

OCTOBER 1, 2007, 7:00 PM  
JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
MEETING MINUTES APPROVED NOVEMBER 12, 2007

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Mrs. Celeste Ridler  
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 Vice President Mr. Chris Caterson at 7:04 PM in the Junior-Senior High School cafeteria, 50 High School Road, Montrose PA, 18801.

**I. OPENING EXERCISES** - Led by representatives of the Montrose Area School District Cheerleading Squad

**II. ROLL CALL** – Mr. Lewis Plauny, Board Secretary

**PRESENT:** Mr. Chris Caterson, Mrs. Denise Gieski, Mr. George Gow, Mrs. Mary Homan, Ms. Julie Humphrey, Mrs. Kathleen Mordovancey, Mrs. Celeste Ridler (arrived 7:11 PM), Mr. Ray Smith

**ABSENT:** Mr. Kevin Sives

**ADMINISTRATORS/SUPERVISORS:** Mr. Michael Ognosky, Mr. Lewis Plauny, Mr. Greg Adams, Mr. Christopher McComb, Mr. Craig Owens

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

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**IV. GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING**

A. Cheerleaders – Ms. Mary Keihl, Advisor, and students: Brooke Bishop, Brittany Waldron, Helene Weiss, Nicole Finch, Justine Triebel, Shannon Lay, Stephanie Sobiech, Abbey Puzo, Amanda Pabst, Renee Oleniacz, Melissa Millen, Courtney Lawrence, Eliza Ely, Olivia Charles, Kala Kehnal  
Mr. Ognosky introduced Mrs. Mary Keihl, Cheerleader Advisor, who in turn introduced the members of the squad present at this evening's meeting. Mrs. Keihl reported on the many awards that the squad received during their participation at the *Camp Maple Lake* sports camp. Mrs. Keihl further reported that this squad has been selected to perform at the *Capital One Bowl* game in Orlando Florida January 2, 2008. The squad members gave a short presentation for the members of the Board. Mrs. Keihl and the squad members received the congratulations of the Board and those in attendance as well as certificates of appreciation from the district.

**V. INFORMATION ITEMS**

A. Items from members of Board of Directors - None

**VI. AGENDA ITEMS**

A. **MINUTES** – Mrs. Celeste Ridler, Board President

51. Prior to this motion, Mr. Ognosky reported that he would be making a change in the September 25<sup>th</sup> Community Advisory Committee minutes to include a question that was posed by Mr. Doug Wilcox at that evening's meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Mordovancey to approve the following minutes as submitted:

- a. September 10, 2007 Board Meeting
- b. September 10, 2007 Work Session
- c. September 17, 2007 Policy Committee Meeting
- d. September 17, 2007 Technology Committee Meeting
- e. September 18, 2007 Wellness Committee Meeting
- f. September 25, 2007 Community Advisory Committee Meeting
- g. September 26, 2007 Transportation Committee Meeting
- h. September 26, 2007 Finance Committee Meeting

Mr. Caterson, Aye; Mrs. Gieski, Aye; Mr. Gow, Aye; Mrs. Homan, Aye;  
Ms. Humphrey, Aye; Mrs. Mordovancey, Aye; Mrs. Ridler, Aye; Mr. Ray Smith, Aye

**AYE – 8      NAY – 0      ABSTAIN – 0**

**VI. AGENDA ITEMS – continued**

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

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

Mr. Caterson, Aye; Mrs. Gieski, Aye; Mr. Gow, Aye; Mrs. Homan, Aye;  
Ms. Humphrey, Aye; Mrs. Mordovancey, Aye; Mrs. Ridler, Aye; Mr. Ray Smith, Aye

**AYE – 8      NAY – 0      ABSTAIN – 0**

53. A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Gow to exonerate from payment of per capita and/or occupation taxes as per submitted list from G. H. Harris Associates, collector of delinquent taxes.

