

NOVEMBER 8, 2010
JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL – COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER
MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS WORK SESSION MINUTES
MEETING MINUTES APPROVED DECEMBER 6, 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 Mr. Doug Wilcox, Board President at 8:10 PM in the Junior-Senior High School Community Learning Center, 75 Meteor Way, Montrose PA, 18801.

A. Roll Call Attendance – Mrs. Judith Sample, Co-Board Secretary

PRESENT: Mr. Chris Caterson (arrived 8:20 PM), Mr. George Gow, Mrs. Mary Homan, Mrs. Kathleen Mordovancey, Mrs. Gloria Smith, Mrs. Pamela Staats, Mr. Douglas Wilcox, Mr. Karl Wimmer

ADMINISTRATORS/SUPERVISORS: Mr. Michael Ognosky, Mrs. Michelle Lusk, Mr. Jim Tallarico, Mr. Chris McComb, Mr. Greg Adams, Dr. Donald Golden, Mr. Craig Owens, Mr. Rickie Clapper

II. **PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS**

A. Administrators' Reports

1. Miss Betsy O'Malley – submitted electronically
2. Mr. Russ Canevari – submitted electronically
3. Mr. Greg Adams
Mr. Adams invited all in attendance to the Veteran's Day program to be held at Lathrop Street Elementary School November 11th and reported that the Ag Mobile Lab will be present at Lathrop Street for the students to attend classes. Mr. Adams further reported that conferences would be held the evening of November 11th and all day November 12, 2010 at Lathrop Street.
4. Mr. Chris McComb
Mr. McComb reported that parent/teacher conferences will be held a little differently this year at Choconut Valley Elementary School due to the unique situation with fifth and sixth grade classes. Mr. McComb further reported that both elementary schools will be attending a full dress rehearsal of the production *Cinderella* at the Junior-Senior High School, that the budget process was going well and explained the "Wall of Honor" that has been established at C.V.E.S. to honor our veteran's.
5. Mr. Jim Tallarico
Mr. Tallarico reported that the distribution of report cards on November 5th went well and that the Student Council's district-wide "Pink Out" was well received and extremely successful. Mr. Tallarico also reported that the Junior-Senior High School's Veteran's day program will be held the afternoon of November 11th and invited all to attend and also stated that the school had been presented with a *Fallen Heroes* flag in honor of MAHS alumnus Dan Arnold which will be displayed in the building.
6. Mr. Craig Owens
Mr. Owens discussed the work already completed and also work anticipated in getting the new Administration Building wired as well as the district's updated security camera system. Mr. Owens further reported that the district's NEPA WAN contract will be expiring in 2011 and suggested a Technology Committee meeting be scheduled in the near future to discuss this item.
7. Mr. Rickie Clapper
Mr. Clapper updated those in attendance on the various district projects including new mulch for the Lathrop Street Elementary playground, the moisture problem at Choconut Valley Elementary as well as reporting on the progress of repairing a broken pipe at the Junior-Senior High School.
8. Dr. Donald Golden
Dr. Golden reported on a new resolution proposed by the state which will change some of the terminology used in the field of Special Education and answered questions from the members of the Board.
9. Mrs. Michelle Lusk
Mrs. Lusk reported on the 2010-2011 budget time-line and various dates for Finance Committee meetings were discussed by the members of the Board.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Policy 707 Use of School Facilities
An open discussion was held between the Administration and members of the Board on the utilization of the Lathrop Street Elementary School's gymnasium including the availability and scheduling process of the gym to student as well as community groups. Various ideas were discussed and a determination will be made at a later date as to the process to be used in determining scheduling.
- B. Update on new Administrative Offices
Mr. Ognosky and Mrs. Lusk recapped the progress of the Administration Building project answering questions from the members of the Board.
- C. Community Advisory Committee Report
Mr. Ognosky reviewed the minutes of the recent Community Advisory Committee meeting and a discussion was held regarding the suggestion by one of the committee members that an additional guidance counselor be placed at the Junior-Senior High School level. It was agreed by the members of the Board that there are still many factors to investigate regarding this matter.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Items from members of Board of Directors
In response to a question from Mrs. Mordovancey a discussion was held between members of the Board regarding the qualifications needed to earn a varsity jacket.

VI. COMMITTEES

- A. Schedule meetings
Scheduling of the Finance Committees were reviewed and dates were discussed for the next Transportation Committee meeting.

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 – A motion was made by Mr. Gow, seconded by Mr. Wimmer to adjourn this meeting at 9:29 PM.

Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes;
Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Karl Wimmer, Yes

YES – 8

NO – 0

ABSTAIN – 0

Michael Ognosky, Superintendent of Schools