

MARCH 8, 2010, 7:00 PM
CHOCONUT VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – L.G.I. AREA
MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
MEETING MINUTES APPROVED APRIL 12, 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 7:08 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 Mr. Karl Wimmer
- II. ROLL CALL** – Mrs. Diane Truman, Co-Board Secretary
PRESENT: Mr. George Gow, Ms. Julie Humphrey, Mrs. Kathleen Mordovancey, Mrs. Gloria Smith, Mrs. Pamela Staats, Mr. Douglas Wilcox, Mr. Karl Wimmer
ABSENT: Mr. Christopher Caterson, Mrs. Mary Homan
ADMINISTRATORS/SUPERVISORS: Mr. Michael Ognosky, Mrs. Michelle Lusk, Mr. Jim Tallarico, Mr. Craig Owens, Mr. Rickie Clapper
- 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. Douglas Wilcox, Board President
132. A motion was made by Mr. Gow, seconded by Mrs. Mordovancey to approve the following minutes as submitted:
- a. February 8, 2010 Board Meeting
 - b. February 8, 2010 Work Session
 - c. February 17, 2010 Energy Ad Hoc Committee Meeting
- Mr. Gow, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes;
Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Karl Wimmer, Yes
YES – 7 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0
- B. **FINANCE** – Mr. Karl Wimmer, Board Member
133. Mr. Ognosky and Mrs. Lusk reviewed those bills that the members of the Board had questioned prior to this vote. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mrs. Smith to approve a list of bills to be paid as submitted.
Mr. Gow, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes;
Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Karl Wimmer, Yes
YES – 7 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0
134. A motion was made by Mr. Gow, seconded by Ms. Humphrey to approve the 2010-2011 Northeastern Educational Intermediate Unit 19 general operating budget in the amount of \$3,536,960. (Estimated share to Montrose is \$28,615.89). Mr. Ognosky reported that this is the general operating budget.
Mr. Gow, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes;
Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Karl Wimmer, Yes
YES – 7 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

VI. AGENDA ITEMS – Finance continued

135. Prior to this vote Mr. Ognosky reviewed the status of the district's bonds. A motion was made by Mr. Gow, seconded by Mr. Wilcox to authorize PNC Capital Markets LLC to serve as Underwriter and King, Spry, Herman, Freund & Faul, LLC to serve as Bond Counsel to proceed with refunding the district's Series 2001A, 2001B and 2006 General Obligation Bond Issues provided the net present value savings exceed 2% of the bond issue.
Mr. Gow, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes;
Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Karl Wimmer, Yes
YES – 7 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

C. LEGISLATIVE – Mr. Karl Wimmer, Board Member

136. Mr. Ognosky read and reviewed the resolution prior to this vote. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Mrs. Staats to approve a Resolution as submitted urging legislative action on school pension reform.
Mr. Gow, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes;
Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Karl Wimmer, Yes
YES – 7 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

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

137. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Gow to approve a contract as submitted with NEIU 19 for the provision of special education programs and services for the 2010-2011 school year at an estimated cost of \$287,637.45.
Mr. Gow, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes;
Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Karl Wimmer, Yes
YES – 7 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

138. Mr. Ognosky reported that the \$14,000.00 amount in this item was not an amount per student but was an all inclusive amount. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Ms. Humphrey to approve a contract as submitted with Student Assistance Services for comprehensive behavioral support services to multiple students with special needs beginning March 1, 2010 and extending through the end of the 2009-2010 school year at a cost not to exceed \$14,000.00.
Mr. Gow, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes;
Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Karl Wimmer, Yes
YES – 7 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

H. EXTRA CURRICULAR – Mrs. Kathy Mordovancey, Chairperson

139. A motion was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Wimmer to accept with regret the following resignations effective immediately:
a. Jennifer Mooney as Junior High Assistant Track Coach
b. John Blachek as Junior High Head Girls' Basketball Coach
Mr. Gow, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes;
Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Karl Wimmer, Yes
YES – 7 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

VI. AGENDA ITEMS – Extra Curricular continued

140. A motion was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Ms. Humphrey to grant a one season unpaid leave of absence to the following coaches for the 2010 spring sports season with the intent they return to their positions beginning with the 2011 spring sports season:
- a. Mary Gesford – Assistant Varsity Softball Coach
 - b. Katy Rosenkrans – Head Junior High Softball Coach
- Mr. Gow, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes;
Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Karl Wimmer, Yes
YES – 7 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

