

**DECEMBER 7, 2009, 7:00 PM**  
**JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL – COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER**  
**MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**  
**MEETING MINUTES APPROVED JANUARY 11, 2010**

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Mr. Michael F. Ognosky  
Superintendent of Schools

The Montrose Area School District Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Mr. Chris Caterson at 7:07 PM in the Junior-Senior High School Community Learning Center, 50 High School Road, Montrose PA, 18801.

- I. OPENING EXERCISES** - Led by Mr. Doug Wilcox, Board Member
- II. ROLL CALL** – 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
- III. OPPORTUNITY FOR VISITORS TO ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS** - 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.)
- IV. GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING**
- A. Student Council presentation to the United Way and American Cancer Society – Mr. Michael Boccella, Advisor, and students, Amelia DiPhillips, Julia Koloski, Rebecca Maxey, Emily Hewes, and Lila Weiss  
Mr. Tallarico reported on the background of the fundraisers held for both these organizations and introduced Mr. Boccella to those in attendance. Mr. Boccella introduced the members of the council present at this evening’s meeting who in turn presented checks to Ruth Donnelly representing the Susquehanna County United Way and Cindy Delaney, representing the American Cancer Society. Mr. Boccella and the students present received certificates of achievement and the congratulations of the members of the Board.
- B. PSBA Honor Roll of School Board Service – Chris Caterson and George Gow  
Mr. Ognosky reported that both Mr. Caterson and Mr. Gow had been recognized by the PSBA for their eight years of service to the Montrose Area School District’s Board of Directors. Both gentlemen received the congratulations of those in attendance.
- V. INFORMATION ITEMS**
- A. Items from members of Board of Directors  
Mr. Caterson shared a thank you note received from the Susquehanna County Historical Society and Free Library for the district’s annual financial donation and also read a letter received by the district from the Pennsylvania Secretary of Education’s office which congratulated the district on the results of the recent audit conducted by the Department of the Auditor General.
- VI. BOARD REORGANIZATION** – This section of the meeting was called to order by Mrs. Diane Truman, Co-Secretary of the Board of Directors who stated that the reorganization will be accomplished under Sections 402 and 404 of the School Code.
86. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Mr. Caterson to appoint Mr. Karl Wimmer as Temporary President for reorganization purposes. With no further nominations a vote was taken.  
Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes;  
Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes  
**YES – 8            NO – 0            ABSTAIN – 0**

## VII. AGENDA ITEMS

Temporary President Wimmer called for nominations for President of the Board of Directors for the ensuing year until the reorganization meeting in December 2010. Mr. Doug Wilcox's name was placed in nomination by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Mrs. Smith.

87. With no further nominations a motion was made by Mrs. Homan, seconded by Mr. Caterson to close nominations for the office of President of the Board of Directors.

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

**YES – 8      NO – 0      ABSTAIN – 0**

88. Election by roll call vote was held for Mr. Doug Wilcox as President of the Board of Directors for the ensuing year until the reorganization meeting in December 2010.

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

**YES – 8      NO – 0      ABSTAIN – 0**

Newly elected Board President Wilcox took office and called for nominations for Vice-President of the Board of Directors for the ensuing year until the reorganization meeting in December 2010. Mr. Karl Wimmer's name was placed in nomination by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Mrs. Homan.

89. With no further nominations a motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Mrs. Homan to close nominations for the office of Vice-President of the Board of Directors.

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

**YES – 8      NO – 0      ABSTAIN – 0**

90. Election by roll call vote was held for Mr. Karl Wimmer for the office of Vice-President of the Board of Directors for the ensuing year until the reorganization meeting in December 2010.

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

**YES – 8      NO – 0      ABSTAIN – 0**

Newly elected Board Vice-President Wimmer took office.

### A. MINUTES – Mr. Doug Wilcox, Board President

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

- a. November 9, 2009 Board Meeting
- b. November 9, 2009 Work Session
- c. November 12, 2009 Curriculum Committee Meeting
- d. November 12, 2009 Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting
- e. November 16, 2009 Extracurricular Committee Meeting
- f. November 16, 2009 Technology Committee Meeting
- g. November 24, 2009 Energy Ad Hoc Committee Meeting
- h. November 24, 2009 Community Advisory Committee Meeting
- i. December 1, 2009 Policy Committee Meeting

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

**YES – 8      NO – 0      ABSTAIN – 0**

**VII. AGENDA ITEMS – continued**

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

92. Following a discussion by the Board members on one item a motion was made by Mr. Wimmer, seconded by Mrs. Staats to approve a list of bills to be paid as submitted.  
Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes;  
Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes  
**YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0**

93. Mr. Ognosky reviewed the expenditures and answered questions from the members of the Board prior to the vote. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Mr. Gow to approve the November 2009 Treasurer's Report as submitted which includes the 22 and 30 Funds.  
Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes;  
Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes  
**YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0**

