

**AUGUST 8, 2022, 7:00 P.M.
JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

**MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

WORK SESSION AGENDA

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Mrs. Mary Homan
Board of Directors President

Mr. Christopher McComb
Superintendent of Schools

Announcement: An Executive Session was held after the adjournment of the July 11, 2022 Board meeting regarding Personnel.

- I. OPENING EXERCISES** – Led by a Board Member
- II. ROLL CALL** – Mrs. Connie Birchard, Board Secretary
- III. PRESENTATIONS** - None
- IV. ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS** – Electronically Submitted
 - A. Gregory Adams
 - B. Christine Kresge
 - C. Thomas Lonzinski
 - D. JoAnne McCain
 - E. Patrick Matthews
 - F. Madison Moyer
 - G. Craig Owens – no submission
 - H. Terrence Whalen – no submission
 - I. Michelle Lusk
 - J. Eric Powers
- V. DISCUSSION ITEMS**
 - A. Student Handbook – Mr. Powers
 - B. Items from members of Board of Directors
- VI. REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS**
- VII. INFORMATION ITEMS**
 - A. PCCD Grant "Mental Health Services for At-Risk Children" – Mrs. Kresge
 - B. PCCD Safety and Mental Health Grant – Mr. Owens
 - C. Items from members of Board of Directors
- VIII. COMMITTEES**
 - A. Schedule meetings
- IX. VISITORS' COMMENTS**
- X. ADJOURNMENT**

MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

ADMINISTRATOR- Christine Kresge, Director of Curriculum and Instruction

BOARD MEETING DATE: Monday, August 8, 2022

Curriculum/Professional Development Planning/Programming

- The school level plans for both Lathrop Street and Choconut Valley elementary schools are in draft form and will be completed after our building level committees meet to review the data and our preliminary findings. The goal of the committee is to add value to the process by contributing to the development of the building level goals as they relate to Title I Federal Programs guidelines.
- Interviews have been conducted for several positions throughout the district. We have been fortunate to have a nice amount of quality applicants.
- I have been meeting with representatives from various companies via zoom to continue the science CAT cycle.
- Preparations for the opening in-service days are underway. We have scheduled several trainings and quality opportunities for grade levels to prepare for the 22-23 school year.
- Letters requesting proposals for the PCCD mental health professional have been sent to various agencies. We are hoping to find a highly qualified candidate to assist in providing mental health and counseling services to our students at Choconut Valley.
- I will be attending a three-day conference in Harrisburg next week to learn about the changes to Federal Programs guidelines. This will include updates related to the ESSER I, ESSER II, and ARP ESSER monitoring procedures that will be implemented in the 22-23 school year.

MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

ADMINISTRATOR: Eric Powers

BUILDING: High School

DATE SUBMITTED: August 5, 2022

BOARD MEETING DATE: August 8, 2022

I. RECOGNITION:

- Thank you to Mrs. Palmiter for her hard work and dedication to our 8th grade students. She developed and facilitated a remedial 8th grade math summer school program that 15 students participated in. Thanks also to Mrs. Christine Casey and Mrs. Janeen Miller for their assistance in getting this program up and running.
- Thanks to Chris Black for his work in the high school, and his efforts to get the building ready for a new school year while also transitioning to Choconut Valley. Thanks to Mr. Lonzinski and the summer crew for making such good progress with summer cleaning. A Special thanks to Miss Ashley Miller for her help coordinating and overseeing our student workers.
- Thanks to Mrs. Erin Giannone for providing summer school support opportunities, in-person and online, to our Summer School students over a 6-week period.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- We will soon be back in school and fall sports practices begin on Monday August 8. We will need to work around the progress being made on the baseball field but are excited to see that project nearing completion. One consequence of the field work is that Coach Brewer needed to change the cross country course a bit. The course has been widened in multiple places and is going to be in great shape for the upcoming season. The slow but steady progress on the main gym floor will also cause a disruption to the volleyball team, but we can't wait to show off the newly refinished floor!
- Meet the teacher Nigh grades 7-12 is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday August 30 from 6-7:30pm, with 7th grade Orientation in the auditorium from 5:15-6:00. Those details will be sent home with student schedules in the near future.
- We are pleased to welcome Ariel Dudock, Michelle Martini and Heather Spry to the high school Special Education Department, and are excited to start a new year with these new employees.
- I would like to remind you that Mr. Alec Dragos, our Physics teacher, is the newest member of the Meteor family to participate in Project Lead the Way Training, and he is excited to be offering the new Principles of Engineering elective. Thanks to Mrs.