141. A motion was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Ms. Humphrey to appoint the following coaches contingent upon completion of employment requirements effective the beginning of the 2010 spring sports season and for the 2010 spring season only:
- a. Melanie Lasher as Head Varsity Softball Coach at a cost of \$3,190
 - b. Courtney Wells as Head Junior High Softball Coach at a cost of \$2,150
 - c. Melvin Ely as Assistant Varsity Softball Coach at a cost of \$2,150
- Mr. Gow, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes;
Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Karl Wimmer, Yes
YES – 7 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

142. A motion was made by Mr. Wimmer, seconded by Mrs. Smith to establish a student activity account at the Junior-Senior High School for the Power Lifting Club with Mr. Eric Stallings as advisor. In response to a question from a member of the Board Mr. Ognosky reported that this is a club and not a PIAA approved sport.
- Mr. Gow, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes;
Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Karl Wimmer, Yes
YES – 7 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

I. POLICIES – Mrs. Gloria Smith, Chairperson

J. PERSONNEL – Ms. Julie Humphrey, Chairperson

143. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Mrs. Smith to accept with regret the resignation of Mary Zuber as learning support instructional aide at the Lathrop Street Elementary School effective April 2, 2010.
- Mr. Gow, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes;
Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Karl Wimmer, Yes
YES – 7 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

K. PROFESSIONAL – Mrs. Gloria Smith, Board Member

144. Prior to the vote Mr. Ognosky reported that to date this will be a total of four resignations for the purpose of retirement received by the district. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Ms. Humphrey to accept with regret the following resignations for the purpose of retirement effective the end of the 2009-2010 school year:
- a. George Smith, third grade teacher, Lathrop Street Elementary School
 - b. Jean Allen, librarian, Junior-Senior High School
 - c. Carol Palmisano, sixth grade teacher, Choconut Valley Elementary School
- Mr. Gow, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes;
Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Karl Wimmer, Yes
YES – 7 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

145. A motion was made by Mr. Wimmer, seconded by Ms. Humphrey to appoint the following as daily substitute teachers effective immediately contingent upon completion of employment requirements:
- a. Elisabeth Small, emergency
 - b. John Tillman, emergency
- Mr. Gow, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes;
Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Karl Wimmer, Yes
YES – 7 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

VII. NEW BUSINESS – Mr. Doug Wilcox, Board President

146. Mr. Ognosky reported that upon passage of this item the calendar will be distributed to employees for their input as well as posted on the district web page. Mr. Ognosky reviewed the calendar for those in attendance. A motion was made by Mr. Gow, seconded by Ms. Humphrey for first reading of the 2010-2011 school calendar as submitted.

Mr. Gow, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes;
Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Karl Wimmer, Yes

YES – 7 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

147. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mrs. Mordovancey to authorize Superintendent Ognosky to write a letter of intent to the Susquehanna County Library Association, extending the five year deadline to construct a new public library building for an additional five years to 2015 due to budgetary constraints.

Mr. Gow, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes;
Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Karl Wimmer, Yes

YES – 7 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

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

- A. Monday, March 8, 2010, immediately following Board meeting – Work Session, Choconut Valley Elementary School L.G.I.
- B. Tuesday, March 9, 2010, 7:30 PM – Extra Curricular Committee meeting, Junior-Senior High School Community Learning Center
- C. Wednesday, March 10, 2010, 7:00 PM – Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting, Choconut Valley Elementary School faculty room

Mr. Ognosky reported that he will be holding a Special Public Board meeting at 7:30 PM on the above date for a vote by the Board on the bid for the construction of the new Administration Building and then will reconvene the Building & Grounds Committee meeting following the vote.

- D. Monday, March 22, 2010, 6:30 PM – Transportation Committee meeting, Junior-Senior High School Community Learning Center
- E. Monday, March 22, 2010, 7:30 PM – Finance Committee meeting, Junior-Senior High School Community Learning Center
- F. Monday, April 12, 2010, 7:00 PM – Board meeting, Junior-Senior High School Community Learning Center

IX. OPPORTUNITY FOR VISITORS' ADDITIONAL COMMENTS - None

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X. ADJOURNMENT – A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Ms. Humphrey to adjourn this meeting at 7:37 PM.

Mr. Gow, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes;
Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Karl Wimmer, Yes

YES – 7 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

Michael Ognosky, Superintendent of Schools