

**JANUARY 10, 2022, 7:00 P.M.
JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM AND VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE
HYBRID MEETING**

**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

I. OPENING EXERCISES – Led by a Board Member

II. ROLL CALL – Mrs. Connie Birchard – Board Secretary

III. PRESENTATIONS

A. School Director Recognition Month – Mr. McComb

In honor of school boards' commitment to our students, schools and communities, January is once again designated School Director Recognition Month. Pennsylvania public schools educate nearly 2 million students and 1,194 are in the Montrose Area School District. We thank our Board of Directors for devoting their time and energy to supporting public education and serving the Montrose Area School District. We sincerely appreciate your year-round commitment and willingness to serve as advocates for our students.

IV. ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS – ALL ELECTRONICALLY SUBMITTED

- A. Greg Adams
- B. Craig Owens
- C. Thomas Lonzinski
- D. Patrick Matthews
- E. Eric Powers
- F. Sean Castellani
- G. Terrence Whalen
- H. JoAnne McCain
- I. Michelle Lusk
- J. Christine Kresge

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. NFHS Streaming Service – Mr. Gilhool
- B. Jr/Sr High School Wrestling - coaching position and Girls Wrestling statewide initiative – Mr. Gilhool and Mr. Powers
- C. College and Career Coach and Act 158 Graduation Requirements – Mr. Morey and Mr. Powers
- D. Items from members of Board of Directors

VI. REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Football Donation – Mr. Gilhool
- B. Items from members of Board of Directors

VIII. COMMITTEES

- A. Announcement of Board Committee appointments – Mrs. Homan
- B. Schedule meetings

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IX. VISITORS' COMMENTS

X. ADJOURNMENT

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MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

ADMINISTRATOR- Christine Kresge, Director of Curriculum, and Instruction

BOARD MEETING DATE: Monday, January 10, 2021

Curriculum/Professional Development Planning/Programming

- We are moving forward with Aimsweb training and benchmark assessments. Our mid-year assessments are scheduled to begin this week. The data will help us to identify areas of growth and needed improvement.
- Tracie McComb, Sean Castellani, and I wrapped up a Text Dependent Analysis training that was sponsored by PDE. We will now work to create professional development opportunities to pass along the valuable information.
- Mid- year zoom meetings are scheduled with our non-public Title I schools to check progress and monitor programming.
- I have completed all the necessary trainings as the district assessment coordinator for the Keystone, PSSA, and the PASA exams. The process of preparing for the test administration is underway.
- The intervention team spent a full day evaluating the services we are providing students and are ready to move forward once the mid-year benchmark assessments are complete. We have made some excellent changes to how we are servicing students and hope to see positive results by the spring.
- The report card committee is moving along nicely and has set the goal of finalizing report card updates during the March in-service.
- Big Ideas Math will conduct an in-person parent night on February 17 to support parents in understanding the online platform as well as answering any questions they may have about the program.

MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

ADMINISTRATOR

BUILDING

BOARD MEETING DATE

I. RECOGNITION:

II. IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS:

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS :

IV. CURRENT PROJECT STATUS:

V. OTHER:

Signature :

Date:

MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

ADMINISTRATOR: Eric Powers

BUILDING: High School

DATE SUBMITTED: January 6, 2022

BOARD MEETING DATE: January 10, 2022

I. RECOGNITION:

- Congratulations to the following Chorus members for qualifying for District Chorus: Sophomores Jessalyn Robinson (Soprano II) and Ethan Powers (Bass I), and Senior Cassidy Beeman (Alto I).
 - District pre-auditions were submitted electronically. Auditions for the regional festival will also be submitted electronically prior to the district festival.
 - District Chorus will be held February 9-11 at Pittston Area.
- Congratulations to the following Band members for qualifying for District Band and Orchestra: Lydia Whalen (flute), Glory Rogers and Gelina Smith (clarinet), Jonathon Creamer (alto sax), Scott Warren (tenor sax), Teddy Welsch (bari sax), Celsie Schoffstall (french horn), Ian Dorval (trombone), Alex Edwards (tuba), Nathan Farley (percussion, District Band and District Orchestra)
 - District pre-auditions were submitted electronically.
 - District Orchestra will be held January 13 and 14 at Marywood University
 - District Band will be held January 27 and 28 at the Scranton Cultural Center
- Thank you to Mrs. Sherwood and her Make Your Mark team for providing a valuable day-long program that all 7th graders participated in. Feedback from the 7th graders was excellent and I am very proud of the student leaders who worked hard to make this a meaningful event for our 7th graders!
- Congratulations to Seniors Nick Harder (wrestling, Western New England University), Alexis Hawley (Track & Field, Misericordia University) and Tangi Smith (Track & Field, Mount St. Mary's) for signing with their respective schools. We look forward to watching their athletic careers continue! Thank you to Mr. Gilhool for coordinating a signing ceremony for these athletes on January 6th.

II. IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS:

- The end of the 2nd quarter is currently January 14th with report card distribution tentatively scheduled for January 21.
- Keystone retesting for Biology was conducted January 5 and 6 while Algebra is scheduled to be on January 11 and 12.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- I encourage everyone to consult the MAHS athletics page for a schedule of our home athletic events. At this point both our Girls Basketball and Wrestling Teams are off to strong seasons. While our Boys basketball team has been struggling a bit, they have been working and playing hard. We appreciate all the support the community has been giving our student athletes and despite a limited number of covid-related cancellations are pleased that they are experiencing a relatively normal winter season to date.

IV. CURRENT PROJECT STATUS:

- I am excited to be exploring a new offering from the state to allow students to earn industry-based certifications related to skills they are gaining and content they are learning in school. In addition to helping students meet the multiple pathways to graduation requirements, it will help to build their resumes. Pennsylvania CareerLink has created the SkillUp PA website to provide access to free, online job skills training to Pennsylvania residents, not just students, and I look forward to sharing this tool with staff and piloting it with students this year.

V. OTHER:

Signature: Eric C. Powers

Date: January 6, 2022

MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

ADMINISTRATOR **Greg Adams**
BUILDING **Special Education Department**
BOARD MEETING DATE **January 10, 2022**

1. The same initiatives I have discussed in the prior reports continue to be worked on. This is a busy time of year in special education with nearly 150 meetings for November and the short month of December so much of my time has been attending meetings and traveling between the three buildings.
2. Out focus continues to be on professional development this year and the February in-service we will continue the special education professional development.

Signature: *Greg Adams*

MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Administrator: JoAnne McCain

Department: Transportation

Board Meeting Date: January 10, 2022

I. **Recognition:**

II. **Important Dates and Events:**

Car Seat Safety Training is set for February 2, 2022 at 7:00pm via Zoom

III. **Announcements:**

IV. **Current Project Status:**

Focus and Traversa are continuing to be updated with transportation data.

Budget for the 2022-2023 school year.

V. **Other:**

Signature: *JoAnne McCain*

Date: 1/5/22

MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

ADMINISTRATOR – Michelle Lusk
BUILDING – Administration
BOARD MEETING DATE – 1/10/2022

I. IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

December 16, 2021 – Application for Special Education contingency funding submitted
December 31, 2021 – Access cost settlement report submitted
January 1, 2022 – MASD open enrollment for insurance finalized and rolled out new insurance year for employee benefits. Medical deductible year is from 1/1/2022 through 12/31/2022.
January 6, 2022 – First Finance committee meeting. Cancelled
February 8, 2022 – Finance Meeting 6:00PM

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The business office is working on the calendar year transition for payroll and accounts payable, running W2s and 1099s, processing benefits for the new year and budgeting. W-2's to be issued by 1/31/2022.

The local audit is complete and The Annual Financial has been submitted to PDE within the required deadline. Mr. Paul Murphy will present his report at the March board meeting.

I continue to work with the Administrators on the 2022 – 2023 budgets to prepared for the upcoming budget meetings.

Food Service – I continue to work with The Nutrition Group on food service tasks. Building inspections to be done by February 1, 2022.

Grants – we are tracking all ESSER funding expenses for required reporting.

Bond Update – There is a balance of \$10,198 to be used on the Lathrop Street gym door replacement. The extra \$510,000 principle payment will be made using previously committed fund balance.

Michelle Lusk

Business Manager
Montrose Area School District

MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Administrator: Patrick Matthews

Building: Lathrop Street Elementary School

Board Meeting Date: January 10, 2021

I. Recognition

Kiwanis student of the month: Adalynn Garnett

Congratulations to our Mighty Meteors of the month (from last month, our January students will be announced soon)! These students are being recognized for meeting and going above and beyond our schoolwide expectations:

Kindergarten: Lily Vasquez, Evelyn Swartz, Levi Holbrook

1st grade: Logan Ladner, Piper Lewis, Evelyn DiBase

2nd grade: Charles Arnold, Owen Winn, Nolan Welch

3rd grade: Naomi Wagner, Bailey Sterling, Ayden Swartz

4th grade: Ailey Nelson, Kimberly Schell, Ava Garnett

5th grade: Penelope Follert, Anna Evans, Gauge Kamansky, Trenton Shedd

6th grade: Abigail Benedict, Olivia Wilcox, Victoria Kipar

II. Important Dates and Events

Children's Food Market- Thursday, January 20th from 3:30-5:30

End of marking period for grades 4-6: Friday, January 14th

Report cards go home: Monday, January 24th

III. Announcements

The budget is just about finished up here at Lathrop Street. I appreciate the help from the administration team as I work through this process. Michelle came down and provided me with some guidance and was extremely helpful.