Kresge for her help in identifying federal funds that will be used to offset the start-up costs of the new course.

III. CURRENT PROJECT STATUS:

- The Junior/Senior High School master schedule is almost complete. Grades 7 and 8 are complete, and the high school schedule is set, pending resolving some conflicts for a number of students, identifying alternate electives, etc.
- Our Summer School program concluded July 29 and a number of students found success, many earning grades in the 80's and 90's. 10 of 15 students found success with Mrs. Palmiter's 8th grade math program; 10 of 11 passed the Personal Finance Course I facilitated through VLN; 11 of 22 other VLN-based courses were passed, a rate that is typical of summer school courses, with a much higher success rate when our own staff is involved.
- The Student Handbook is ready for your review. There are no substantive changes, apart from the usual editing process. We were able to add our Activity/Meteor Period and Assembly schedules back in and plan to make good use of them this year after a 2-year break.

IV. OTHER:

Signature: Eric C. Powers

Date: August 05, 2022

MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

ADMINISTRATOR: GREG ADAMS
DEPARTMENT: Special Education
BOARD MEETING: Monday, August 8th,2022

1. Interviews and Positions

We are close to filling special education positions for the upcoming school year. As the board is aware, we have filled several special education teachers and paraeducators positions his summer. At this point we have one teaching position and one para position still open.

We will also interview for the School Psychologist position next week and hopefully have a viable candidate to send to the second round by Thursday.

2. **In-Service:** As I explained last year, professional development continues to be a priority in the special education department. Mr. Owens has been instrumental in securing the Pearson company to offer special education teachers a progress monitoring training using Aimsweb during our in-service days coming up at the end of August. Mr. McComb, Mr. Owens, and I met with Pearson at the beginning of the summer to discuss training and I am excited to have this opportunity for our teachers.
3. **Special Education Plan:** Our special education state plan is due this spring so that project will require a lot of focus this year. I will be assembling a committee in September to begin work on the plan.

MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Administrator: JoAnne McCain

Department: Transportation

Board Meeting Date: August 8, 2022

I. **Recognition:**

II. **Important Dates and Events:**

Bus Inspections and Camera Maintenance were held on July 18, 2022.
Hands-on Car Seat Safety was held on July 20, 2022.

III. **Announcements:**

IV. **Current Project Status:**

Traversa is continuing to be updated with transportation data.
Bus assignments for next year's 7th graders and kindergarteners.
Merging of Bus 9.

V. **Other:**

Signature: *JoAnne McCain*

Date: 8/3/22

MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Administrator: Madison Moyer

Building: Choconut Valley Elementary School

Board Meeting Date: August 8, 2022

I. Recognition

Thank you to Mrs. Sarah Briggs and the entire Summer Camp staff for all their hard work and dedication to our students this summer. It takes a lot of hours, coordination, and planning to ensure that Summer Camp is successful.

Thank you to Mrs. Sarah Springsteen (and special guest Charlotte) for all her hard work this summer setting up themes, activities, and picking great books to share with our students.

Thanks to Mrs. Jessie Blaney for all her work this summer preparing and running our Kindergarten Kick-Off program for some of our incoming Kindergarteners and Computer Camp for incoming 2nd and 3rd grade students.