Mr. Caterson, Aye; Mrs. Gieski, Aye; Mr. Gow, Aye; Mrs. Homan, Aye;  
Ms. Humphrey, Aye; Mrs. Mordovancey, Aye; Mrs. Ridler, Aye; Mr. Ray Smith, Aye

**AYE – 8      NAY – 0      ABSTAIN – 0**

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

**D. TRANSPORTATION – Mr. Raymond Smith, Chairperson**

54. Mr. Adams and Mr. McComb reported on the many programs offered after school at the elementary level in response to a question from a member of the Board. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Mrs. Homan to approve additional late run contractors for the 2007-2008 school year as follows:

Route D (Lathrop Street)	James Ainey	Daily Rate \$75.00 – Mon. thru Thurs.
Route E (Choconut Valley)	Ronald Carlton	Daily Rate \$90.00 – Mon. thru Thurs.

Mr. Caterson, Aye; Mrs. Gieski, Aye; Mr. Gow, Aye; Mrs. Homan, Aye;  
Ms. Humphrey, Aye; Mrs. Mordovancey, Aye; Mrs. Ridler, Aye; Mr. Ray Smith, Aye

**AYE – 8      NAY – 0      ABSTAIN – 0**

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

**F. CURRICULUM – Mrs. Denise Gieski, Chairperson**

55. Prior to the vote on this item, Mr. Ognosky gave a brief summary of this program. A motion was made by Mr. Gow, seconded by Ms. Humphrey to approve a contract as submitted with Student Assistance Services effective September 14, 2007 through the end of the 2007-2008 school year at a cost not to exceed \$6,000.00.

Mr. Caterson, Aye; Mrs. Gieski, Aye; Mr. Gow, Aye; Mrs. Homan, Aye;  
Ms. Humphrey, Aye; Mrs. Mordovancey, Aye; Mrs. Ridler, Aye; Mr. Ray Smith, Aye

**AYE – 8      NAY – 0      ABSTAIN – 0**

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

**H. POLICIES – Ms. Julie Humphrey, Chairperson**

**I. PERSONNEL – Mrs. Celeste Ridler, Chairperson**

56. A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Mordovancey to accept with regret the resignation of Cheryl Misiura as Accounts Payable Clerk / Computer Communications Liaison effective September 10, 2007.

Mr. Caterson, Aye; Mrs. Gieski, Aye; Mr. Gow, Aye; Mrs. Homan, Aye;  
Ms. Humphrey, Aye; Mrs. Mordovancey, Aye; Mrs. Ridler, Aye; Mr. Ray Smith, Aye

**AYE – 8      NAY – 0      ABSTAIN – 0**

**VI. AGENDA ITEMS – Personnel continued**

57. A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Humphrey to employ the following support staff personnel contingent upon completion of employment requirements:
- a. Brandy Knight as permanent part-time food service worker at the Junior-Senior High School effective September 17, 2007 at the rate of \$7.29 per hour for a maximum of 4½ hours per day for 180 school days per year with no fringe benefits in accordance with the current MESPA Agreement;
  - b. JoAnn Shubin as permanent part-time food service worker at the Lathrop Street Elementary School effective September 24, 2007 at the rate of \$7.29 per hour for a maximum of 4½ hours per day for 180 school days per year with no fringe benefits in accordance with the current MESPA Agreement.

Mr. Caterson, Aye; Mrs. Gieski, Aye; Mr. Gow, Aye; Mrs. Homan, Aye;

Ms. Humphrey, Aye; Mrs. Mordovancey, Aye; Mrs. Ridler, Aye; Mr. Ray Smith, Aye

**AYE – 8      NAY – 0      ABSTAIN – 0**

58. A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Homan to appoint the following as daily support staff substitutes contingent upon completion of employment requirements:

- a. Tina Frisbie
- b. Judith McFadden
- c. Roberta Douglas
- d. Marian Slater
- e. Crystal Waring

Mr. Caterson, Aye; Mrs. Gieski, Aye; Mr. Gow, Aye; Mrs. Homan, Aye;

Ms. Humphrey, Aye; Mrs. Mordovancey, Aye; Mrs. Ridler, Aye; Mr. Ray Smith, Aye

**AYE – 8      NAY – 0      ABSTAIN – 0**

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

59. A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Mordovancey to accept with regret the resignation of Amanda Sibrava as long-term substitute second grade teacher at the Lathrop Street Elementary School effective immediately.

