

APRIL 13, 2009, 7:00 PM
JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL – COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER
MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES

MEETING MINUTES APPROVED MAY 11, 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. Christopher Caterson, Board President at 7:04 PM in the Junior-Senior High School Community Learning Center, 50 High School Road, Montrose PA, 18801.

I. OPENING EXERCISES - Led by Ms. Julie Humphrey, Board Member

II. ROLL CALL – Mr. Lewis Plauny, 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. Douglas Wilcox, Mr. Karl Wimmer

ADMINISTRATORS/SUPERVISORS: Mr. Michael Ognosky, Mr. Lewis Plauny, Mr. Russ Canevari, Mr. Greg Adams, Mr. Chris McComb, Dr. Donald Golden, Mr. Craig Owens, Mr. Rickie Clapper

III. GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING

A. Write and Illustrate Your Own Picture Book – Kyle McGranaghan, Odessa Gaster, Maxwell Brewer, and Jacob Lutz

Mr. Adams introduced the winners of the Susquehanna County Library's *Write and Illustrate Your Own Picture Book* contest and each student briefly explained their book to those in attendance. Mr. Adams reported that the three first place prize winners are students in Mr. Wood's second grade class at Lathrop Street Elementary School and will have their books bound and will be offered for circulation at the county library. All students received the congratulations of the members of the Board and certificates of achievement.

B. National Technical Honor Society – Andrew Henry and Danielle Schrader

Mr. Ognosky introduced Mr. Duane Benedict, Business teacher at the Junior-Senior High School and advisor to the Future Business Leaders of America club. Mr. Benedict reported to those in attendance the results of our district students at the state competition held in Hershey, including the fact that one of our students placed high enough to be invited to the national competition to be held in California. Team members in attendance and Mr. Benedict received the congratulations of the Board members and certificates of achievement.

C. Citizen of the Year – Mrs. Philippa Follert

Mr. Adams introduced Mrs. Philippa Follert, retired district teacher, to those in attendance at this evening's meeting and reported on her contributions to the Lathrop Street Elementary School as well as throughout the district. Mrs. Follert is this year's Montrose Area Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year and received the congratulations of the members of the Board and those in attendance.

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

152. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Ms. Humphrey to approve the following minutes as submitted:
- a. March 4, 2009 Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting
 - b. March 9, 2009 Board Meeting
 - c. March 9, 2009 Work Session
 - d. March 16, 2009 Health Advisory Council Meeting
 - e. March 16, 2009 Extra Curricular Committee Meeting
 - f. March 25, 2009 Energy Committee Meeting
 - g. March 26, 2009 Community Advisory Committee Meeting
 - h. April 4, 2009 Student Council Board Forum
 - i. April 8, 2009 Technology Committee Meeting
 - j. April 9, 2009 Finance Committee Meeting
- Mr. Caterson, Yes; 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 – 9 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0**

B. FINANCE – Mr. Chris Caterson, Chairperson

153. A motion was made by Mrs. Homan, 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. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
- YES – 9 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0**
154. A motion was made by Mr. Gow, seconded by Ms. Humphrey to approve the February 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. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
- YES – 9 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0**
155. A motion was made by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Mrs. Staats to advertise for bids for the purchase of the following: custodial supplies, general supplies, and waste removal.
Mr. Caterson, Yes; 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 – 9 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0**
156. In response to a question from a member of the Board Mr. Plauny reported on the research into this item, the terms of use for the card as well as restrictions that will be put in place. A motion was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Homan to approve a \$100,000 borrowing resolution between the district and Community Bank & Trust Company in order to establish a \$100,000 credit card aggregate credit limit for the following administrators: James Tallarico, High School Principal; Russell Canevari, Assistant High School Principal; Gregory Adams, Elementary Principal; Christopher McComb, Elementary Principal; Donald Golden, Special Education Director; Craig Owens, Technology Director; and Rickie Clapper, Facilities and Transportation Director.
Mr. Caterson, Yes; 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 – 9 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0**

VI. AGENDA ITEMS – Finance continued

157. Mr. Caterson reported on the need for this appointment prior to the vote. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mrs. Mordovancey to appoint Chris Caterson as voting delegate and George Gow as alternate voting delegate to the Act 32 Tax Collection Committee for the consolidation of Earned Income Tax collection for Susquehanna County.
Mr. Caterson, Yes; 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 – 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

158. A motion was made by Mrs. Staats, seconded by Mr. Caterson to advertise for bids for a concession stand at the Junior-Senior High School stadium.
Mr. Caterson, Yes; 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 – 9 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

F. **TECHNOLOGY** – Mr. Karl Wimmer

159. Prior to this vote Mr. Owens reported on the need to expand internet service to the district. A motion was made by Mr. Gow, seconded by Mrs. Smith to enter into a WAN Service Agreement with Northeastern Educational Intermediate Unit 19 for an additional 3 MB of internet service for the term of 24 months at a cost of \$240 per month.
Mr. Caterson, Yes; 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 – 9 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

