

FEBRUARY 9, 2009, 7:00 PM
CHOCONUT VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FACULTY ROOM

MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING AGENDA

MEETING MINUTES APPROVED MARCH 9, 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 7:03 PM in the Choconut Valley Elementary School faculty room, RR 1 Box 1730, Friendsville, PA, 18818.

I. OPENING EXERCISES - Led by Board Member Mrs. Mary Homan

II. ROLL CALL – Mr. Lewis Plauny, 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, Mr. Lewis Plauny, Mr. Greg Adams, Mr. Chris McComb

III. GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING

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

VI. AGENDA ITEMS

A. **MINUTES** – Mr. Chris Caterson, Board President

126. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Gow to approve the following minutes as submitted:

- a. January 12, 2009 Board Meeting
- b. January 12, 2009 Work Session
- c. January 21, 2009 Energy Ad Hoc Committee Meeting
- d. January 21, 2009 Finance Committee Meeting
- e. January 22, 2009 Curriculum Committee Meeting
- f. January 30, 2009 Policy Committee Meeting

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

127. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Wilcox 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

128. A motion was made by Mr. Gow, seconded by Mrs. Homan to approve the November 2008 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

VI. AGENDA ITEMS – Finance continued

129. Prior to this vote Mr. Caterson reported that this is the first stipend increase in the past eight years. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Ms. Humphrey to increase the tax collectors' stipend from \$2.82 to \$3.10 for each real estate and per capita/occupation bill processed effective beginning with the 2009 tax bills.
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**

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

130. Mr. Ognosky reported that this service is renewed each year by the district with SAS. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Ms. Humphrey to approve a contract as submitted with Student Assistance Services to provide comprehensive behavioral support services to multiple students with special needs effective January 13, 2009 through the end of the 2008-2009 school year at a cost not to exceed \$7,500.00.
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

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

131. A motion was made by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Mrs. Smith to accept with regret the resignation of Shannon Maynard as Junior High Assistant Softball Coach effective January 5, 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

132. Prior to this vote Mr. Ognosky explained the different stipends between the two Assistant Football Coach positions. A motion was made by Mrs. Staats, seconded by Mrs. Smith to appoint the following coaches contingent upon completion of employment requirements:
- a. Carrie Robinson as Junior High Assistant Softball Coach effective the beginning of the 2009 spring sports season at a cost of \$1550
 - b. Thomas Lucenti as Assistant Football Coach effective the beginning of the 2009 fall sports season at a cost of \$3354
 - c. Nicholas Pappas as Assistant Football Coach effective the beginning of the 2009 fall sports season at a cost of \$1732.50
- 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**

133. Before the vote Mr. Ognosky reviewed the changes to each policy. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Mr. Gow for first reading of changes to the following policies:
- a. Policy 113.2 Behavior Support Plan
 - b. Policy 504 Employment of Classified Employees
 - c. Policy 810 Transportation
 - d. Policy 818 Contracted Services
- 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 – continued

J. PERSONNEL – Ms. Julie Humphrey, Chairperson

134. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Mr. Gow to employ the following support staff contingent upon completion of employment requirements and in accordance with the current MESPA Support Staff Agreement
- a. Cindy Martin as part-time food service worker at the Lathrop Street Elementary School effective January 29, 2009 at the rate of \$7.40 per hour for a maximum of 4½ hours per day for 180 student school days per year with no fringe benefits
 - b. Alison L. Nichols as Payroll Clerk/Board Treasurer in the Administrative Offices effective February 16, 2009 at the rate of \$11.13 per hour for a maximum of 7½ hours per day for 260 days per year with corresponding family fringe benefits
- 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
135. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Mr. Wilcox to appoint the following as daily support staff substitutes contingent upon completion of employment requirements:
- a. Kimberly Stevens
 - b. Suzanne Sivers
- 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

136. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mrs. Mordovancey to appoint Joseph Festa as a mentor teacher for social studies at the Junior-Senior High School for the second semester of the 2008-2009 school year at the rate of \$500.00.
- 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
137. A motion was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Staats to appoint Glenda Spickerman as a long term substitute special education teacher contingent upon completion of employment requirements effective January 26, 2009 through approximately May 4, 2009 at a daily rate of \$147.22 with no fringe benefits.
- 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
138. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Ms. Humphrey to appoint the following as daily substitute teacher contingent upon completion of employment requirements:
- a. Katie A. Brown – emergency certified
 - b. Brianna VanWie – emergency certified
 - c. Lucinda Little Vermette – early childhood N-3 and elementary K-6
- 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

139. Mr. Ognosky reported on the necessity for this change in the school calendar prior to this vote. A motion was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Ms. Humphrey to revise the 2008-2009 school calendar to make up inclement weather days on Monday, February 16, 2009 and Monday, April 13, 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

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

- A. Monday, February 9, 2009, immediately following Board meeting – Work Session, Choconut Valley Elementary School faculty room
- B. Thursday, February 19, 2009, 7:00 PM – Transportation Committee meeting, Junior-Senior High School, Community Learning Center
- C. Monday, March 2, 2009, 7:00 PM – Health Advisory Committee meeting, Junior-Senior High School, Community Learning Center
- D. Wednesday, March 4, 2009, 6:30 PM – Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting, Junior-Senior High School, Community Learning Center
- E. Monday, March 9, 2009, 7:00 PM – Board meeting, Choconut Valley Elementary School faculty room

IX. OPPORTUNITY FOR VISITORS' ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

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Mrs. Sharon Salsman (township unknown) voiced her concerns covering several topics including the condition of the restrooms in the elementary schools, communication between administration and staff with parents, distribution of textbooks to students at the high school level as well as certain disciplinary actions taken by coaches. All topics of concern were discussed and it was stressed by the administrators present and the members of the Board that any concerns a parent may have need to be brought to the attention of the administrator involved in a timely manner so that steps may be taken to reach a solution favorable to all concerned. Both Mr. Ognosky and Mr. Caterson issued an invitation to Mrs. Salsman to become a member of the Community Advisory Committee if she so wishes.

X. ADJOURNMENT – This meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:54 PM.

Lewis Plauny, Board Secretary