

**JULY 13, 2009, 7:00 P.M.**  
**CHOCONUT VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FACULTY ROOM**

**MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA**

**MEETING MINUTES APPROVED AUGUST 10, 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 Board President Mr. Chris Caterson at 7:00 PM in the Choconut Valley Elementary School faculty room, RR 1 Box 1730, Friendsville, PA, 18818.

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

- II. ROLL CALL** – Mrs. Diane Truman, Co-Board Secretary  
**PRESENT:** Mr. Christopher Caterson, Mr. George Gow, Mrs. Mary Homan, Ms. Julie Humphrey, Mrs. Gloria Smith, Mrs. Pamela Staats, Mr. Douglas Wilcox  
**ABSENT:** Mrs. Kathleen Mordovancey, Mr. Karl Wimmer  
**ADMINISTRATORS/SUPERVISORS:** Mr. Michael Ognosky, Mr. Greg Adams, Mr. Craig Owens, Mr. Rickie Clapper

**III. GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING**

- A. Montrose Area Adult School – Mary Lee Fitzgerald  
Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Follert and Mr. Comey presented their financial report to the members of the Board and those in attendance. All were congratulated by the members of the Board for the success of the Montrose Area Adult School.

**IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR VISITORS TO ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS** -None

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**V. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- A. Items from members of Board of Directors  
Mr. Wilcox reported to those in attendance on the PSBA conference held in Harrisburg Pennsylvania.
- B. Administrators' Reports – Dr. Golden, Mr. Tallarico, Mr. Canevari, Mr. McComb – Electronically sent to the members of the Board  
Mr. Clapper reported on the progress of various district projects including the concession stand, and the drainage behind the backstop on the baseball field.

**VI. AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. **MINUTES** – Mr. Chris Caterson, Board President

1. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Gow to approve the following minutes as submitted:
- a. June 29, 2009 Special Board Meeting
  - b. July 6, 2009 Transportation Committee Meeting
- Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes

**YES – 7      NO – 0      ABSTAIN – 0**

**VI. AGENDA ITEMS** - continued**B. FINANCE** – Mr. Chris Caterson, Chairperson

2. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mrs. Homan to approve a list of bills to be paid as submitted with the exception of Item # 13 and Item #14 per Mr. Caterson, Board President following a discussion by the Board members.  
Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes  
**YES – 7      NO – 0      ABSTAIN – 0**
3. A motion was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Homan 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, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes  
**YES – 7      NO – 0      ABSTAIN – 0**
4. A motion was made by Mr. Gow, seconded by Mrs. Smith to approve the Capital Reserve 22 Fund check register as submitted.  
Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes  
**YES – 7      NO – 0      ABSTAIN – 0**

**C. LEGISLATIVE** – Mr. Chris Caterson, Chairperson

5. A motion was made by Mr. Gow, seconded by Ms. Humphrey to appoint Chris Caterson and Mary Homan as school board voting delegates to participate in the PSBA Legislative Policy Council meeting to be held on October 15, 2009 during the School Leadership Conference in Hershey.  
Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes  
**YES – 7      NO – 0      ABSTAIN – 0**

**D. TRANSPORTATION** – Mr. Douglas Wilcox, Chairperson

6. A motion was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Homan to rescind the appointment of Glenna Tennant as a 2009 Summer Camp bus contractor.  
Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes  
**YES – 7      NO – 0      ABSTAIN – 0**
7. A motion was made by Mr. Gow, seconded by Mrs. Staats to approve Timothy Legg Busing, Inc. as a 2009 Summer Camp bus contractor retroactive to July 7 through August 13, four days per week at the rate of \$150 per day to be paid through the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Grant.  
Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes  
**YES – 7      NO – 0      ABSTAIN – 0**
- 7A. A motion was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Ms. Humphrey to approve James Ainey as a 2009 Summer Camp bus contractor retroactive to July 7 through August 13, four days per week at the rate of \$150 per day to be paid through the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Grant.  
Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes  
**YES – 7      NO – 0      ABSTAIN – 0**
8. A motion was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Staats to approve Bunnell Busing, Inc. as a 2009 Summer Camp car contractor retroactive to July 7 through August 13, four days per week at the rate of \$125 per day to be paid through the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Grant.  
Mr. Caterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes  
**YES – 7      NO – 0      ABSTAIN – 0**

