

**JANUARY 11, 2010, 7:00 PM
CHOCONUT VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – L.G.I.**

MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

MEETING MINUTES APPROVED FEBRUARY 8, 2010

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Mr. Douglas Wilcox
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. Doug Wilcox at 7:02 PM in the Choconut Valley Elementary School L.G.I. room, RR 1 Box 1730, Friendsville, PA, 18818.

- I. OPENING EXERCISES** - Led by Board Member Mrs. Gloria Smith
- II. ROLL CALL** – Mrs. Judith Sample, Co-Board Secretary
PRESENT: Mr. Christopher Caterson, Mrs. Mary Homan, Ms. Julie Humphrey, Mrs. Kathleen Mordovancey, Mrs. Gloria Smith, Mrs. Pamela Staats, Mr. Douglas Wilcox, Mr. Karl Wimmer
ABSENT: Mr. George Gow
ADMINISTRATORS/SUPERVISORS: Mr. Michael Ognosky, Mrs. Michelle Lusk, Mr. Jim Tallarico, Mr. Russ Canevari, Mr. Greg Adams, Mr. Chris McComb, Mr. Craig Owens, Mr. Rickie Clapper
- III. GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING**
- A. Scholastic “What I Read This Summer” Sweepstakes – Mrs. Renee Hare, librarian, and Cullen Duke, third grade student Choconut Valley Elementary School
Mr. Ognosky introduced Mrs. Hare who reported on the program she had initiated this past summer, outlining the criteria and introduced student Cullen Drake to those in attendance. Cullen answered questions from members of the Board and received the Board’s congratulations on a job well done.
- B. National Technical Honor Society – Silas Chance and Ken Kiefer, Susquehanna County Career & Technology Center students
Mr. Ognosky outlined the criteria necessary to achieve this award and introduced Ken Kiefer and his parents to those in attendance. Mr. Tallarico reported that both students have excelled in their studies and that he is very proud of their accomplishments. Student Ken Kiefer responded to questions from the Board members and shared his award as he received his certificate of achievement and the congratulations of the Board and those in attendance.
- C. Keystone Achievement Awards – Choconut Valley Elementary School and Lathrop Street Elementary School
Mr. Ognosky reiterated the requirements for achieving this award and presented the awards to Mr. Adams and Mr. McComb. Both gentlemen received the congratulations of the Board and those in attendance.
- D. School Director Recognition
Mr. Ognosky reported that January is School Board Recognition month and presented each member with certificates as well as a gift that had been provided by Mr. McComb. Mr. Ognosky thanked the members for their dedicated service to the Montrose Area School District.
- IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR VISITORS TO ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS** - None
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A CLEAR Session was held on Personnel from 7:20 PM until 7:50 PM.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Board Committee appointments
Mr. Wilcox reported that after hearing no objections or requests of transfer, all committee assignments will remain the same.
- B. Items from members of Board of Directors - None

VI. AGENDA ITEMS

A. MINUTES – Mr. Douglas Wilcox, Board President

- 106. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Ms. Humphrey to approve the following minutes as submitted:
 - a. December 7, 2009 Board Meeting
 - b. December 7, 2009 Work Session
 - c. December 8, 2009 Finance Committee
 - d. December 16, 2009 Finance Committee
 - e. December 23, 2009 Finance Committee
 - f. January 6, 2010 Finance CommitteeMr. Caterson, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

- 107. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mrs. Mordovancey to schedule public meetings for 2010 as follows:
Regular meetings will be held on the second Monday of each month, with the exception of the December reorganization meeting which will be on the first Monday, beginning at 7:00 PM to be immediately followed by a work session. For the months of January, February, March, July, August and September the meetings will be held in the L.G.I. at Choconut Valley Elementary School. For the months of April, May, June, October, November and December the meetings will be held in the Community Learning Center at the Junior-Senior High School.
Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