94. A motion was made by Mr. Gow, seconded by Mrs. Staats to exonerate from payment of per capita and/or occupation taxes as per submitted list from G. H. Harris Associates, collector of delinquent taxes.  
Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes;  
Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes  
**YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0**

**C. LEGISLATIVE – Mr. Chris Caterson, Chairperson**

**D. TRANSPORTATION – Mr. Douglas Wilcox, Chairperson**

95. Prior to the vote Dr. Golden responded to questions from the members of the Board regarding this item. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey seconded by Mrs. Smith to approve a transportation contract for Calvin and Joyce Smales for six days at a daily rate of \$183.62.  
Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes;  
Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes  
**YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0**

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

**F. CURRICULUM – Mrs. Pamela Staats, Chairperson**

96. Dr. Golden and Mr. Tallarico reviewed the plan and answered questions from the Board members prior to this vote. A motion was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Mordovancey to approve the Getting Results Continuous School Improvement Plan Gen 6 – 2 Year Plan as submitted.  
Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes;  
Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes  
**YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0**

**G. EXTRA CURRICULAR – Mrs. Kathy Mordovancey, Chairperson**

97. A motion was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Wimmer to accept with regret the following resignations effective immediately:  
a. Kim Forys as Head Softball Coach  
b. Daniel Cherney as Junior High Baseball Coach  
Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes;  
Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes  
**YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0**

**VII. AGENDA ITEMS – Extra Curricular continued**

**H. POLICIES – Mrs. Gloria Smith, Chairperson**

98. Mr. Ognosky reviewed the revisions to these policies for those in attendance and reported that these policies will be available on the district's web page tomorrow. A motion for first reading of revisions to the following policies was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Mr. Gow:

- a. Policy 705 Safety
- b. Policy 718 Service Animals in Schools

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

**YES – 8      NO – 0      ABSTAIN – 0**

99. A motion for final approval of revisions to the following policies was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Homan:

- a. New Policy 103.1 Nondiscrimination – Qualified Students with Disabilities
- b. Policy 113 Special Education
- c. Policy 113.1 Discipline of Students with Disabilities
- d. Policy 113.2 Behavior Support Plan
- e. New Policy 113.3 Screening and Evaluations for Students with Disabilities
- f. Policy 114 Gifted Education
- g. Policy 907 School Visitors

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

**YES – 8      NO – 0      ABSTAIN – 0**

**I. PERSONNEL – Mr. George Gow, Board Member**

100. Mr. Ognosky reviewed the posting process in response to a question from a member of the Board prior to this vote. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Mrs. Homan to accept with regret the resignation of Debra Bailey as a part-time food service worker at the Junior-Senior High School effective immediately.

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

**YES – 8      NO – 0      ABSTAIN – 0**

**J. PROFESSIONAL – Mrs. Mary Homan, Chairperson**

101. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Mrs. Homan to accept with regret the resignation of Katie Brown, long-term substitute English teacher at the Junior-Senior High School and Literary Magazine Advisor, effective December 9, 2009.

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

**YES – 8      NO – 0      ABSTAIN – 0**

102. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Mrs. Smith to approve Melanie Major as a daily emergency substitute teacher effective immediately contingent upon completion of employment requirements.

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

**YES – 8      NO – 0      ABSTAIN – 0**

103. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Mr. Gow to employ Mara Petro as a long-term substitute English teacher at the Junior-Senior High School effective December 10, 2009 contingent upon completion of employment requirements at a daily rate of \$147.22 with no additional fringe benefits.

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

**YES – 8      NO – 0      ABSTAIN – 0**

**VII. AGENDA ITEMS – Professional continued**

104. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Mrs. Homan to approve Mara Petro as Literary Magazine advisor at a salary of \$600.00.  
Mr. Catterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes;  
Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes  
**YES – 8      NO – 0      ABSTAIN – 0**

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

105. Prior to the vote on this item Mr. Ognosky reviewed the contract for those in attendance. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Mr. Wimmer to approve a contract with Topp Copy of Scranton, Pa as submitted for photocopy machine replacement.  
Mr. Catterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes;  
Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes  
**YES – 8      NO – 0      ABSTAIN – 0**

**IX. SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC BOARD MEETINGS** Mr. Wilcox reviewed the following upcoming meetings:

- A. Monday, December 7, 2009, immediately following Board meeting – Work session, Junior-Senior High School Community Learning Center
- B. Tuesday, December 8, 2009, 7:30 PM – Finance Committee meeting, Administration Building, Superintendent’s Office
- C. Monday, January 11, 2010, 7:00 PM – Board meeting, Choconut Valley Elementary School faculty room
- D. Thursday, January 28, 2020, 7:00 PM – Community Advisory Committee meeting, Junior-Senior High School Community Learning Center

**X. OPPORTUNITY FOR VISITORS’ ADDITIONAL COMMENTS - None**

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**XI. ADJOURNMENT – This meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:55 PM.**

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Michael Ognosky, Superintendent of Schools