

FEBRUARY 11, 2008, 7:00 PM
CHOCONUT VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FACULTY ROOM

MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

MEETING MINUTES APPROVED MARCH 10, 2008

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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. Christopher Caterson at 7:04 PM in the Choconut Valley Elementary School faculty room, RR 1 Box 1730, Friendsville, PA, 18818.

- I. OPENING EXERCISES** - Led by a Mr. Chris Caterson, Board President. A moment of silence was held for the recent death of the father of a Montrose Area School District student's family.
- II. ROLL CALL** – 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, Mr. Karl Wimmer
ADMINISTRATORS/SUPERVISORS: Mr. Michael Ognosky, Mr. Lewis Plauny, Mr. James Tallarico, Mr. Greg Adams, Mr. Chris McComb, Dr. Donald Golden, Mr. Craig Owens (via video teleconference), Mr. Rickie Clapper
- III. GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING** – Mr. Ognosky recognized a group of Boy Scouts attending this evening's meeting, reporting that attendance at a public meeting was a requirement for their Community Service merit badge.
- A. Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Student Activity Club – Mr. Duane Benedict, Advisor; Bruce Gowe; Michael Stevens; Christopher Stevens; Kristy Birchard; Chelsea Hall; Ashley Palmer; and Courtney Griffiths
Mr. Ognosky gave a brief background of the club and its goals as well as the history of the club in the Montrose Area School District. Mr. Ognosky then recognized Mr. Benedict, club advisor, who updated the members of the Board and those in attendance of the accomplishments of this club in a short period of time. Those accomplishments include participation in level one of competition held at Keystone College and Mr. Benedict introduced the members who will be advancing in the competition. All students were recognized and received certificates of appreciation as well as the congratulation of the Board members and administration present.
- IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR VISITORS TO ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS** - None
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- V. INFORMATION ITEMS**
A. Items from members of Board of Directors - None
- VI. AGENDA ITEMS**
A. **MINUTES** – Mr. Chris Caterson, Board President
122. Prior to the vote Mr. Ognosky reviewed items covered at the Transportation Committee meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Gow, seconded by Mr. Wimmer to approve the following minutes as submitted:
a. January 14, 2008 Board Meeting
b. January 14, 2008 Work Session
c. January 17, 2008 Community Advisory Committee Meeting
d. January 19, 2008 Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting
e. January 28, 2008 Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting
f. February 7, 2008 Technology Committee Meeting
g. February 7, 2008 Transportation Committee Meeting
Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mrs. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
YES – 9 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

VI. AGENDA ITEMS – continued

B. FINANCE – Mr. Chris Caterson, Chairperson

123. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Gow to approve a list of bills to be paid as submitted.

Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mrs. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes

YES – 9 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

124. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Ms. Humphrey to approve Treasurer's Reports as submitted for September, October, November, and December 2007.

Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mrs. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes

YES – 9 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

C. LEGISLATIVE – Mr. Chris Caterson, Chairperson

125. A motion was made by Mr. Gow, seconded by Mrs. Smith to appoint Douglas Wilcox, member of the Montrose Area School District Board of Directors, to represent our District on Intermediate Unit 19 Board of Directors from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2011.

Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mrs. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes

YES – 9 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

D. TRANSPORTATION – Mr. Douglas Wilcox, Chairperson

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

F. CURRICULUM – Mrs. Pamela Staats, Chairperson

126. In response to questions from the members of the Board, Dr. Golden reviewed the particulars of the contract and Mr. Plauny reported on how the estimated cost is calculated. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mrs. Smith to approve a contract as submitted with NEIU 19 for the provision of special education programs and services for the 2008-2009 school year at an estimated cost of \$258,119.10.

Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mrs. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes

YES – 9 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

G. EXTRA CURRICULAR – Mrs. Kathy Mordovancey, Chairperson

127. A motion was made by Mr. Gow, seconded by Mr. Wimmer to appoint Katy Rosenkrans as Head Junior High Softball Coach effective beginning with the spring 2008 sports season at a starting stipend of \$2,000.00 with no additional benefits. In response to a Board member's question, Mr. Ognosky reported that there is not a limit to the number of sports one person may coach.

Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mrs. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes

YES – 9 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

128. Prior to this vote, Mr. Ognosky reported on the reasons for disbanding the district's Computer Club as well as explaining how many of the activities once covered by the computer club are now being incorporated into other extra curricular activities of the district. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mrs. Staats to close the Computer Club student activity account and donate the remaining funds of \$256.05 to the newly re-activated FBLA Club account at the Junior-Senior High School.

Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mrs. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes

YES – 9 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

VI. AGENDA ITEMS – Extra Curricular continued

129. A motion was made by Mr. Wimmer, seconded by Mrs. Smith to appoint Edward Lucas as a member of our School Police at the Junior-Senior High School contingent upon completion of pre-employment paperwork at the rate of \$15.00 per hour.
Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mrs. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
YES – 9 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

H. POLICIES – Mrs. Gloria Smith, Chairperson

I. PERSONNEL – Ms. Julie Humphrey, Chairperson

130. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Mrs. Smith to employ the following part-time food service workers contingent upon completion of pre-employment paperwork at the rate of \$7.29 per hour for a maximum of 4½ hours per day for 180 student school days per year with no fringe benefits in accordance with the current MESPA Support Staff Agreement:
a. Lisa Bruzgulis – Junior Senior High School retroactive to January 22, 2008
b. Debra Bailey – Junior-Senior High School retroactive to January 23, 2008
Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mrs. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
YES – 9 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

131. A motion was made by Mrs. Homan, seconded by Mrs. Mordovancey to appoint the following daily substitute support staff effective immediately contingent upon completion of pre-employment paperwork:
a. Pamela Conrad
b. Timothy Evans
Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mrs. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
YES – 9 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

J. PROFESSIONAL – Mrs. Mary Homan, Chairperson

132. A motion was made by Mrs. Staats, seconded by Mr. Gow to grant the following unpaid extensions of current maternity leaves:
a. Laurie Andre, 5th grade teacher at Lathrop Street, through the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year
b. Aileen Kerr, 2nd grade teacher at Lathrop Street, through the month of February, 2008
Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mrs. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
YES – 9 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

133. Mr. Ognosky reported that the district was slowly getting the substitute bank replenished after hiring many of our substitutes to fill positions left by retirements at the end of the 2006-2007 school year. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Gow to approve the following daily substitute teachers effective immediately contingent upon completion of pre-employment paperwork:
a. Amanda Arnold – elementary K-6
b. Sharon Hewitt – elementary K-6
c. Annette O. Conigliaro – English 7 – 12
d. Betsy Groover – registered nurse
e. Kenton Adriance – elementary K-6
Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mrs. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
YES – 9 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

VII. NEW BUSINESS

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

- A. Monday, February 11, 2008, immediately following Board meeting – Work session, Choconut Valley Elementary School faculty room
- B. Wednesday, February 27, 2008, 7:00 PM – Community Advisory Committee meeting, Junior-Senior High School cafeteria
- C. Thursday, February 28, 2008, 7:00 PM – Curriculum Committee meeting, Junior-Senior High School cafeteria
- D. Saturday, March 8, 2008, 11:00 AM – Student Council / Board Forum, Junior-Senior High School cafeteria
- E. Monday, March 10, 2008, 7:00 PM – Board meeting and Work Session, Choconut Valley Elementary School faculty room

IX. OPPORTUNITY FOR VISITORS' ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

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Mr. Scott Callaway (township unavailable), representative for the Little League Association, reported that he was in attendance at this meeting to request permission to erect an outfield fence on the #2 ball field at Choconut Valley Elementary School in order to qualify for tournament play. Mr. Ognosky outlined the steps of approval to be followed for Mr. Callaway.

X. ADJOURNMENT – A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Caterson to adjourn this meeting at 7:45 PM.

Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mrs. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes

YES – 9 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

Lewis Plauny, Board Secretary