

SEPTEMBER 14, 2009
CHOCONUT VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FACULTY ROOM

MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS WORK SESSION 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

- I. CALL TO ORDER** - The Montrose Area School District Board of Directors Work Session was called to order by Board President Mr. Chris Caterson at 8:20 PM in the Choconut Valley Elementary School faculty room, RR 1 Box 1730, Friendsville, PA, 18818.

A. Roll Call Attendance – 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

II. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

A. Administrators' Reports

1. Mrs. Lusk reported that the local audit was almost complete as well as stating that she and Mr. Owens had been investigating alternative companies to furnish copiers to the district.
2. Mr. Clapper reported on the progress of the concession stand, district lighting projects as well as the need for additional storage sheds in the district.
3. Mr. Tallarico stated the start of the new school year was smooth and that students and teachers alike are adapting to the new schedule which includes a change in the lunch schedule as well as updating those in attendance on homecoming events. Mr. Tallarico thanked the Board for their support in the recent changes to the high school office staff.
4. Mr. McComb also stated that the start of the new school year has been smooth and reported on the progress of the final paperwork for the 21st Century Grant as well as the Benchmark testing that has taken place at Choconut Valley Elementary. Mr. McComb invited the members of the Board to "Meet the Teacher" night which will be held Thursday, September 17th.
5. Mr. Adams also reported a smooth start to the new school year as well as elaborating on the closing of the 21st Century grant and again thanking Mrs. Brown for her dedication to that program. Mr. Adams invited those present to join them at the Lathrop Street Elementary School's "Meet the Teacher" night to be held Thursday, September 17th and also reported on Benchmark testing as well as the refurbishing of the school's playground equipment.
6. Dr. Golden reported that the district received an IDEEA commendation letter from the Pennsylvania Department of Education as well as reviewing the special needs programs of the district and their status to date.
7. Mr. Canevari reported a smooth start to the new year as well as updating those in attendance on the new dress code standards as well as the new lunch period schedule. Following a question from a Board member a discussion ensued regarding the wearing of school sport uniforms during the school day.
8. Ms. O'Malley reported to the Board the transition to changes to the high school serving lines and new schedule had gone smoothly. Ms. O'Malley also reported on an increase of free and reduced lunch applications, new district kitchen equipment and new staff members in the district's cafeterias.
9. Mr. Owens commented on the increase in free and reduced lunch applications and how that affects state reimbursement monies. Following a question by a member of the Board Mr. Owens led a discussion regarding charter cyber schools versus the Montrose Area School District's offered VLINC program.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Last week's committee meetings
Mr. Ognosky recapped the discussions of the committee meetings that have been held since the last monthly meeting of the Board.

IV. OLD BUSINESS - None

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Items from members of Board of Directors
Mrs. Homan reported that she would like the district to consider applying for the *American School Board Journal's* National Magna Award which recognizes school districts nationwide for their programs that further student learning as well as encourage community participation in the district's schools.

VI. COMMITTEES

- A. Schedule Board Committee meetings
Possible dates were discussed for upcoming committee meetings.

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.)

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – This meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 9:25 PM and was followed by a CLEAR Session on Personnel.

Michael Ognosky, Superintendent of Schools