

SEPTEMBER 14, 2009, 7:00 PM
CHOCONUT VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FACULTY ROOM

MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA

MEETING MINUTES APPROVED OCTOBER 12, 2009

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Mr. Chris Caterson
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 President Mr. Chris Caterson at 7:02 PM in the Choconut Valley Elementary School faculty room, RR 1 Box 1730, Friendsville, PA, 18818.

I. OPENING EXERCISES - Led by Board Member Mrs. Pam Staats

II. ROLL CALL – Mrs. Diane Truman, Co-Board Secretary

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

ADMINISTRATORS/SUPERVISORS: Mr. Michael Ognosky, Mrs. Michelle Lusk, Dr. Don Golden, Mr. Jim Tallarico, Mr. Russ Canevari, Mr. Greg Adams, Mr. Chris McComb, Mr. Craig Owens, Mr. Rickie Clapper, Ms. Betsy O'Malley

III. GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING

- A. National FBLA Conference – Duane Benedict, advisor, and student Christopher Jordan
Mr. Ognosky introduced Mr. Benedict who provided to those in attendance a timeline of events that led this team to participate in the National FBLA Competition in California, thanking the members of the Board and administration for their support. Both student Christopher Jordan and Mr. Benedict received certificates of achievement and the congratulations of the Board.
- B. Summer Camp Program – Christine Brown, Coordinator
Mr. Ognosky thanked both Mr. Adams and Mr. McComb for their work in procuring this grant and introduced Mrs. Christine Brown who detailed this year's camp activities, attendance numbers as well as the results of this year's Harrisburg audit. In response to a question from a member of the Board, the possibility of continuing this summer camp next year was discussed. Mr. Adams, Mr. McComb and Mrs. Brown received the congratulations of those in attendance.
- C. Attendance Recognition 2008-2009 (No sick days used)
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| Michael Ognosky | Roger Clapper | Joyce Burman |
| Rickie Clapper | Thomas Evans | Courtney Lomonaco |
| Craig Owens | Larry Proof | Diane Cronk |
| Donald Clapper | James Smith | Karen Griffith |
| Timothy Evans | Kathleen Fetherbay | |

Mr. Ognosky recognized each district employee for their attendance this past school year.

IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR VISITORS TO ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS - None

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V. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Items from members of Board of Directors - None

A CLEAR Session on a legal matter was held from 7:40 PM to 7:50 PM.

VI. AGENDA ITEMS

A. MINUTES – Mr. Chris Caterson, Board President

33. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Mr. Wimmer to approve the following minutes as submitted:
- a. August 10, 2009 Board Meeting
 - b. August 10, 2009 Work Session
 - c. August 17, 2009 Buildings and Grounds Committee
 - d. August 17, 2009 Extra Curricular Committee
 - e. September 8, 2009 Health Advisory Committee
 - f. September 9, 2009 Technology Committee
 - g. September 9, Transportation Committee
 - h. September 10, 2009 Buildings and Grounds Committee
- Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
- YES – 9 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0**

B. FINANCE – Mr. Chris Caterson, Chairperson

34. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mrs. Mordovancey to approve a list of bills to be paid as submitted.
Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
- YES – 9 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0**
35. A motion was made by Mr. Gow, seconded by Ms. Humphrey to approve the August 2009 Treasurer’s Report as submitted.
Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
- YES – 9 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0**
36. Prior to the vote Mr. Ognosky reviewed the balances of these accounts. A motion was made by Mrs. Homan, seconded by Ms. Humphrey to approve the following Check Registers as submitted:
- a. Capital Projects 30 Fund
 - b. Capital Reserve 22 Fund
- Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
- YES – 9 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0**