G. **CURRICULUM** – Mrs. Pamela Staats, Chairperson

160. A motion was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Ms. Humphrey to approve the Montrose Area Junior-Senior High School Course Selection Guide for the 2009-2010 school year as submitted.
Mr. Caterson, Yes; 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 – 9 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

H. **EXTRA CURRICULAR** – Mrs. Kathy Mordovancey, Chairperson

161. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Gow to accept with regret the following resignations effective immediately:
- a. Ryan Soden as Head Junior High Boys' Basketball Coach
 - b. Dean Brewer as Head Junior High Wrestling Coach
 - c. Robert Thorne as Head Wrestling Coach
 - d. Leslie Foster as Assistant Cross Country Coach
- Mr. Caterson, Yes; 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 – 9 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

I. **POLICIES** – Mrs. Gloria Smith, Chairperson

VI. AGENDA ITEMS – continued

J. PERSONNEL – Ms. Julie Humphrey, Chairperson

162. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Mr. Gow to accept with regret the resignation of Sarah Warriner as a Personal Care Aide at the Lathrop Street Elementary School effective April 10, 2009.
Mr. Caterson, Yes; 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 – 9 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0
163. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Mrs. Homan to employ the following support staff contingent upon completion of employment requirements and in accordance with the current MESPA Support Staff Agreement
- a. Kimberly Stevens as a part-time food service worker at the Lathrop Street Elementary School retroactive to March 20, 2009 at the rate of \$7.40 per hour for a maximum of 4½ hours per day for 180 student school days per year with no fringe benefits
 - b. Patricia Bendock as a Personal Care Aide at the Lathrop Street Elementary School effective April 13, 2009 at the rate of \$7.96 per hour for a maximum of 6½ hours per day for 180 student school days per year with individual fringe benefits
 - c. Kathleen Fetherbay as a Personal Care Aide at the Junior-Senior High School effective April 13, 2009 at the rate of \$8.66 per hour for a maximum of 6½ hours per day for 180 student school days per year with individual fringe benefits
- Mr. Caterson, Yes; 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 – 9 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0
164. A motion was made by Mr. Gow, seconded by Mrs. Staats to appoint Iris Hoffman as a daily support staff substitute contingent upon completion of employment requirements.
Mr. Caterson, Yes; 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 – 9 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

K. PROFESSIONAL – Mrs. Mary Homan, Chairperson

165. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mrs. Mordovancey to appoint Sarah Warriner as a daily substitute mathematics teacher effective April 13, 2009.
Mr. Caterson, Yes; 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 – 9 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0
166. Mr. Caterson thanked Mrs. Baessler who was present at this evening's meeting for her many years of service to the district. A motion was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Gow to accept with regret a resignation for the purpose of retirement of Eileen Baessler, English teacher at the Junior-Senior High School, effective beginning the day after the end of the 2008-2009 school year.
Mr. Caterson, Yes; 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 – 9 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

VI. AGENDA ITEMS – Professional continued

167. Mr. Caterson thanked Miss Swaha for her many years of service. A motion was made by Mr. Gow, seconded by Mr. Wilcox to accept with regret a resignation for the purpose of retirement of Kathleen Swaha, English teacher at the Junior-Senior High School, effective beginning the day after the end of the 2008-2009 school year.
Mr. Caterson, Yes; 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 – 9 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

VII. CLEAR SESSION – Personnel (7:35 PM until 8:03 PM)

168. A motion was made by Mr. Gow, seconded by Mrs. Homan to authorize the Board President to provide written notice to Mr. Lewis Plauny that the Board of School Directors shall not renew his employment agreement which is scheduled to terminate on June 30, 2009.
Mr. Caterson, Yes; 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 – 9 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

VIII. NEW BUSINESS - None

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

- A. Monday, April 13, 2009, immediately following Board meeting – Work Session, Junior-Senior High School, Community Learning Center
- B. Thursday, April 16, 2009, 6:00 PM – Policy Committee meeting, Administration Building, Superintendent's Office
- C. Thursday, April 16, 2009, 7:00 PM – Curriculum Committee meeting, Junior-Senior High School, Community Learning Center
- D. Wednesday, April 29, 2009, 7:00 PM – Community Advisory Committee meeting, Choconut Valley Elementary School faculty room
- E. Monday, May 11, 2009, 7:00 PM – Board meeting, Junior-Senior High School, Community Learning Center

X. OPPORTUNITY FOR VISITORS' ADDITIONAL COMMENTS - None

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XI. ADJOURNMENT – A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Gow to adjourn this meeting at 8:05 PM.

- Mr. Caterson, Yes; 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 – 9 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

Lewis Plauny, Board Secretary