It has been wonderful having students in the building and having different ways to engage with students and their families this summer. It takes a lot of effort and planning to pull all of this together and it does not go unnoticed. Thank you to everyone involved with these programs.

II. Important Dates and Events

Summer Camp July 11th- August 11th

Summer Library Dates: Last one: August 11th from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

First day of School: Teachers: August 26th and Students: August 31st

Meet the Teacher Night: Tuesday, August 30th from 5:30-7:00 PM

Kindergarten Orientation: Tuesday, August 30th from 5:00-6:00 PM

CVES PTO Sponsored Dance Program with Miss Judy:

Registration Forms due Sept. 7th & Class Information Day Sept. 9th from 3:30-5:30 PM

CEO/Weinberg Food Bank Pick-Up- Tuesday, September 20th from 3:30-5:30 PM

III. Announcements

Summer Camp wraps up on Thursday, August 11th. The entire team has done a great job working with students this summer. Students have continued learning during their Reading and Math blocks in the morning, have spent the afternoons in their special's classes (Art, STEAM, and PE), and have enjoyed fun events, themes, and activities throughout the five-week program. The themes for this year were based around Adventure, Farm, Woodland, Safari, and Ocean. There have been special events throughout the summer for students. The Susquehanna County Dairy Promotion and Salt Springs came to do different stations with students. The Electric City Aquarium is also coming for the last week of camp. Students have enjoyed lots of outdoor activities, especially the slip and slide in the heat and sunny

weather this summer. Students also had a blast with a Glow Party day including special activities and stations. In STEAM class, students created boats and took them to the creek to see if they were successful in their efforts and would sail. In Art class, students created amazing collages using nature and materials found outside. It has been a busy summer and we are very proud of our students and their efforts throughout camp.

Summer Library has had an amazing turnout so far this year. Mrs. Sarah Springsteen has done a wonderful job of finding themes for the weeks including: Butterflies and Frogs, Super Heroes, Bones, Friendship, and more. Each day she begins with a story time for students, followed by a related activity and/or craft, as well as a snack. Families have been enjoying the program and it has been wonderful to see so many taking advantage of this time.

The Kindergarten Kick-Off Program wrapped up on Thursday, August 4th. It was wonderful seeing some of our incoming Kindergarteners exploring our school, learning about what school will be like, practicing some skills, and getting to know each other. They did great! Mrs. Blaney also hosted a Computer Camp for incoming 2nd and 3rd graders with students creating projects such as learning how to make a card for someone, using drawing tools on the computer to illustrate their own books, using the computer to write and create their own book template, and more.

As we look ahead, preparations are well under way for the 2022-2023 school year. Meet the Teacher night will be held on Tuesday, August 30th from 5:30-7:00 PM. We will also host Kindergarten Orientation the same night from 5:00-6:00 PM. The first day of school for students for the 2022-2023 school year is the following day, Wednesday August 31st. I'm looking forward to seeing all our students and staff again and to kick off this new school year. The CVYAA soccer program will be running this fall starting in September (official date TBD). The PTO sponsored dance program with Miss Judy is kicking off with Class Information Day on September 9th from 3:30-5:30 PM.

IV. Current project status

V. Other

Signature: *Madison Moyer*

Date: 08/05/2022

MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

ADMINISTRATOR – Michelle Lusk
BUILDING – Administration
BOARD MEETING DATE – 8/8/2022

I. IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

August 10-12, 2022 – Federal Programs Fiscal conference, Harrisburg
August 22, 2022 – Beginning of Local Audit

I continue to work on reconciling grants for audit and year end reporting.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Local Audit preparations are coming along. The business office has been busy getting our documents ready – thanks ladies!

Capital Fund Update: 39 Fund has a balance of \$86,516
 32 Fund has a balance of \$1,063,271,71

For the past two years, the USDA has offered waivers to Child Nutrition (CN) Programs across the United States, allowing these programs to offer all students breakfast and lunch at no cost to you. Unfortunately, these waivers expired on June 30, 2022.

