

**AUGUST 9, 2010, 7:00 PM
CHOCONUT VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – L.G.I.**

MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

MEETING MINUTES APPROVED SEPTEMBER 13, 2010

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Mr. Douglas Wilcox
President, Board of Directors

Mr. Michael F. Ognosky
Superintendent of Schools

A CLEAR Session regarding Personnel was held by the members of the Board from 6:30 PM until 7:25 PM.

The Montrose Area School District Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Superintendent of Schools Mr. Michael Ognosky at 7:28 PM in the Choconut Valley Elementary School L.G.I. room, RR 1 Box 1730, Friendsville, PA, 18818.

I. OPENING EXERCISES - Led by Mr. Karl Wimmer, Board Vice President

II. ROLL CALL – Mrs. Judith Sample, Co-Board Secretary

PRESENT: Mr. Chris Caterson, Mr. George Gow, Mrs. Mary Homan, Ms. Julie Humphrey, Mrs. Pamela Staats, Mr. Karl Wimmer

ABSENT: Mrs. Kathleen Mordovancey, Mrs. Gloria Smith, Mr. Douglas Wilcox

ADMINISTRATORS/SUPERVISORS: Mr. Michael Ognosky, Mrs. Michelle Lusk, Mr. Chris McComb, Mr. James Tallarico, Mr. Craig Owens

I. GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING

A. Montrose Area Adult School – Mary Lee Fitzgerald

Mr. Ognosky introduced Mr. J. Martin Comey, Treasurer of the Montrose Area Adult School who reviewed the Treasurer's Report for those in attendance as well as reporting on the increase in enrollment since this program was initiated in 2006. Following Mr. Comey's report Mrs. Philippa Follert and Mrs. Mary Lee Fitzgerald, both members of the Adult School Advisory Board each reviewed the growth of this program in the community as well as the county. All three representatives thanked the members of the Board and administration for their continued support in this endeavor.

II. OPPORTUNITY FOR VISITORS TO ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS - None

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III. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Items from members of Board of Directors - None

VI. AGENDA ITEMS

A. **MINUTES** – Mr. Karl Wimmer, Board Vice President

16. A motion was made by Mr. Gow, seconded by Mrs. Homan to approve the following minutes as submitted:

- a. June 21, 2010 Energy Ad Hoc Committee Meeting
- b. July 12, 2010 Board Meeting
- c. July 19, 2010 Energy Ad hoc Committee Meeting
- d. August 5, 2010 Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting

Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Karl Wimmer, Yes

YES – 6 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

B. **FINANCE** – Mr. Chris Caterson, Chairperson

17. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Gow to approve a list of bills to be paid as submitted.

Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Karl Wimmer, Yes

YES – 6 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

VI. AGENDA ITEMS – Finance continued

18. Prior to the vote Mr. Ognosky reviewed the balances on these fund accounts for those present. A motion was made by Mrs. Homan, seconded by Ms. Humphrey to approve the July 2010 Treasurer's Report as submitted which includes the 22 Capital Reserve Fund and 30 Capital Projects Fund accounts.

Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Karl Wimmer, Yes

YES – 6 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

19. A motion was made by Mrs. Homan, seconded by Ms. Humphrey to approve the July 2010 Student Activities Report as submitted.

Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Karl Wimmer, Yes

YES – 6 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

C. LEGISLATIVE – Mr. Chris Caterson, Chairperson

D. TRANSPORTATION – Mr. Karl Wimmer, Board Vice President

20. A motion was made by Mr. Gow, seconded by Mrs. Staats to approve late run contractors for the 2010-2011 school year as follows at a total cost not to exceed \$55,000 for Routes A, B, and C; Routes D and E to be paid from the Accountability Block Grant at the rate of \$100 per day each Monday through Thursday:

- a. Route A (Lawsville) James Ainey
- b. Route B (Birchardville) Bunnell Busing, Inc.
- c. Route C (Little Meadows) Timothy Legg Busing, Inc.
- d. Route D (Lathrop Street Elementary School David Darrow
- e. Route E (Choconut Valley Elementary School Conaty Transportation, Inc.

Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Karl Wimmer, Yes

YES – 6 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

21. A motion was made by Mrs. Homan, seconded by Mrs. Staats to approve summer 2010 extended school year transportation contracts as follows at a combined total cost not to exceed \$45,595.14:

- a. Lisa Ottens & Ruth Snedeker, Elk Lake, Binghamton University & NEIU, \$11,820.30
- b. William & Glenna Tennant, Carbondale, NEIU, High School, Lathrop St., \$19,771.84
- c. Joseph & Donna Fizzano, Elk Lake, Jefferson Center, \$14,003.00

Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Karl Wimmer, Yes

YES – 6 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

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

22. Mr. Ognosky reviewed this non-binding agreement prior to the vote and answered questions from the members of the Board. A motion was made by Mrs. Homan, seconded by Mr. Caterson to enter into a non-binding agreement with AMSOLAR Corporation of California, as submitted, at no cost to the District, to provide a study of the potential for solar energy utilization and production in the District. Furthermore, and in accordance with page three of the "letter of intent," it is not intended to constitute a binding agreement or an offer that is capable of acceptance and shall not be deemed to create any legally enforceable rights in favor of AMSOLAR or Montrose Area School District.

Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Karl Wimmer, Yes

YES – 6 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

VI. AGENDA ITEMS – Building & Grounds/Safety continued

23. A discussion was held by the members of the Board prior to this vote regarding the bidding process, architect fees as well as funding for this project. A motion was made by Mr. Caterson, seconded by Mrs. Homan to award the following bids in reference to a new Administrative Office building:
- a. general to Axtell Construction of Clarks Summit, PA at the base bid amount of \$579,000 plus alternative #3 at a cost of \$3,800
 - b. mechanical to Climate Control Technologies of Endwell, NY at the base bid amount of \$101,990
 - c. electrical to Spectrum Electrical Services of Montrose, PA at the base bid amount of \$46,950 plus alternative #1 at a cost of \$800
 - d. plumbing to Linco Construction, Inc. of Hunlock Creek, PA at the base bid amount of \$13,900
- Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Karl Wimmer, Yes
- YES – 6 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0**

F. TECHNOLOGY – Mr. Karl Wimmer, Chairperson

G. CURRICULUM – Mrs. Pamela Staats, Chairperson

24. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Gow to contract with Audrey Kase, LPN, and Tammy Jenkins, Personal Assistive Caregiver, to provide services for a special needs student for the 2010-2011 school year, including summer extended school year, 204 days total to be shared between both parties, at the rate of \$22 per hour for 8 hours per day, with no additional benefits, at a total cost not to exceed \$35,904.00, to be paid from ACCESS funds.
Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Karl Wimmer, Yes
- YES – 6 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0**
25. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Wimmer to contract with Sylvia Grover, LPN, to be an on-call daily substitute, as needed, to provide services for a special needs student for the 2010-2011 school year, including summer extended school year, at the rate of \$17 per hour for 8 hours per day, with no additional benefits, to be paid from ACCESS funds.
Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Karl Wimmer, Yes
- YES – 6 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0**
26. A motion was made by Mr. Gow, seconded by Mrs. Homan to approve a Professional Services Agreement, as submitted, with Association for Vision Rehabilitation & Employment, Inc. (A.V.R.E.) of Binghamton, NY, to provide vision services required for a visually impaired student, at a cost not to exceed \$8,000.00.
Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Karl Wimmer, Yes
- YES – 6 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0**
27. A motion was made by Mr. Gow, seconded by Mrs. Staats to approve a contract, as submitted, with Binghamton University, Children’s Unit for Treatment & Evaluation, (C.U.T.E.) for the 10-month (September 8, 2010 to June 24, 2011) component of the 2010-2011 school year, for an autistic student, at a cost not to exceed \$38,806.00.
Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Karl Wimmer, Yes
- YES – 6 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0**

H. EXTRA CURRICULAR – Mr. Chris Caterson, Board Member

28. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Gow to appoint the following coaches effective beginning with the 2010 fall sports season contingent upon completion of employment requirements:
- a. Brianna Strobe as Head Field Hockey Coach at the rate of \$3,150.00

VI. AGENDA ITEMS – Extra Curricular Agenda Item #28 continued

b. Teslee O'Brien as Junior High Field Hockey Coach at the rate of \$1,750.00
Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Karl Wimmer, Yes
YES – 6 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

I. POLICIES – Mrs. Gloria Smith, Chairperson

J. PERSONNEL – Ms. Julie Humphrey, Chairperson

29. A motion was made by Mr. Gow, seconded by Mr. Caterson to accept with regret the following resignations effective immediately:

a. Kimberly Stevens, part-time food service worker, Lathrop Street Elementary School

b. Cynthia Schneider, library aide, Junior-Senior High School

Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Karl Wimmer, Yes

YES – 6 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

30. A motion was made by Mr. Gow, seconded by Mr. Caterson to employ James Rogers as a full-time second shift custodian at the Lathrop Street Elementary School, contingent upon completion of employment requirements, effective beginning August 16, 2010, for 8 hours per day, 260 days per year, at the rate of \$10.03 per hour together with benefits in accordance with the current MESPA Agreement.

Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Karl Wimmer, Yes

YES – 6 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

31. A motion was made by Mr. Caterson, seconded by Ms. Humphrey to employ the following permanent, part-time food service workers, contingent upon completion of employment requirements, effective beginning August 24, 2010, for a maximum of 4½ hours per day, 180 school days, at the rate of \$7.85 per hour together with benefits in accordance with the current MESPA Agreement:

a. Cindy Balbi, Junior-Senior High School

b. Brianna Crowley, Lathrop Street Elementary School

Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Karl Wimmer, Yes

YES – 6 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

32. A motion was made by Mr. Gow, seconded by Ms. Humphrey to approve the following as daily support staff substitutes, contingent upon completion of employment requirements:

a. Tina Cundey

b. Corinna McCain

Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Karl Wimmer, Yes

YES – 6 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

K. PROFESSIONAL – Mrs. Mary Homan, Chairperson

33. A motion was made by Mr. Gow, seconded by Ms. Humphrey to approve Linda Truman as a learning support extended school year teacher at the Choconut Valley Elementary School for the summer 2010 program at the supplemental employment contracted rate of \$28.00 per hour.

Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Karl Wimmer, Yes

YES – 6 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

34. In response to a question from a member of the Board Mr. Ognosky reviewed the responsibilities of a mentor teacher. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Gow to approve Joseph Festa as mentor teacher for social studies for the 2010-2011 school year at the rate of \$1,000.00.

Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Karl Wimmer, Yes

YES – 6 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

VI. AGENDA ITEMS – Professional continued

35. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Gow to employ the following as long-term substitute teachers, contingent upon completion of employment requirements, at a daily rate of \$147.22:

- a. Laura Van Cott as librarian at the Junior-Senior High School effective the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year through approximately November 19, 2010
- b. Megan Clough as learning support teacher (3rd/4th grade) at the Lathrop Street Elementary School effective the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year through approximately December 22, 2010

Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Karl Wimmer, Yes

YES – 6 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

36. A motion was made by Mr. Gow, seconded by Mr. Caterson to appoint the following as daily substitute teachers contingent upon completion of employment requirements:

- a. Marianne Rounds, emergency certification
- b. Jody Molenko, elementary K-6

Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Karl Wimmer, Yes

YES – 6 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

VII. NEW BUSINESS – Mr. Karl Wimmer, Board Vice President

37. Prior to the vote Mr. Ognosky responded to a question from an audience member regarding his salary for the duration of this contract. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mrs. Homan to approve the contract of Michael F. Ognosky as Superintendent of Schools from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2016 as submitted.

Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Karl Wimmer, Yes

YES – 6 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. Miss O'Malley, Dr. Golden, and Mr. Canevari – submitted electronically

B. Mr. Tallarico, Mr. McComb – Building Principals

Mr. Tallarico reported that schedules for the students have been mailed and thanked Mr. Clapper and his crew for the fine work this summer on various projects. Mr. Tallarico further reported that the Junior-Senior High School had met PDE target goals and achieved Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP).

Mr. McComb reported that excellent progress has been made at Choconut Valley Elementary School in preparation for the start of school including the installation of new playground equipment and also updated those in attendance on the success of this year's summer camp.

C. Mr. Owens, Mrs. Lusk – Director and Business Manager

Mr. Owens updated those in attendance on the major technological projects that have been accomplished or are near completion in the district which include the installation of new computers and SMART Boards throughout the elementary schools.

Mrs. Lusk thanked the members of the Board for their continued support working through the details for the new Administration Building.

IX. SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC BOARD MEETINGS – Mr. Wimmer reviewed the following upcoming meetings:

- A. Monday, August 16, 2010, 7:00 PM – Transportation Committee meeting, Junior-Senior High School Community Learning Center
- B. Monday, August 16, 2010, 8:00 PM – Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting, Junior-Senior High School Community Learning Center
- C. Monday, September 13, 2010, 7:00 PM – Board meeting, Choconut Valley Elementary School L.G.I.
- D. Monday, September 13, 2010 immediately following Board meeting – Work Session, Choconut Valley Elementary School L.G.I.

X. OPPORTUNITY FOR VISITORS' ADDITIONAL COMMENTS - None

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XI. ADJOURNMENT – A motion was made by Mr. Gow, seconded by Mr. Caterson to adjourn this meeting at 8:33 PM.

Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Karl Wimmer, Yes

YES – 6

NO – 0

ABSTAIN – 0

Michael Ognosky, Superintendent of Schools

NO WORK SESSION THIS EVENING