, Mr. George Gow, Mrs. Mary Homan, Ms. Julie Humphrey, Mrs. Kathleen Mordovancey, Mrs. Gloria Smith, Mrs. Pamela Staats, Mr. Douglas Wilcox  
**ADMINISTRATORS/SUPERVISORS:** Mr. Michael Ognosky, Mr. Lewis Plauny
- II. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS**
- A. Administrators' Reports
1. Miss O'Malley – Director of Food Services
- III. DISCUSSION ITEMS**
- A. Board meetings and work sessions for 2008 – dates, times, locations  
Following a discussion by the members of the Board it was decided that the Board will meet the second Monday of each month at 7:00 PM with locations of the meetings to be as follows: the January, February, March, July, August and September meetings will be held at the Choconut Valley Elementary School and the remaining months to be held at the Junior-Senior High School.
- B. Costing out Study – Mr. Ognosky  
Mr. Ognosky reviewed the results of the study as well as the methods used to calculate the cost of improving student performance and distributed copies of the study for the Board members to review before discussing the study at the next monthly meeting. Mr. Ognosky reported that he was in Harrisburg when the study was presented and stated that he would be including additional material regarding the Act 1 Task Force which was also covered during his two day Harrisburg conference.
- C. MEA Collective Bargaining Agreement  
A copy of the teacher's new contract was distributed to the members of the Board for their reference. Mr. Caterson reviewed some of the basic points negotiated and reported that that the average pay increase was 3.85% per teacher. In response to questions from Board members, statewide health care programs as well as charter and cyber school legislation were discussed.
- IV. OLD BUSINESS** – In response to a question from a member of the Board, Mr. Caterson reported that fuel subsidy will be discussed in detail during the upcoming scheduled budget meetings and Mr. Ognosky agreed to update the fuel subsidy information and report those findings to the members of the Board prior to the meetings.
- V. INFORMATION ITEMS**
- A. Items from members of Board of Directors  
In response to questions from the Board, Mr. Ognosky reported on the progress of the school district's sign located at the bottom of High School Road as well as the status of the Choconut Valley Elementary School well project.  
Mr. Caterson suggested the need to discuss energy conservation for the school district and strongly urged that this topic be discussed during this year of the Board.

**VI. COMMITTEES**

- A. Membership  
Mr. Caterson urged all new members to contact him regarding those committees that hold interest for them as soon as possible.
- B. Meetings  
Mr. Caterson reported that all committee meetings are open to all members of the Board.
- C. PSBA Liaison  
Mr. Ognosky and Mr. Caterson reviewed the responsibilities of this position and Mr. Caterson encouraged all new Board members to consider participation in the many conferences that are offered by the PSBA.

**VII. VISITORS' COMMENTS - None**

(Visitors must speak directly into the public microphone for accurate transcription of minutes. Even if the person speaks loud enough to be heard by meeting attendees, they cannot be heard on the tape transcription unless they speak directly into the microphone.)

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT – This meeting adjourned by acclamation at 8:20 PM.**

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Lewis Plauny, Board Secretary