

**JANUARY 14, 2008, 7:00 P.M.**  
**CHOCONUT VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FACULTY ROOM**

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

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Mr. Chris Caterson  
President, Board of Directors

Mr. Michael F. Ognosky  
Superintendent of Schools

**I. OPENING EXERCISES** - Led by a Board Member

**II. ROLL CALL** - Board Secretary

**III. GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING**

- A. McKelvey Scholarships – Samantha Barnhart, Morgan Charles, Ashley Cobb, Heather Evans, Jared Fowler, JoAnn Mollo, Nathan Oleniacz, Elya Spolar, and Emily Travis
- B. Recognition from the Montrose Community Chorale Organization
- C. PSBA School Director Recognition Month

**IV. BOARD MEMBER INTERVIEWS**

- A. Introduction of candidates – Nicole Tyler and Karl Wimmer
- B. Candidates' statements
- C. Questions and Answers

**V. BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT**

- 99. A motion is needed to appoint \_\_\_\_\_ as a School Board Director for the Montrose Area School District representing Region Three effective immediately until the reorganization meeting in December 2009.

Oath of Office administered by Board President: "I do solemnly swear that I will support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth, and that I will discharge the duties of my office with fidelity. I also swear that I live in Region 3 of the Montrose Area School District and will notify the President and Secretary of the Board within sixty (60) days if I should change my residence either to another region of the school district or outside of the school district."

**VI. OPPORTUNITY FOR VISITORS TO ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS**

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**VII. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- A. Board Committee appointments
- B. Items from members of Board of Directors

**VIII. AGENDA ITEMS**

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

100. A motion is needed to approve the following minutes as submitted:
- a. December 3, 2007 Board Meeting
  - b. December 3, 2007 Work Session
  - c. December 6, 2007 Health Advisory Council Meeting
  - d. December 10, 2007 Finance Committee Meeting
  - e. December 12, 2007 Finance Committee Meeting
  - f. December 17, 2007 Finance Committee Meeting
  - g. January 3, 2008 Finance Committee Meeting
101. A motion is needed to schedule public meetings for 2008:  
Regular meetings will be held on the second Monday of each month (with the exception of the December reorganization meeting which will be on the first Monday) beginning at 7:00 PM to be immediately followed by a work session. For the months of January, February, March, July, August and September the meetings will be held in the faculty room of the Choconut Valley Elementary School. For the months of April, May, June, October, November and December the meetings will be held in the cafeteria of the Junior-Senior High School.

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

102. A motion is needed to approve a list of bills to be paid as submitted.
103. A motion is needed to approve a list of budget transfers as submitted.
104. A motion is needed to approve the following as submitted:
- a. 22 Fund Check Register and Cash Balance Report
  - b. 30 Fund Check Register
105. A motion is needed to approve a preliminary budget for the 2008-2009 fiscal year in the amount of \$24.6 million.

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

106. A motion is needed to reaffirm the Montrose Area School District Board of Directors' compliance with the Pennsylvania School Boards Association Standards for Effective School Governance adopted by PSBA's Board of Directors November 2005.
107. A motion is needed 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 effective immediately through June 30, 2008.
108. A motion is needed to appoint Mary Homan, member of the Montrose Area School District Board of Directors, to serve as the PSBA Liaison and as alternate PSBA Legislative Representative.

**D. TRANSPORTATION – Mr. Douglas Wilcox, Chairperson**

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

**F. CURRICULUM – Mrs. Pamela Staats, Chairperson**

109. A motion is needed to approve a contract as submitted with Student Assistance Services effective November 27, 2007 through the end of the 2007-2008 school year at a cost not to exceed \$7,000.00

**VIII. AGENDA ITEMS – continued**

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

- 110. A motion is needed to establish a stipend of \$1,800.00 per school year to be paid to the advisor of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) student activity club.
- 111. A motion is needed to appoint Salvatore Vetri 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.
- 112. A motion is needed to accept with regret the resignation of Jeffrey Cornell as head boys' tennis coach effective December 14, 2007.
- 113. A motion is needed to employ James Hinds as Head Boys' Tennis Coach effective the beginning of the 2008 spring sports season at a salary of \$2,750.00.

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

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

- 114. A motion is needed to accept with regret the following resignations:
  - a. Kathryn Benninger as Lunchroom / Playground Aide at the Lathrop Street Elementary School effective January 4, 2008
  - b. Karen VanEtten as part-time food service worker at the Junior-Senior High School effective December 21, 2007
  - c. Lori Nagy as part-time food service worker at the Junior-Senior High School effective January 18, 2008
- 115. A motion is needed to employ the following part-time food service workers retroactive to January 2, 2008 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. Pamela Feeney – Choconut Valley Elementary School
  - b. Jessica Knight – Junior-Senior High School
  - c. Deborah Maye – Junior-Senior High School
  - d. Sue Warriner – Junior-Senior High School retroactive to January 7, 2008
- 116. A motion is needed to accept with regret the resignation of Jessica Knight, part-time food service worker at the Junior-Senior High School effective January 4, 2008.
- 117. A motion is needed to employ Amy Lyden as a Lunchroom / Playground Aide at the Lathrop Street Elementary School contingent upon completion of pre-employment paperwork at the rate of \$7.70 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.
- 118. A motion is needed to employ student Seth Wattrous as part of the Montrose Area School District's Cooperative Occupational Experience Program effective January 2, 2008 for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year at the rate of \$7.15 per hour for a maximum of 20 hours per week as an assistant in the Graphics Department at the Junior-Senior High School.

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

- 119. A motion is needed to grant continuation of a medical sabbatical to Marilyn Day, librarian at the Choconut Valley Elementary School, for the second semester of the 2007-2008 school year.

J. **PROFESSIONAL** – continued

120. A motion is needed to continue employment of Connie Diehl as a long-term substitute librarian at the Choconut Valley Elementary School for the second semester of the 2007-2008 school year at a daily rate of \$147.22 with no additional benefits.

IX. **NEW BUSINESS**

121. A motion is needed to approve Gloria Smith's and Mary Homan's attendance at the National School Boards Association Conference in Orlando, Florida, March 29 – April 1, 2008.

X. **SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC BOARD MEETINGS**

- A. Monday, January 14, 2008, immediately following Board meeting – Work session, Choconut Valley Elementary School
- B. Thursday, January 17, 2008, 7:00 PM – Community Advisory Committee meeting, Choconut Valley Elementary School faculty room
- C. Saturday, January 19, 2007, 8:00 AM – Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting, Junior-Senior High School
- D. Monday, February 11, 2008, 7:00 PM – Board meeting, Choconut Valley Elementary School faculty room

XI. **OPPORTUNITY FOR VISITORS' ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

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XII. **ADJOURNMENT**