

**NOVEMBER 9, 2009, 7:00 PM
JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL – CAFETERIA**

MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

MEETING MINUTES APPROVED DECEMBER 7, 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 Mr. Chris Caterson, Board President at 7:00 PM in the Junior-Senior High School cafeteria, 50 High School Road, Montrose PA, 18801.

- I. OPENING EXERCISES** - Led by Board Member Mrs. Kathleen Mordovancey. A moment of silence was held for the victims of Fort Hood, Texas.
- II. ROLL CALL** – Mrs. Diane Truman, Co-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. Karl Wimmer (arrived 7:10 PM)
ABSENT: Mr. Douglas Wilcox
ADMINISTRATORS/SUPERVISORS: Mr. Michael Ognosky, Mrs. Michelle Lusk, Mr. Jim Tallarico, Mr. Russ Canevari, Mr. Greg Adams, Mr. Chris McComb, Dr. Don Golden, Mr. Craig Owens, Mr. Rickie Clapper
- III. GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING**
- A. Girls' Track – Sean Castellani, Coach, and athletes – Angela Short, Alexandra Lewis, Julia Koloski, Jacey Blom and Sarah Kimsey
Mr. Tallarico introduced those members of the team present at this evening's meeting and reviewed the team's accomplishments this past season for those in attendance. Certificates of achievement were awarded to the team and coach as well as the congratulations of the Board.
- B. Choconut Valley Elementary School PTO – Karen Guinane, President
Mr. McComb and C.V.E.S. PTO President Karen Guinane reviewed the process for receiving this matching funds grant that was used to update the playground equipment at Choconut Valley. PTO President Guinane received the congratulations of the Board and those in attendance.
- C. Wal*Mart teacher recognition – Karen and Melissa, Wal*Mart representatives
Teachers – Cynthia Goodman, Diane Cronk, Linda Truman, George Smith, Anne Lathrop, Karen Ricci, Caitlin Kerwin, Sarah Brander, Nina Merrick, Kristina Dufton
Wal*Mart representatives reviewed the criteria necessary to be honored with this recognition and presented those teachers in attendance with their award. The Board offered their congratulations as well.
- 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

71. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mrs. Mordovancey to approve the following minutes as submitted:
- a. October 12, 2009 Board Meeting
 - b. October 12, 2009 Work Session
 - c. October 22, 2009 Energy Committee
 - d. October 22, 2009 Community Advisory Committee
 - e. November 3, 2009 Policy Committee
- Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0
72. A motion was made by Mr. Wimmer, seconded by Mrs. Homan to schedule a special Board meeting for reorganization purposes on Monday, December 7, 2009 at 7:00 PM in the Junior-Senior High School Community Learning Center to be combined with the regular monthly meeting and immediately followed by the work session.
- Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

B. FINANCE – Mr. Chris Caterson, Chairperson

73. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mrs. Mordovancey 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. Wimmer, Yes
YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0
74. A motion was made by Mr. Gow, seconded by Mrs. Staats to approve the October 2009 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. Wimmer, Yes
YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0
75. Prior to this vote Mr. Ognosky reviewed the costs associated with the new concession stand in response to a question from a Board member. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mrs. Smith to approve the Capital Reserve 22 Fund and the Capital Projects 30 Fund check registers as submitted.
- Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0
76. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mrs. Mordovancey to approve budget transfers for the year ending 2008-2009 as per submitted listing.
- Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, 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, Chairperson

VI. AGENDA ITEMS - continued

G. CURRICULUM – Mrs. Pamela Staats, Chairperson

77. Dr. Golden responded to questions prior to the vote on this item. A motion was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Gow to approve a contract as submitted with Student Assistance Services to provide behavioral support services to multiple students with special needs for a total of no more than 20 days throughout the 2009-2010 school year at a cost not to exceed \$14,000.00.

