

MARCH 8, 2010
CHOCONUT VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – L.G.I. AREA

MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS WORK SESSION 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

- I. CALL TO ORDER** - The Montrose Area School District Board of Directors Work Session was called to order by Board President Mr. Doug Wilcox at 7:45 PM in the Choconut Valley Elementary School L.G.I. room, RR 1 Box 1730, Friendsville, PA, 18818.

A. Roll Call Attendance – 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

II. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

A. Administrators' Reports – Electronically sent to members of the Board.

1. Miss Elizabeth O'Malley
2. Dr. Donald Golden
3. Mr. Christopher McComb
4. Mr. Gregory Adams
5. Mr. Russell Canevari

Mr. Ognosky reviewed the Board reports electronically sent to the members of the Board and answered questions related to those reports. Mr. Ognosky further reported that Mr. Adams and Mr. McComb were in Harrisburg attending a *21st Century Grant* conference.

6. Mr. Owens reported to the Board on the annual Pennsylvania Technology conference he attended in February, a security consultant that has been visiting the district in order to address principal's concerns as well as reviewing the status of the intern computer technicians that will be in the district this summer. Mr. Owens further reported to those in attendance on the progress of the *VersaTrans* software, the NEIU #19 internet consortium and answered questions from members of the Board regarding the new sound systems installed and/or proposed for each of the district's three buildings.
7. Mr. Tallarico informed the members of the Board that high school student Amanda Rucker has been selected as one of the finalists in the Pennsylvania Council of the Arts "Poetry Out Loud" competition and will be presenting at the Governor's mansion. All in attendance wished Amanda the best of luck. Mr. Tallarico further reported on the status of graduation plans, PSSA testing schedules, senior projects, changes in the 2010-2011 high school course selection guide as well as the Keystone Exams. A discussion was held regarding a proposed French Club trip with Mr. Tallarico and Mr. Ognosky answering questions from Board members.
8. Mr. Clapper reported on various district projects including the status of both indoor and outdoor district lighting systems.
9. Mrs. Lusk reported to those in attendance that the support staff response to the PPO insurance plan had been favorable as well as updating the members of the Board on the PASBO (Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials) conference she will be attending in Hershey.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Administration Building bids
Mr. Ognosky distributed information packets to the Board members and reviewed the process that narrowed the thirteen bids received for the proposed Administration Building down to three. Following comments and questions by members of the Board it was decided to discuss this item further at the March 30th Building & Grounds Committee meeting and hold a public vote to award the bid.
- B. Elementary sound system proposals
Covered under Administrative Reports
- C. 2010-2011 Course Selection Guide
Covered under Administrative Reports

IV. OLD BUSINESS

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Items from members of Board of Directors
Mr. Wilcox advised the members of the Board that the annual NEIU #19 convention would be held April 27th at the Woodloch Pines resort and requested that those members wishing to attend contact Mrs. Truman prior to April 8, 2010. Mr. Ognosky informed those in attendance that Dr. Fred Rosetti, Executive Director of NEIU #19 will be retiring.

VI. COMMITTEES

- A. Schedule meetings
No additional meetings scheduled at this time

VII. VISITORS' COMMENTS - 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.)

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – This meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 8:37 PM and was followed by a CLEAR Session on Personnel.

Michael Ognosky, Superintendent of Schools