The Holiday Shop was a huge success! The kids here loved being able to go in and pick out gifts for their family and friends. The PTO has brought lots of joy to our kids this school year and that has been great to see.

The marking period is coming to an end within the next couple of weeks for grades 4-6. We will be also be completing our benchmark assessments this month in grades K-6.

I am finishing up a letter to send home regarding after school activities for kids. There have been many great ideas, so the letter will help gauge an idea of about how many after school activities/clubs we will be able to provide for our students. The plan is to get everything up and running by the end of the month!

We had Santa and the Grinch make an appearance on the half day before Christmas break! It was great seeing the kids' reactions. Thanks to our Santa and Mr. Wood for being the Grinch.

IV. Current project status

V. Other

Signature: *Patrick Matthews*

Date: 1/5/22

Choconut Valley Elementary School

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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

ADMINISTRATOR Sean Castellani, Principal - Choconut Valley Elementary School

BOARD MEETING DATE January 10th, 2022

I. RECOGNITION:

Congratulations to our Students of the Month for December of 2021. Students were selected based on the district wide elementary positive behavior expectations of Being Safe, Responsible and Respectful:

Kindergarten: Anna Roberts

1st Grade: Layla Salsman

2nd Grade: Gavin Nederostek

3rd Grade: Callen Dilmore

4th Grade: Annabelle Steele

5th Grade: Caelan Flaherty

6th Grade: Isaac Dilmore

These students will receive a small luncheon on a Friday during the month of January. Thank you to the teachers for their submissions to recognize these seven well deserving students.

II. IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS:

The mid-marking period for the second trimester for students in grades K through 3rd will be on Friday, January 14th.

The end of the 2nd marking period for students in grades 4th through 6th will be on Friday, January 14th.

Free Children's Produce Market at Choconut Valley Elementary School – Tuesday, January 18th from 3:30PM to 5:30PM – Pre-Registration is required.

The Mobile Dentist will be at Choconut Valley Elementary School – Wednesday, January 19th

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

5th grade students will begin learning important decision-making skills with Officer Gene Mishinski as he leads our students through the D.A.R.E. program.

Archery begins for students at Choconut Valley Elementary School on Tuesday, January 11th.

Open Hoops for elementary students will be on Saturday mornings beginning on January 15th. Thank you to the CVYAA for providing this opportunity for our students.

IV. CURRENT PROJECT STATUS:

V. OTHER:

Signature: *Sean Castellani*

Date: January 6th, 2022

MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

ADMINISTRATOR: Terrence Whalen

BUILDING: Jr/Sr High School

DATE SUBMITTED: 1/7/22

BOARD MEETING DATE: 1/10/22

I. RECOGNITION:

December students of the Month

12th – Mia Amorino

11th- Paige Brewer

10th- Jessica Carey

9th- Jayden Traver

8th- Aiden Stone-Fike

7th – Ben Follert

Congratulations to the following Athletic College Signings

Tangi Smith – Mount Saint Mary's – Track and Field

Nick Harder – Western New England College

Alexis Hawley – Misericordia

II. IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS:

January 11 and 12 - Keystone Algebra

January 14 – Last Day of the quarter

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 19 – Grades and comments due finalized in Focus

February 7 – 9:00 am live virtual S2S assembly

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

IV. CURRENT PROJECT STATUS:

V. OTHER

Signature: *Terrence Whalen*

Date: 1/7/22

MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

ADMINISTRATOR – Tom Lonzinski

BUILDING - All

BOARD MEETING DATE - January 10, 2022

Facilities Report

Next Roofing Project for Summer of 2022 – Roof repairs and replacements at the Jr / Sr High School and Lathrop Street Elementary have been being planned and proposals will be submitted to the District within a couple of weeks. There have been several different roofing companies reviewing current roof conditions and what types of roofs we have. Tremco will be available to review these proposals as they have in the past at a Buildings & Grounds meeting.

We have not been working on any large projects for the past month but the team has been very busy with the routine maintenance of the buildings. Many repairs / replacements of light fixtures, plumbing fixtures, painting projects, and several electrical repairs have been completed. The parking Lot Lights at Choconut Elementary School became an issue recently and several poles were out. Many have been repaired and a few are now in need of replacement wiring. This work will be completed as the weather allows.

Tom Lonzinski