

MARCH 9, 2009, 7:00 PM
CHOCONUT VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FACULTY ROOM
MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES

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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 Vice President Mr. George Gow at 7:02 PM in the Choconut Valley Elementary School faculty room, RR 1 Box 1730, Friendsville, PA, 18818.

I. OPENING EXERCISES - Led by Board Member Mrs. Kathleen Mordovancey

II. ROLL CALL – Mr. Lewis Plauny, Board Secretary

PRESENT: Mr. George Gow, Mrs. Mary Homan, Ms. Julie Humphrey, Mrs. Kathleen Mordovancey, Mrs. Gloria Smith, Mrs. Pamela Staats, Mr. Douglas Wilcox, Mr. Karl Wimmer

ABSENT; Mr. Christopher Caterson

ADMINISTRATORS/SUPERVISORS: Mr. Michael Ognosky, Mr. Lewis Plauny, Mr. James Tallarico, Mr. Greg Adams, Mr. Chris McComb, Mr. Craig Owens

III. GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING

- A. Swim Team – Meghan Honeyford, Caroline Link, Jack Rechlicz, Alyssa Allis, Makenzie Dearborn, Anna Hamernick, Joe Hamernick, Rina Nikolaidis, Brenda King, Shannon Lay, and Coach Ed Murach

To those in attendance Mr. Ognosky introduced the district students who participated in the cooperative MASD/Elk Lake School District swim team as well as the coach, Mr. Ed Murach and thanked Mr. Murach for making our students feel welcomed into the program. Mr. Ognosky reported that the MASD students had sent a small gift and card of appreciation to the members of the Board for their support in this endeavor. Mr. Tallarico also praised the students for their behavior during the season stating that they have been excellent ambassadors for the school. Mr. Murach and the team members present received a certificate of appreciation and the congratulations of the members of the Board. Following this presentation a team picture was taken to be included in this year's yearbook.

IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR VISITORS TO ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS - None

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V. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Items from members of Board of Directors

Board member Mrs. Pam Staats reported that she had attended the SCCTC presentation on February 24, 2009 at the Junior-Senior High School and that the student turnout had been very good.

VI. AGENDA ITEMS

A. MINUTES – Mr. George Gow, Board Vice President

140. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mrs. Mordovancey to approve the following minutes as submitted:
- a. February 4, 2009 Energy Ad Hoc Committee Meeting
 - b. February 9, 2009 Board Meeting
 - c. February 9, 2009 Work Session
 - d. February 25, 2009 Energy Ad Hoc Committee Meeting
 - e. February 26, 2009 Transportation Committee Meeting
- 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 – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0**

B. FINANCE – Mr. George Gow, Board Vice President

141. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Wimmer to approve a list of bills to be paid as submitted.
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 – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0**
142. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Mr. Wimmer to approve the December 2008 and January 2009 Treasurer's Reports as submitted.
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 – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0**
143. Prior to this vote Mr. Ognosky reviewed the activity in both funds for those in attendance. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mrs. Mordovancey to approve the following Check Registers as submitted:
- a. Capital Projects 30 Fund
 - b. Capital Reserve 22 Fund
- 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 – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0**
144. In response to a question from a member of the Board both Mr. Ognosky and Mr. Wilcox reported on how these funds are distributed and released. A motion was made by Mr. Wimmer, seconded by Mrs. Smith to approve the 2009-2010 Northeastern Educational Intermediate Unit 19 general operating budget in the amount of \$3,339,160.00. (Estimated share to Montrose is \$26,730.07.)
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 – 8 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

VI. AGENDA ITEMS - continued

G. CURRICULUM – Mrs. Pamela Staats, Chairperson

145. Before this vote Mr. Plauny reported on how this amount compares to monies received by the district in previous years and Mr. Ognosky reviewed the newly introduced special education programs that are now available in our district. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mrs. Homan to approve a contract as submitted with NEIU 19 for the provision of special education programs and services for the 2009-2010 school year at an estimated cost of \$270,254.92.
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 – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

H. EXTRA CURRICULAR – Mrs. Kathy Mordovancey, Chairperson

146. A motion was made by Mrs. Homan, seconded by Mrs. Smith to appoint Heather Winn as Assistant Junior High Track Coach effective the beginning of the 2009 spring sports season at a salary of \$1,550.00.
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 – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

I. POLICIES – Mrs. Gloria Smith, Chairperson

147. Prior to the vote Mr. Ognosky reviewed the changes to these policies. A motion was made by Mrs. Staats, seconded by Ms. Humphrey for final approval 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. Gow, 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

148. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Mrs. Homan to accept with regret the resignation of Kathleen Lonzinski as part-time food service worker at the Lathrop Street Elementary School effective February 25, 2009.
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 – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

K. PROFESSIONAL – Mrs. Mary Homan, Chairperson

149. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Mrs. Smith to appoint Wendy Carangelo as an emergency certified daily substitute teacher contingent upon completion of employment requirements.
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 – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0
150. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Mrs. Staats to grant tenure to Megan Kipar, learning support teacher at the Lathrop Street Elementary School, retroactive to January 12, 2009.
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 – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

VII. NEW BUSINESS – Mr. George Gow, Board Vice President

151. Prior to this vote Mr. Ognosky reviewed the reasons for the changes to the first draft of the calendar presented to the Board, Administration and staff which results in this, the proposed school calendar for the 2009-2010 school year. A motion was made by Mrs. Staats, seconded by Mr. Wimmer to approve the 2009-2010 school calendar as submitted.

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 – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

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

- A. Monday, March 9, 2009, immediately following Board meeting – Work Session, Choconut Valley Elementary School faculty room
- B. Monday, March 16, 2009, 7:00 PM – Health Advisory Committee meeting, Junior-Senior High School, Community Learning Center
- C. Thursday, March 26, 2009, 7:00 PM – Community Advisory Committee meeting, Junior-Senior High School, Community Learning Center
- D. Saturday, April 4, 2009, 11:00 AM – Student Council / Board Forum, Junior-Senior High School, cafeteria
- E. Monday, April 13, 2009, 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 – This meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:39 PM.

Lewis Plauny, Board Secretary