

JANUARY 9, 2012, 7:00 PM
CHOCONUT VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – L.G.I.

MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

MEETING MINUTES APPROVED FEBRUARY 13, 2012

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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 President Mr. Chris Caterson at 7:00 PM in the Choconut Valley Elementary School L.G.I. room, 4458 Stanley Lake Road, Friendsville, PA, 18818.

- I. OPENING EXERCISES** - Led by Mr. Chris Caterson, Board President. A moment of silence was held to honor the passing of Mr. George Knapp and Mr. Thomas Conaty.
- II. ROLL CALL** – Ms. Diane Truman, Co-Board Secretary
PRESENT: Mr. Chris Caterson, Mrs. Kristen Follert, Mr. George Gow, Mrs. Mary Homan, Mrs. Kathleen Mordovancey, Mrs. Gloria Smith, Mrs. Pamela Staats, Mr. Doug Wilcox, Mr. Karl Wimmer
ADMINISTRATORS/SUPERVISORS: Mr. Michael Ognosky, Mrs. Michelle Lusk, Mr. Greg Adams, Mr. Chris McComb, Mr. Craig Owens
- III. GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING**
- A. School Director Recognition
Mr. Ognosky read a proclamation from the Pennsylvania School Board declaring January School Director Recognition month. Mr. McComb informed those in attendance that refreshments this evening were provided by the Choconut Valley Elementary School PTO in honor of the directors and also presented cards of appreciation from the elementary students to the Board members.
- IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR VISITORS TO ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS** - None
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- V. INFORMATION ITEMS**
- A. Board Committee appointments
Mr. Caterson reported that all committee assignments will remain the same with the exception of the elimination of the Energy Ad Hoc Committee which will now fall under the committee for Building and Grounds.
- B. Items from members of Board of Directors
Mr. Caterson read a thank you note received from Mr. Wimmer and Mr. Wilcox reported that the Regional Leadership Conference of the Future Business Leaders of America hosted by the Montrose Area School District on January 6th was well attended and well received and thanked Mr. Benedict for his hard work with this organization.
- VI. AGENDA ITEMS**
- A. **MINUTES** – Mr. Chris Caterson, Board President
95. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Mr. Wimmer to approve the following minutes as submitted:
- a. December 5, 2011 Board Meeting
 - b. December 5, 2011 Work Session
 - c. January 3, 2012 Special Board Meeting
- Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mrs. Follert, Yes; Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes;
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes

YES – 9

NO – 0

ABSTAIN – 0

VI. AGENDA ITEMS – Minutes continued

96. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Mr. Wilcox to schedule public meetings for 2012:
Regular meetings will be held on the second Monday of each month, with the exception of the December reorganization meeting which will be on the first Monday, beginning at 7:00 PM to be immediately followed by a work session. For the months of January, February, March, July, August and September the meetings will be held in the L.G.I. at Choconut Valley Elementary School. For the months of April, May, June, October, November and December the meetings will be held in the Community Learning Center at the Junior-Senior High School.
Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mrs. Follert, Yes; Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes;
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes
YES – 9 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

B. FINANCE – Mr. Chris Caterson, Chairperson

97. Prior to the vote Mr. Ognosky and Mrs. Lusk reviewed a bill questioned by a member of the Board. A motion was made by Mr. Gow, seconded by Mrs. Staats to approve a list of bills to be paid as submitted, including the cafeteria fund.
Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mrs. Follert, Yes; Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes;
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes
YES – 9 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0
98. Mr. Ognosky reviewed the status of this account prior to the vote. A motion was made by Mrs. Homan, seconded by Mr. Gow to approve the November 2011 Treasurer's Report, as submitted, which includes the 22 Capital Reserve Fund account.
Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mrs. Follert, Yes; Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes;
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes
YES – 9 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0
99. A motion was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Mordovancey to exonerate from payment of per capita and/or occupation taxes as per submitted list from G. H. Harris Associates, collector of delinquent taxes.
Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mrs. Follert, Yes; Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes;
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes
YES – 9 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0
100. A motion was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Gow to accept the local audit report for the 2010-2011 fiscal year as submitted by Murphy, Dougherty & Company, certified public accountants, Scranton, PA.
Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mrs. Follert, Yes; Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes;
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes
YES – 9 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

G. CURRICULUM – Mrs. Pamela Staats, Chairperson

VI. AGENDA ITEMS – continued

H. EXTRA CURRICULAR – Mrs. Kathy Mordovancey, Chairperson

101. A motion was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Wilcox to appoint Joseph Gilhool as Head Junior High Girls' Basketball Coach at the cost of \$2,695 retroactive to the beginning of the 2011-2012 winter sports season.

Mr. Catterson, Yes; Mrs. Follert, Yes; Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes;

Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes

YES – 9 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

I. POLICIES – Mrs. Kristen Follert, Chairperson

102. Mr. Ognosky reviewed the changes to these policies for those in attendance. A motion for first reading of revisions to the following policies as submitted was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Staats:

a. Policy No.113 Programs – Special Education

b. Policy No. 113.3 Programs – Screening and Evaluations for Students with Disabilities

Mr. Catterson, Yes; Mrs. Follert, Yes; Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes;

Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes

YES – 9 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

J. PERSONNEL – Mrs. Mary Homan, Chairperson

K. PROFESSIONAL – Mrs. Gloria Smith, Chairperson

VII. NEW BUSINESS - None

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

- A. Monday, January 9, 2012, immediately following Board meeting – Work Session, Choconut Valley Elementary School L. G. I.
B. Thursday, January 26, 2012, 7:00 PM – Community Advisory Committee Meeting, Administration Building, Superintendent's Office
C. Monday, February 13, 2012, 7:00 PM – Board Meeting, Choconut Valley Elementary School L. G. I.

IX. OPPORTUNITY FOR VISITORS' ADDITIONAL COMMENTS - None

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X. ADJOURNMENT – A motion was made by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Mrs. Homan to adjourn this meeting at 7:20 PM.

Mr. Catterson, Yes; Mrs. Follert, Yes; Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes;

Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes

YES – 9 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

Michael Ognosky, Superintendent of Schools