**VI. AGENDA ITEMS - continued**

E. **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS / SAFETY** – Mr. George Gow, Chairperson

F. **TECHNOLOGY** – Mr. Karl Wimmer, Chairperson

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

9. A motion was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Wilcox to approve the continuation of the district's Modified School Health Program as submitted for the 2009-2010 school year.  
Mr. Catterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes;  
Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes

**YES – 7      NO – 0      ABSTAIN – 0**

H. **EXTRA CURRICULAR** – Mr. George Gow, Board Member

10. A motion was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Ms. Humphrey to appoint the following contingent upon completion of employment requirements:
- a. Kristy Kropa as Head Field Hockey Coach effective beginning with the 2009 fall sports season at a cost of \$3,100.00
  - b. Walter Gieski as Assistant Football Coach effective beginning with the 2009 fall sports season at a cost of \$2,580.00
  - c. Robert Bottger as Marching Band Color Guard Coordinator effective immediately at a cost of \$1,350.00

Mr. Catterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes;  
Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes

**YES – 7      NO – 0      ABSTAIN – 0**

11. A motion was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Ms. Humphrey to accept with regret the following resignations effective immediately:
- a. Kari Bell as Assistant Volleyball Coach
  - b. Kelly Driscoll as Assistant Softball Coach
  - c. Kelly Driscoll as Assistant Junior High Soccer Coach
- Mr. Catterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes;  
Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes

**YES – 7      NO – 0      ABSTAIN – 0**

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

J. **PERSONNEL** – Ms. Julie Humphrey, Chairperson

K. **PROFESSIONAL** – Mrs. Mary Homan, Chairperson

12. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Gow to appoint Patricia Smith as full-time, contracted Technology Coach supported through the local budget effective beginning with the 2009-2010 school year at her current teaching salary and fringe benefits in accordance with the MEA Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Mr. Catterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes;  
Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes

**YES – 7      NO – 0      ABSTAIN – 0**

13. A motion was made by Mr. Gow, seconded by Mrs. Staats to appoint Nicole Russell as a daily substitute elementary teacher effective immediately contingent upon completion of employment requirements.

Mr. Catterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes;  
Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Abstain

**YES – 6      NO – 0      ABSTAIN – 1**

**VI. AGENDA ITEMS - continued**

14. Prior to this vote Mr. Ognosky reported on the interview process for this position and stated that this candidate will be an asset to our district. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mrs. Smith to employ Michelle Lusk as Business Manager contingent upon completion of employment requirements effective August 3, 2009 at a salary of \$62,500 as well as a \$7,500.00 stipend for services as Title I Coordinator as per submitted two year contract.  
Mr. Catterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes;  
Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes

**YES – 7      NO – 0      ABSTAIN – 0**

15. A motion was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Homan to accept with regret the following resignations effective immediately:  
a. Mary Jeannette Kelly as Literary Magazine Advisor  
b. Janice Johnson as long-term substitute learning support teacher at the Lathrop Street Elementary School for the 2009-2010 school year.  
Mr. Catterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes;  
Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes

**YES – 7      NO – 0      ABSTAIN – 0**

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

16. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mrs. Smith to accept with regret the resignation of JoAnne McCain as census taker for Liberty Township effective immediately.  
Mr. Catterson, Yes, Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes;  
Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes

**YES – 7      NO – 0      ABSTAIN – 0**

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

- A. Monday, August 10, 2009, 7:00 PM – Board Meeting, Choconut Valley Elementary School faculty room
- B. Monday, August 10, 2009, immediately following Board meeting – Work Session, Choconut Valley Elementary School faculty room

Following a discussion by the members of the Board it was determined that a Finance Committee meeting will be held Monday, July 27, 2009, 7:00 PM in the Junior-Senior High School Community Learning Center.

**It was also announced that there would be NO WORK SESSION this evening due to the Montrose Area School District Board of Directors annual picnic.**

**IX. OPPORTUNITY FOR VISITORS' ADDITIONAL COMMENTS - None**

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**X. ADJOURNMENT – This meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:50 PM and was followed by a CLEAR Session on Personnel.**

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Michael Ognosky, Superintendent of Schools