

FEBRUARY 9, 2009
CHOCONUT VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FACULTY ROOM
MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WORK SESSION MINUTES

MEETING MINUTES APPROVED MARCH 9, 2009

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Mr. Chris Caterson
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 Board President Mr. Chris Caterson at 8:00 PM in the Choconut Valley Elementary School faculty room, RR 1 Box 1730, Friendsville, PA, 18818.

A. Roll Call Attendance – 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. Greg Adams, Mr. Chris McComb

II. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

- A. Administrators' Reports – Electronically sent to members of the Board

1. Don Golden
2. Russ Canevari
3. Betsy O'Malley
4. Jim Tallarico

Mr. Chris McComb reported that 5th grade PSSA testing in Writing was being held this week at Choconut Valley Elementary School and that the archery program for grades three through eight had begun. Mr. McComb further reported that a problem that occurred with the burglar alarm system the previous weekend is being looked into by Mr. Clapper and also reported to the members of the Board on a program at Choconut Valley that rewards 6th grade students who have all homework assignments completed with an ice skating party courtesy of the C.V.E.S. PTO. Mr. McComb informed the Board and those in attendance that Tuesday, February 10th will be the Special Olympics Race day at Elk Mountain. Mr. Greg Adams reported that the 5th grade students at Lathrop Street Elementary School are very focused in preparation for the PSSA Writing Assessments and updated the members of the Board on the tutoring programs being offered at Lathrop Street which now involves 100+ students. Mr. Adams further reported that Lathrop Street students will be participating in *Jump Rope for the Heart* and *Hoops for the Heart* during their physical education classes to benefit the American Heart Association and also that the Effective School Committee at L.S.E.S. will be reviewing their fund raising policy. Mr. Lewis Plauny updated the members of the Board on the status of the 22 and 30 Funds and also reported that he was anticipating that the 2009-2010 preliminary budget will be ready for the March monthly meeting of the Board. Mr. Plauny also reported that a PSBA white paper would be coming out in the next few weeks concerning the consolidation of school districts.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. 2009 – 2010 school calendar
Mr. Ognosky reviewed the tentative school calendar for the 2009-2010 school year and reported that the calendar draft will be distributed to faculty and staff for their input and will also be posted on the district web site for review.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Items from members of Board of Directors
Mr. Caterson summarized the information covered during the February 4th meeting of the Energy Ad Hoc Committee meeting, specifically the wind study results and reported that he will keep the members of the Board and administration current with any new information received.

VI. COMMITTEES

- A. Schedule meetings
1. Student Council / Board Forum, Saturday, April 4, 2009
Mr. Ognosky requested that committee chairs review their calendars and contact him with the dates, times and locations of any meetings that they would like to schedule.

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 – This meeting adjourned by acclamation at 8:20 PM and was followed by a CLEAR Session on Personnel.

Mr. Lewis Plauny, Board Secretary