B. FINANCE – Mr. Chris Caterson, Chairperson

- 108. In response to a question from a member of the Board Mrs. Lusk and Mr. Ognosky clarified the use and reconciliation of the administrative credit cards. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Wimmer to approve a list of bills to be paid as submitted.
Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0
- 109. A motion was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Mordovancey to resolve that the Montrose Area School District will not raise taxes above the PDE approved index for the 2010-2011 annual budget as per Section 311(c) and Section 311(d) of Act 1 of 2006.
Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0
- 110. Mr. Ognosky read a letter of commendation received by the district from the Pennsylvania Department of the Auditor General. A motion was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Ms. Humphrey to accept the local audit report for the 2008-2009 fiscal year as submitted by Murphy, Dougherty & Company, certified public accountants, Scranton, PA.
Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

VI. AGENDA ITEMS – continued

- 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

111. A motion was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Ms. Humphrey to raise the contracted hourly rate of pay from \$12.00 to \$17.00 per hour for substitute personal assistive caregivers traveling with and attending to a student with severe disabilities effective immediately.
Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes;
Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

H. EXTRA CURRICULAR – Mrs. Kathy Mordovancey, Chairperson

112. A motion was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Ms. Humphrey to accept with regret the resignation of Michael Dooley as Head Volleyball Coach effective immediately.
Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes;
Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

113. A motion was made by Mrs. Staats, seconded by Ms. Humphrey to appoint the following Junior High Baseball Coaches effective the beginning of the 2010 spring sports season contingent upon completion of employment requirements:
a. Daniel Myers as Head Junior High Baseball Coach at the cost of \$1,732.50
b. Joshua Winn as Assistant Junior High Baseball Coach at the cost of \$1,550.00
Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes;
Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

I. POLICIES – Mrs. Gloria Smith, Chairperson

114. Mr. Ognosky reviewed the revisions prior to this vote. A motion for final approval of revisions to the following policies was made by Mr. Wimmer, seconded by Mrs. Mordovancey:
a. Policy 705 Safety
b. Policy 718 Service Animals In Schools
Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes;
Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

J. PERSONNEL – Ms. Julie Humphrey, Chairperson

115. A motion was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Mordovancey to accept with regret a resignation for the purpose of retirement of Trudy Shindle, Federal Programs Secretary, effective March 23, 2010.
Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes;
Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

116. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Mrs. Homan to employ Amy Natterer as a permanent, part-time food service worker at the Junior-Senior High School contingent upon completion of employment requirements effective January 12, 2010 at the rate of \$7.40 per hour for a maximum of 4½ hours per day, 180 student school days, with no additional fringe benefits in accordance with the current MESPA Support Staff Agreement.
Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes;
Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

VI. AGENDA ITEMS – Personnel continued

117. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Mrs. Homan to appoint Lori Packer as a daily support staff substitute effective immediately contingent upon completion of employment requirements.
Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes;
Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

K. PROFESSIONAL – Mrs. Mary Homan, Chairperson

118. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Mr. Wilcox to approve the following as daily substitute teachers effective immediately contingent upon completion of employment requirements:
- a. Shane Decker, Social Studies
 - b. Donna Fassler, English and French
- Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes;
Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

VII. NEW BUSINESS

119. A motion was made by Mr. Wimmer, seconded by Mr. Caterson to ratify a new Collective Bargaining Agreement as submitted between the Montrose Area School District and the Montrose Education Support Professionals Association for the term of July 1, 2009 until June 30, 2012.
Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes;
Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

Mr. Caterson thanked all involved in the negotiation process for their hard work in achieving this new contract between the Montrose Area School District and the MESPA.

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

- A. Monday, January 11, 2010, immediately following Board meeting – Work Session, Choconut Valley Elementary School L.G.I.
- B. Thursday, January 28, 2010, 7:00 PM – Community Advisory Committee meeting, Junior-Senior High School Community Learning Center
- C. Monday, February 8, 2010, 7:00 PM – Board meeting, Choconut Valley Elementary School L.G.I.
- D. Monday, February 8, 2010, immediately following Board meeting – Work Session, Choconut Valley Elementary School L.G.I.

IX. OPPORTUNITY FOR VISITORS' ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

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In response to a question from Melinda Darrow, reporter for the *Susquehanna County Transcript* Mr. Ognosky reported that the agreement between the Montrose Area School District and the MESPA voted on this evening is indeed the contract that will be in effect for the next three years.

X. ADJOURNMENT – A motion was made by Mr. Wimmer, seconded by Mrs. Smith to adjourn this meeting at 8:10 PM.

Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes;
Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0