C. LEGISLATIVE – Mr. Chris Caterson, Chairperson

D. TRANSPORTATION – Mr. Douglas Wilcox, Chairperson

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

F. TECHNOLOGY – Mr. Karl Wimmer, Chairperson

G. CURRICULUM – Mrs. Pamela Staats, Chairperson

37. A motion was made by Mrs. Homan, seconded by Ms. Humphrey to approve a contract as submitted with Student Assistance Services to provide behavioral support services to multiple students with special needs for a total of no more than 12 days throughout the 2009-2010 school year at a cost not to exceed \$8,000.00.
Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
- YES – 9 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0**

VI. AGENDA ITEMS – Curriculum continued

38. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mrs. Staats to approve a contract as submitted with the Association for Vision Rehabilitation and Employment to provide services for a special needs student for the 2009-2010 school year at a cost not to exceed \$7,500.00 to be paid with IDEA funds.
Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
YES – 9 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

39. Mr. Ognosky and Dr. Golden responded to questions from the Board prior to this vote. A motion was made by Mrs. Homan, seconded by Ms. Humphrey to revise a contract with Robin Armstrong to provide personal assistive services for a special needs student for the 2009-2010 school year from the rate of \$18 per hour to \$24 per hour.
Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
YES – 9 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

H. EXTRA CURRICULAR – Mrs. Kathy Mordovancey, Chairperson

40. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Gow to accept with regret the resignation of Kristy Kropa as Head Field Hockey Coach and Assistant Track Coach effective immediately.
Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
YES – 9 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0
41. A motion was made by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Mr. Wimmer to grant Katy Rosenkrans a one season unpaid leave of absence as Junior Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach for the 2009-2010 winter sports season with the intent she returns to this position beginning with the winter 2010-2011 sports season.
Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
YES – 9 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

42. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mrs. Homan to appoint the following contingent upon completion of employment requirements:
- a. Jason Young as Head Field Hockey Coach effective beginning with the 2009 fall sports season at a cost of \$3,255.00
 - b. Emily Barile and Mark Ziminsky as Junior High Field Hockey Co-Coaches effective beginning with the 2009 fall sports season at a cost of \$1,650.00 (\$825 each).
- Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
YES – 9 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

I. POLICIES – Mrs. Gloria Smith, Chairperson

J. PERSONNEL – Ms. Julie Humphrey, Chairperson

43. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Mr. Gow to accept with regret the resignation of Amy Hawley as Office Aide/Receptionist at the Junior-Senior High School retroactive to August 31, 2009.
Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
YES – 9 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

VI. AGENDA ITEMS – Personnel continued

44. In response to a question from a member of the Board, Mr. Tallarico reviewed the interview process for this position. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Mr. Gow to employ Constance M. Warner as Office Aide/Receptionist at the Junior-Senior High School effective September 15, 2009 at the rate of \$7.96 per hour for a maximum of 7½ hours per day, 187 school days, with individual fringe benefits in accordance with the current MESPA Support Staff Agreement.
Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
YES – 9 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0
45. Ms. O'Malley reviewed the interview process in response to a question from a member of the Board. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Mr. Wimmer to employ the following permanent, part-time food service workers contingent upon completion of employment requirements for a maximum of 4½ hours per day, 180 student school days, at the rate of \$7.40 per hour with no additional fringe benefits in accordance with the current MESPA Support Staff Agreement
- a. Kathy L. Hinchcliffe at the Lathrop Street Elementary School effective August 25, 2009
 - b. Frances T. Iannitto at the Junior-Senior High School effective August 31, 2009
 - c. Hollie M. Frick at the Junior-Senior High School effective August 31, 2009
- Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
YES – 9 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0
46. In response to a Board member's question Mr. Ognosky reported on the posting process for these positions. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Ms. Humphrey to employ the following students as part of the Montrose Area School District's Cooperative Occupational Experience Program for the 2009-2010 school year at the rate of \$7.25 per hour for a maximum of 20 hours per week:
- a. Steven Lucenti – Graphics Department – retroactive to August 24, 2009
 - b. Christopher Stevens – Technology Department – retroactive to August 24, 2009
 - c. Eugina Welch – Athletic Department – retroactive to September 8, 2009
- Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
YES – 9 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0
47. A motion was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Homan to appoint Laurie Gregory as a daily support staff substitute contingent upon completion of employment requirements effective immediately.
Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
YES – 9 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

