

JANUARY 11, 2010
CHOCONUT VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – L.G.I.

MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS WORK SESSION MINUTES

MEETING MINUTES APPROVED FEBRUARY 8, 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 Board President Mr. Doug Wilcox at 8:13 PM in the Choconut Valley Elementary School L.G.I. room, RR 1 Box 1730, Friendsville, PA, 18818.

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

PRESENT: Mr. Christopher Caterson, Mrs. Mary Homan, Ms. Julie Humphrey, Mrs. Kathleen Mordovancey, Mrs. Gloria Smith, Mrs. Pamela Staats, Mr. Douglas Wilcox, Mr. Karl Wimmer

ABSENT: Mr. George Gow

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

II. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

A. Susquehanna County Library – Mr. Kim Harwood

Mr. Ognosky reported that this presentation will be postponed until the February Board meeting.

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

1. Miss Elizabeth O'Malley

2. Dr. Donald Golden

3. Mr. Clapper reviewed the district projects completed over the holiday break and Mr. Ognosky commented on the work done on the Choconut Valley Elementary School entranceway.

4. Mr. Canevari reported that the second marking period would be ending soon and that he will update the members of the Board on the grade status at the next meeting of the Board. Also Mr. Canevari updated those in attendance on a program hosted by Mr. Jacob Stephens, 1991 graduate of Montrose Area Junior-Senior High School and one of the visual effects designers on the movie *Avatar*. Mr. Canevari reported that the students were extremely enthusiastic during Mr. Stephens' presentations and Mr. Stephens has indicated that he would love to return to the high school at a later date.

5. Mr. Tallarico reported that the service clubs on the Junior-Senior High School level had been very active during the holiday season and that 110 community families had been helped due to the kindness and hard work of these students. Mr. Tallarico stated that preparations had already begun in anticipation of upcoming PSSA testing.

6. Mr. Owens reported that the installation of the new district copy machines had been completed over the holiday break and that training has been scheduled for the office staff and faculty at all schools. Mr. Owens reiterated that Board members should be accessing their school business email through the district web site.

7. Mr. McComb reported that on January 19, 2010 Choconut Valley Elementary will be hosting the Northeast Snowshoeing Experience and invited all to attend this event. Mr. McComb further reported that PSSA prep classes have started with the highest enrollment to date, that 6th grade students at C.V.E.S. are being recognized for no missed homework assignments and invited those in attendance to Movie Night Thursday, January 21st.

8. Mr. Adams congratulated the Lathrop Street Elementary School Select Choir for their performances throughout the community prior to the holiday break and reported the annual "Pie in the Face" had raised \$650.00 for the Angel Basket project. Mr. Adams further updated those in attendance on the L.S.E.S. *Morning Show*, the Big Brother/Big Sister program as well as the district's SBBH program and he and Mr. McComb answered questions from the members of the Board on this topic.

II. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS - continued

9. Mrs. Lusk thanked the administrators for their work on the 2010-2011 district budget and stated that a date needs to be determined for the next public budget meeting. Following a discussion by the committee members it was determined that the next meeting of the Finance Committee would be Wednesday, January 27, 2010, 7:00 PM in the Choconut Valley Elementary School faculty room.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Scheduling of next budget review meeting
This item was covered during Mrs. Lusk's Administrator's report.
- B. Update on Administration Building
Mrs. Lusk distributed a building floor plan for a future Administration building submitted by one company for Board discussion. Pros and cons of the design were discussed and Mrs. Lusk and Mr. Clapper will report back to the Board members with the additional information requested by them.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Items from members of Board of Directors
Mr. Ognosky recognized a member of the MESPA negotiating team in the audience, Mrs. Debra O'Reilly and thanked her for her hard work in reaching the new agreement and Board member Mrs. Humphrey also thanked Mrs. Lusk for her work during the negotiation process.

VI. COMMITTEES

- A. Schedule meetings
Mr. Wilcox requested that dates be discussed for future meetings of the Building & Grounds as well as the Curriculum Committees and asked chairpersons to get back to him with those dates.

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 Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mrs. Mordovancey to adjourn this meeting at 8:57 PM.

Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes;
Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes

YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

Mr. Michael Ognosky, Superintendent of Schools