Starting next school year (22-23), CN programs across the nation will return to normal, pre- pandemic operations. Families will once again be asked to complete and submit a current school year Free/Reduced Meal Application if they would like to see if their students qualify based on income. In past years, the first 30 days of the school year carry over status from the previous school year. Since very few meal applications were submitted over the past two years, here is what you can do to ensure your child(s) is ready to start the 22-23 school year.

Breakfast costs \$1.25; lunch costs \$2.55. Your child(ren) may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. *Reduced price is \$.30 for breakfast and \$.40 for lunch.*

Michelle Lusk

Business Manager
Food Service Director
Montrose Area School District

MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Administrator: Patrick Matthews

Building: Lathrop Street Elementary School

Board Meeting Date: August 8, 2022

I. Recognition

II. Important Dates and Events

Children's Food Market- No pickup this month

Summer Library- Wednesdays from July 6th – August 10th from 9:00-12:00

Meet the Teacher Night- Tuesday, August 30th from 5:30-7:00

Kindergarten Orientation- Monday, August 29th from 5:00-6:30

First Day of School for Students- Wednesday, August 31st

III. Announcements

We will not be having the Children's Food Market this month. We will start up again in September.

Summer library has been a hit! We have had a great turn out each Wednesday and Mrs. Hellmuth has done a very nice job. I'm happy that we were able to hold the program this summer here at Lathrop Street.

Kindergarten Kick-Off is up and running! Thanks to Mrs. Zenger for making sure everything is running smoothly.

Our ESY team has been working hard over the past few weeks. The last day for ESY at Lathrop Street is August 11th.

We held interviews for the first-grade teaching position at Lathrop Street, and interviewed for the Speech Pathologist position at Lathrop Street. Thanks to the teachers and administrators who participated in our interviews. We will be interviewing for the guidance counselor position at Choconut next week.

Mrs. Moyer and I met with Mrs. Rezykowski to plan for the upcoming school year and our PBIS assemblies. We believe we have a good plan moving forward and we are looking forward to the school year getting underway.

The custodial staff continues to do a great job getting classrooms ready for the school year. They have made really nice progress and rooms are looking great.

IV. Current project status

V. Other

Signature: *Patrick Matthews*

Date: 8/1/22

MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

ADMINISTRATOR – Tom Lonzinski

BUILDING - All

BOARD MEETING DATE - August 8, 2022

Facilities Report

The Stage in the High School Auditorium – Several Contractors have been in to review the project and we are awaiting recommendations and quotes at this time. Further updates will be posted as we move forward with this project.

Baseball Field Renovation Project at the Jr / Sr High School is in process. Final field grading is now complete, Drainage installation is now complete, currently the Infield Dirt is being installed, Infield Sod will be installed the week of 8/8/22, and then the Seeding of the outfield is scheduled for 8/25/22. The fencing Contractor will be finalizing the fence layout and Installation will be done in September. All work has been completed as expected and they are all doing an excellent Job!

With the field drainage installed, we have also added a 40 ft. collection trench and catch basin at the parking lot to Stadium entrance to collect rain water runoff. This trench will reduce the amount of washout that we have been experiencing under the stadium seating and onto the track below.

Gym Floors of all 3 Campuses – Choconut Elementary and Lathrop Street Elementary are now completed. The High School Gym Floor is currently in the painting phase and should be completed and drying within a few days . All Gyms will be available and ready to go by August 22, 2022.

Roofing project Updates:

High School – Work started as planned and has progressed very well. Weather has remained dry and the contractor has now completed about 65% of the roof to date. Wall panels for the upper section walls are scheduled to arrive the week of 8/8/22.

Lathrop Street – Work has now started. Removal and replacement will be 8 – 12 square a day and the goal is to have all demo work completed by the first day of school. Weather will decide if that will happen but weekend and working at night are options that will be used if necessary. Off to a good start so far.

Tom Lonzinski