K. PROFESSIONAL – Mrs. Mary Homan, Chairperson

48. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Wimmer to accept with regret the following resignations:
- a. Matthew R. Voda as long-term substitute teacher in fifth grade learning support at the Lathrop Street Elementary School effective August 17, 2009
 - b. Kristy Kropa as a full-time, contracted learning support teacher at the Junior-Senior High School effective September 15, 2009
- Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
YES – 9 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

VI. AGENDA ITEMS – Professional continued

49. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mrs. Staats to employ Caitlin Kerwin as a full-time contracted learning support teacher at the Junior-Senior High School contingent upon completion of employment requirements and in accordance with the current MEA Collective Bargaining Agreement effective September 15, 2009 at a salary of \$40,618.00, step 1 bachelors, to be prorated.
Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
YES – 9 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0
50. A motion was made by Ms. Mordovancey, seconded by Ms. Humphrey to employ the following long-term substitute teachers at a daily rate of \$147.22 with no additional fringe benefits, contingent upon completion of employment requirements:
a. Heather Washenko, biology at the Junior-Senior High School, effective August 21, 2009
b. Katie A. Brown, English at the Junior-Senior High School, effective August 21, 2009
c. Nicole Zaleski, learning support for 5th grade at the Lathrop Street Elementary School, effective September 15, 2009
d. Ashley Smith, elementary 5th grade teacher at the Choconut Valley Elementary School, effective September 21, 2009
Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
YES – 9 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0
51. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Mrs. Smith to appoint the following as mentor teachers at the Junior-Senior High School
a. Anne Mory, science, for the first half of the 2009-2010 school year at the rate of \$500
b. John Koloski, English, for the 2009-2010 school year at the rate of \$1,000
Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
YES – 9 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0
52. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mrs. Mordovancey to appoint the following advisors effective immediately:
a. John Koloski as Scholastic Team Advisor at the rate of \$500.00
b. Katie A. Brown, Literary Magazine Advisor at the rate of \$600.00
Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
YES – 9 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0
53. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Wimmer to appoint the following daily substitute teachers for the district effective immediately contingent upon completion of employment requirements:
a. Cheri Tamburro, Elementary
b. Chad Upright, Elementary
c. Nicole Rodriguez, Elementary
d. Daniel Kaminski, Emergency
e. Amy Johnson, Elementary
f. Katherine Tuttle, Biology
g. Matthew Treible, Elementary
h. James Lewis, Elementary
Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
YES – 9 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

VII. NEW BUSINESS – Mr. Chris Caterson, Board President

54. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Wimmer to approve a settlement agreement as submitted between the Montrose Area School District and the parents of a special education student to be paid out of special education district funds.

Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes

YES – 9 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

VIII. SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC BOARD MEETINGS – Mr. Caterson reviewed the following upcoming meetings:

- A. Monday, September 14, immediately following Board meeting – Work Session, Choconut Valley Elementary School faculty room
- B. Tuesday, September 15, 2009, 4:00 P.M. – Energy Committee meeting, Administration Building, Superintendent’s Office
- C. Thursday, September 24, 2009, 7:00 P.M. – Community Advisory Committee meeting, Choconut Valley Elementary School faculty room
- D. Monday, October 12, 2009, 7:00 P.M. – Board meeting, Junior-Senior High School Community Learning Center
- E. Monday, October 12, 2009, immediately following Board meeting – Work Session, Junior-Senior High School Community Learning Center

IX. OPPORTUNITY FOR VISITORS’ ADDITIONAL COMMENTS - None

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X. ADJOURNMENT – This meeting adjourned by acclamation at 8:10 PM.

Michael Ognosky, Superintendent of Schools