

**DECEMBER 7, 2009**  
**JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL – COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER**  
**MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS WORK SESSION MINUTES**  
**MEETING MINUTES APPROVED JANUARY 11, 2010**

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Mr. Doug Wilcox  
President, Board of Directors

Mr. Michael F. Ognosky  
Superintendent of Schools

- I. CALL TO ORDER** - The Montrose Area School District Board of Directors Work Session was called to order by Mr. Doug Wilcox, Board President at 8:02 PM in the Junior-Senior High School Community Learning Center, 50 High School Road, Montrose PA, 18801.

A. Roll Call Attendance – Mrs. Diane Truman, Co-Board Secretary

**PRESENT:** Mr. Christopher Caterson, Mr. George Gow, Mrs. Mary Homan, Mrs. Kathleen Mordovancey, Mrs. Gloria Smith, Mrs. Pamela Staats, Mr. Douglas Wilcox, Mr. Karl Wimmer

**ABSENT:** Ms. Julie Humphrey

**ADMINISTRATORS/SUPERVISORS:** Mr. Michael Ognosky, Mrs. Michelle Lusk, Mr. Jim Tallarico, Mr. Russ Canevari, Mr. Chris McComb, Dr. Don Golden, Mr. Craig Owens, Mr. Rickie Clapper

**II. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS**

A. Administrators' Reports – Electronically sent to members of the Board

1. Betsy O'Malley
2. Greg Adams
3. Mr. Ognosky informed those present that Mrs. Dot Martin, teacher at Lathrop Street Elementary School has been recognized by station WBRE as the December Teacher of the Month.
4. Mr. McComb reported on a new reading incentive initiated at Choconut Valley Elementary which is proving to be very successful, recapped upcoming holiday activities as well as thanking the members of the Board and Mr. Clapper for the new entranceway at the school.
5. Mr. Owens and the members of the Board discussed the proper use of email services with Mr. Owens recommending the use of the district web site for retrieving their mail rather than using personal accounts. Mr. Owens also thanked Mr. Clapper for his assistance with the transportation software training.
6. Dr. Golden congratulated Mrs. Martin on her recent honor of being selected as WBRE Teacher of the Month. Following a discussion by the Board members and Dr. Golden it was determined that an hourly increase in pay for the as-needed personal care aide will be placed on the January agenda for the Board's consideration.
7. Mrs. Lusk and the members of the Finance Committee established the dates of December 16<sup>th</sup>, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 and January 6, 2010 for the next budget meetings. Mrs. Lusk reported that she had met with various modular companies and they will be presenting their designs for a new district administration building for the Board's consideration and will be followed by the bidding process.
8. Mr. Clapper reported that all district projects are going well and thanked Mr. Owens for his assistance in the transportation software training.
9. Mr. Canevari reported that the attendance at the Junior-Senior High School has leveled out as well as honoring the outstanding students for this quarter. Mr. Canevari also thanked Suzanne Bennici, JoAnne McCain and Duane Benedict for their work in constructing and delivering the Angel Baskets this holiday season.
10. Mr. Tallarico thanked Janeen Miller, Mary Gesford and Petrina Gregory for their work on the *Getting Results School Improvement Plan* and reported that he feels the April PSSA will show the results of these efforts. Mr. Tallarico further reported on the fall sports coach evaluation, participation in winter sports as well as thanking the Student Council for their efforts thus far this school year.

**III. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A. Board meetings and work sessions for 2010 – dates, times, locations  
Following a discussion by the Board it was determined that the meeting schedule for the year 2010 would remain the same with the exception that meetings held at Choconut Valley Elementary would take place in the LGI room instead of the faculty room.
- B. Update on request for seismographic survey at Choconut Valley  
Mr. Ognosky reported on the various suggestions evolving from the Community Advisory Committee meeting and answered questions from the members of the Board.
- C. Update on potential replacement of administration building  
*Topic covered under Mrs. Lusk's report*
- D. Scheduling of finance meetings for development of 2010-2011 budget  
*Finance Committee meetings scheduled during Mrs. Lusk's report*

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

**V. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- A. Items from members of Board of Directors

**VI. COMMITTEES**

- A. Committee membership assignments  
Mr. Wilcox requested that each Board member email their committee preferences to him so that he will be ready to present the committee members at the January Board meeting.
- B. Schedule meetings  
No additional committee meetings were scheduled at this time.

**VII. VISITORS' COMMENTS - None**

(Visitors must speak directly into the public microphone for accurate transcription of minutes. Even if the person speaks loud enough to be heard by meeting attendees, they cannot be heard on the tape transcription unless they speak directly into the microphone.)

At this time Mr. Wilcox requested that consideration for a curtain for the back of the stage at the Junior-Senior High School be entertained. Mr. Clapper reported that he would check into the request and report back to Mr. Wilcox.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT** – This meeting adjourned by acclamation at 9:20 PM and was followed by a CLEAR Session on Personnel.

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Michael Ognosky, Superintendent of Schools