

JANUARY 12, 2009, 7:00 PM
CHOCONUT VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FACULTY ROOM
MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES

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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 7:02 PM in the Choconut Valley Elementary School faculty room, RR 1 Box 1730, Friendsville, PA, 18818.

I. OPENING EXERCISES - Led by Mr. Chris Caterson, Board President

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. Pamela Staats, Mr. Douglas Wilcox, Mr. Karl Wimmer (arrived 7:21 PM)

ABSENT: Mrs. Gloria Smith

ADMINISTRATORS/SUPERVISORS: Mr. Michael Ognosky, Mr. Lewis Plauny, Mr. Greg Adams, Mr. Chris McComb, Mr. Craig Owens, Mr. Rickie Clapper

III. GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING

A. PSSA perfect score – Annelise Mittmann

Mr. Greg Adams, Principal at Lathrop Street Elementary School introduced student Annelise Mittmann to those in attendance and reported that Annelise, due to her hard work and dedication had achieved a perfect PSSA score in both Reading and Math. Mr. Adams further stated that these scores reflect not only Annelise's intelligence but the effort that she puts forth in every endeavor. As Annelise was receiving her certificate of recognition and the personal congratulations from the Board, Mr. Ognosky informed those in attendance that while there have been students in the past that have achieved a perfect score in Math or Reading, Annelise is the first to accomplish that goal in both tests.

B. Keystone Achievement Awards – Lathrop Street and Choconut Valley Elementary Schools

Mr. Ognosky reported that Mr. Greg Adams and Mr. Chris McComb, principals at the district's two elementary schools have again received the Keystone Achievement Award presented for Adequate Yearly Progress. Principals Adams and McComb received the congratulations of the members of the Board and those in attendance.

C. School Director Recognition

Mr. McComb reported that the refreshments being served this evening were provided by the Choconut Valley Elementary School PTO in honor of School Board Director Month and also presented each member of the Board with booklets of gratitude letters from the students of Choconut Valley. Three students were present at this evening's meeting to personally read their letters to the Board members and tokens of appreciation for their countless hours of dedication to the district were presented by Mr. Ognosky.

IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR VISITORS TO ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS - None

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V. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Board Committee appointments
Mr. Caterson reported that since he had not heard of any requests for changes in committee assignments they would remain the same.
- B. Items from members of Board of Directors - None

VI. AGENDA ITEMS

A. MINUTES – Mr. Chris Caterson, Board President

- 112. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Mrs. Homan to approve the following minutes as submitted:
 - a. December 1, 2008 Board Meeting
 - b. December 1, 2008 Work Session
 - c. December 3, 2008 Energy Ad Hoc Committee Meeting
 - d. December 3, 2008 Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting
 - e. December 4, 2008 Community Advisory Committee Meeting
 - f. December 10, 2008 Finance Committee Meeting
 - g. December 15, 2008 Finance Committee Meeting
 - h. December 22, 2008 Finance Committee MeetingMr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer (not present for vote)
YES – 7 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

- 113. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mrs. Mordovancey to schedule public meetings for 2009:
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 faculty room of the Choconut Valley Elementary School. For the months 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, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer (not present for vote)
YES – 7 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

B. FINANCE – Mr. Chris Caterson, Chairperson

- 114. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mrs. Staats 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. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0
- 115. Prior to this vote Mr. Ognosky reviewed Act 1 for those in attendance. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Mrs. Homan to resolve that the Montrose Area School District will not raise taxes above the PDE approved index for the 2009-2010 annual budget as per Section 311 (c) and Section 311 (d) of Act 1 of 2006.
Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

C. LEGISLATIVE – Mr. Chris Caterson, Chairperson

VI. AGENDA ITEMS – continued

- D. **TRANSPORTATION** – Mr. Douglas Wilcox, Chairperson
- E. **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS / SAFETY** – Mr. George Gow, Chairperson
- F. **TECHNOLOGY** – Mr. Karl Wimmer
- G. **CURRICULUM** – Mrs. Pamela Staats, Chairperson
- H. **EXTRA CURRICULAR** – Mrs. Kathy Mordovancey, Chairperson

116. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mrs. Homan to accept with regret the resignation of Jason Kerr as Head Junior High Boys' Basketball Coach effective December 10, 2008.
Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

117. A motion was made by Mr. Gow, seconded by Mrs. Staats to grant Michael Boccella a one season unpaid leave of absence as Assistant Football Coach for the fall 2009 season with the intent he return to his position beginning with the fall 2010 sports season.
Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

118. A motion was made by Mr. Gow, seconded by Mr. Wimmer to appoint Mary Keihl as Basketball Cheerleading Advisor effective December 8, 2008 for the 2008 winter sports season only at the rate of \$1,947.50.
Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

119. A motion was made by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Mr. Gow to appoint Ryan Soden as Head Junior High Boys' Basketball Coach effective December 15, 2008 at a salary of \$1,540.00.
Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

- I. **POLICIES** – Mrs. Gloria Smith, Chairperson
- J. **PERSONNEL** – Ms. Julie Humphrey, Chairperson

120. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Mr. Wilcox to employ Tanya M. Dearborn as Learning Support Instructional Aide at the Choconut Valley Elementary School effective December 8, 2008 at the rate of \$7.96 per hour for a maximum of 6½ hours per day for 180 school days per year 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. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

121. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Mr. Gow to appoint the following as daily substitute support staff contingent upon completion of employment requirements:
a. Ruth Rought – aide
b. William Zalewski - custodian
Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

VI. AGENDA ITEMS – Personnel continued

122. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Mrs. Homan to accept with regret the resignation of JoAnn Shubin as part-time food service worker at the Lathrop Street Elementary School effective January 16, 2009.
Mr. Catterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

K. PROFESSIONAL – Mrs. Mary Homan, Chairperson

123. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mrs. Mordovancey to employ Kelly Driscoll as a long-term substitute social studies teacher at the Junior-Senior High School effective January 5, 2009 for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year at a daily rate of \$147.22 with no fringe benefits.
Mr. Catterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

124. A motion was made by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Mrs. Staats to appoint the following as daily substitute teachers contingent upon completion of employment requirements:
a. Albert Bertsch – mathematics
b. John Adams - speech – retroactive to January 5, 2009
Mr. Catterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

VII. NEW BUSINESS – Mr. Chris Catterson, Board President

125. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Ms. Humphrey to approve a resolution of the settlement of the Montrose Area School District and the Montrose Education Association grievance regarding every-day substitutes as submitted in the December 10, 2008 correspondence from the district solicitor.
Mr. Catterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

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

- A. Monday, January 12, 2009, immediately following Board meeting – Work Session, Choconut Valley Elementary School faculty room
- B. Wednesday, January 21, 2009, 6:00 PM – Energy Ad Hoc Committee meeting, Administration Building, Superintendent's Office
- C. Wednesday, January 21, 2009, 7:00 PM – Finance Committee meeting, Junior-Senior High School, Community Learning Center
- D. Thursday, January 22, 2009, 7:00 PM – Curriculum Committee meeting, Junior-Senior High School, Community Learning Center
- E. Monday, February 9, 2009, 7:00 PM – Board meeting, Choconut Valley Elementary School faculty room

IX. OPPORTUNITY FOR VISITORS' ADDITIONAL COMMENTS - None

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X. ADJOURNMENT – This meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:32 PM.

Lewis Plauny, Board Secretary