H. EXTRA CURRICULAR – Mrs. Kathy Mordovancey, Chairperson

78. A motion was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Ms. Humphrey to accept with regret the following resignations effective immediately:

- a. Andrew Vaccaro as Junior High Boys' Head Basketball Coach
 - b. Phillip Crisp as Junior High Assistant Wrestling Coach
- Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes

YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

79. Mr. Tallarico reported that this item will give the high school a full complement of winter coaches in response to a Board member's question. A motion was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Homan to appoint the following as coaches effective the beginning of the 2009-2010 winter sports season contingent upon completion of employment requirements:

- a. Derrek Hall as Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach at the cost of \$3,010.00
 - b. Nicole Wolf as Basketball Cheerleading Coach at the cost of \$2,150.00
 - c. Justin Wagner as Junior High Assistant Wrestling Coach at the cost of \$2,100.00
 - d. Daniel Brown as Junior High Head Wrestling Coach at the cost of \$2,310.00
 - e. Tim Lopez as Junior High Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach at the cost of \$2,100.00
 - f. Michael Zuba as Junior High Head Boys' Basketball Coach at the cost of \$2,425.50
- Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes

YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

I. POLICIES – Mrs. Gloria Smith, Chairperson

80. Prior to this vote Mr. Ognosky reviewed the revisions and clarified use of cell phones by the students after school hours. A motion for final approval of revisions to the following policies was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mrs. Mordovancey:

- a. Policy No. 237 Electronic Devices
- b. Policy No. 609 Investment of District Funds
- c. Policy No. 815 Acceptable Use of Internet
- d. New Policy 718 Service Animals in Schools

Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes

YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

81. Mr. Ognosky reviewed the revisions prior to this vote. A motion for first reading of revisions to the following policies was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Ms. Humphrey:

- a. New Policy 103.1 Nondiscrimination – Qualified Students With Disabilities
- b. Policy 113 Special Education
- c. Policy 113.1 Discipline of Students with Disabilities
- d. Policy 113.2 Behavior Support Plan
- e. New Policy 113.3 Screening and Evaluations for Students with Disabilities
- f. Policy 114 Gifted Education
- g. Policy 907 School Visitors

Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes

YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

VI. AGENDA ITEMS - continued

J. PERSONNEL – Ms. Julie Humphrey, Chairperson

82. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Mrs. Homan to employ Rebecca Cooley as an Instructional Aide in the Emotional Support Program at the Junior-Senior High School at the rate of \$7.96 per hour retroactive to November 2, 2009 for a maximum of 6½ hours per day, 180 student school days, with individual fringe benefits in accordance with the current MESPA Support Staff Agreement.

Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes

YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

83. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Mrs. Homan to appoint the following daily support staff substitutes effective immediately contingent upon completion of employment requirements:

- a. Paula Trott
- b. Lennae Reidsema
- c. Dawn Augenti

Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes

YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

84. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Mr. Wimmer to accept with regret the resignation of Brooke Weidow as a part-time food service worker at the Junior-Senior High School effective November 11, 2009.

Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes

YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

K. PROFESSIONAL – Mrs. Mary Homan, Chairperson

85. In response to a question from a member of the Board Mr. Ognosky reviewed the procedure for emergency certification. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mrs. Mordovancey to approve the following as daily substitute teachers effective immediately contingent upon completion of employment requirements:

- a. Laura Little, emergency
- b. Mary Clinton, emergency

Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes

YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

VII. NEW BUSINESS

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

- A. Monday, November 9, 2009, immediately following Board meeting – Work Session, Junior-Senior High School Community Learning Center
- B. Thursday, November 12, 2009, 7:00 PM – Curriculum Committee meeting, Junior-Senior High School Community Learning Center
- C. Thursday, November 12, 2009, 8:00 PM – Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting, Junior-Senior High School Community Learning Center
- D. Tuesday, November 24, 2009, 4:00 PM – Energy Committee meeting, Administrative Offices
- E. Tuesday, November 24, 2009, 7:00 PM – Community Advisory Committee meeting, Choconut Valley Elementary School faculty room
- F. Monday, December 7, 2009, 7:00 PM – Board reorganization meeting, Junior-Senior High School Community Learning Center
- G. Monday, December 7, 2009, immediately following Board meeting – Work Session, 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 7:40 PM.

Michael Ognosky, Superintendent of Schools