Mr. Caterson, Aye; Mrs. Gieski, Aye; Mr. Gow, Aye; Mrs. Homan, Aye;

Ms. Humphrey, Aye; Mrs. Mordovancey, Aye; Mrs. Ridler, Aye; Mr. Ray Smith, Aye

**AYE – 8      NAY – 0      ABSTAIN – 0**

60. A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Humphrey to appoint Holly Johnson as long-term substitute second grade teacher at the Lathrop Street Elementary School contingent upon completion of employment requirements beginning approximately October 15, 2007 through approximately February 1, 2008 at a daily rate of \$147.22 with no fringe benefits.

Mr. Caterson, Aye; Mrs. Gieski, Aye; Mr. Gow, Aye; Mrs. Homan, Aye;

Ms. Humphrey, Aye; Mrs. Mordovancey, Aye; Mrs. Ridler, Aye; Mr. Ray Smith, Aye

**AYE – 8      NAY – 0      ABSTAIN – 0**

61. A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Mordovancey to appoint Laurie Papi as Head Teacher at the Choconut Valley Elementary School at stipend of \$600.00 per school year.

Mr. Caterson, Aye; Mrs. Gieski, Aye; Mr. Gow, Aye; Mrs. Homan, Aye;

Ms. Humphrey, Aye; Mrs. Mordovancey, Aye; Mrs. Ridler, Aye; Mr. Ray Smith, Aye

**AYE – 8      NAY – 0      ABSTAIN – 0**

62. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Mr. Smith to appoint the following as daily professional substitutes contingent upon completion of employment requirements:

- a. Heather Fluck Winn – Communications 7 – 12
- b. Tina J. Hester – Registered Nurse

Mr. Caterson, Aye; Mrs. Gieski, Aye; Mr. Gow, Aye; Mrs. Homan, Aye;

Ms. Humphrey, Aye; Mrs. Mordovancey, Aye; Mrs. Ridler, Aye; Mr. Ray Smith, Aye

**AYE – 8      NAY – 0      ABSTAIN – 0**

**VII. NEW BUSINESS – Mrs. Celeste Ridler, Board President**

63. Mr. Ognosky answered questions from the members of the Board regarding this item prior to the vote. A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Gieski to re-activate the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) student activity club with Mr. Duane Benedict, business teacher, as the advisor, and to open a student activity account at the Junior-Senior High School.  
Mr. Caterson, Aye; Mrs. Gieski, Aye; Mr. Gow, Aye; Mrs. Homan, Aye;  
Ms. Humphrey, Aye; Mrs. Mordovancey, Aye; Mrs. Ridler, Aye; Mr. Ray Smith, Aye  
**AYE – 8      NAY – 0      ABSTAIN – 0**

64. Members of the Board voiced their appreciation for the hard work and time Mr. Sives devoted to the district during his time as a member and past president of the Montrose Area School District Board of Directors. A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Mordovancey to accept with regret the resignation of Mr. Kevin Sives as a school board member from region 1 effective immediately.  
Mr. Caterson, Aye; Mrs. Gieski, Aye; Mr. Gow, Aye; Mrs. Homan, Aye;  
Ms. Humphrey, Aye; Mrs. Mordovancey, Aye; Mrs. Ridler, Aye; Mr. Ray Smith, Aye  
**AYE – 8      NAY – 0      ABSTAIN – 0**

**VIII. SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC BOARD MEETINGS – Mrs. Ridler reviewed the following upcoming meetings:**

- A. Monday, October 1, 2007, immediately following Board meeting – Work session, Junior-Senior High School cafeteria  
B. Monday, November 12, 2007, 7:00 PM – Board meeting, Junior-Senior High School cafeteria

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

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**X. ADJOURNMENT – This meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:36 PM.**

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Lewis Plauny, Board Secretary