

JUNE 29, 2009, 7:00 PM
JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL – COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER
MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MEETING MINUTES APPROVED JULY 13, 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. Chris Caterson, Board President at 7:00 PM in the Junior-Senior High School Community Learning Center, 50 High School Road, Montrose PA, 18801.

I. OPENING EXERCISES - Led by Board Member Mr. Doug Wilcox

- II. ROLL CALL** – Mr. Michael Ognosky, Superintendent of Schools
PRESENT: Mr. Christopher Caterson, Mr. George Gow, Mrs. Mary Homan (arrived 7:05 PM), Ms. Julie Humphrey, Mrs. Gloria Smith, Mrs. Pamela Staats, Mr. Douglas Wilcox, Mr. Karl Wimmer
ABSENT: Mrs. Kathleen Mordovancey
ADMINISTRATORS/SUPERVISORS: Mr. Michael Ognosky, Mr. Chris McComb

CLEAR Session – Personnel items

II. OPPORTUNITY FOR VISITORS TO ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS

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Janis Bunnell (Forest Lake Township) asked a question regarding Item #218. She asked the process utilized in order to determine which contractor was awarded the run. Mr. Ognosky explained that the contract is a grant opportunity and he asked the transportation department to identify the students on the run and determine a contractor who fit that run. The transportation department selected the contractor in the motion based on those factors.

III. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Items from members of Board of Directors

V. AGENDA ITEMS

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

215. A motion was made by Mr. Gow, seconded by Mr. Wilcox to approve the following minutes as submitted:

- a. June 8, 2009 Board Meeting
- b. June 8, 2009 Work Session
- c. June 9, 2009 Health Advisory Council
- d. June 15, 2009 Buildings and Grounds Committee
- e. June 15, 2009 Curriculum Committee

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

YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

- B. **FINANCE** – Mr. Chris Caterson – Chairperson

216. A motion was made by Mr. Wilcox, 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. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes

YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

V. **AGENDA ITEMS** – Finance continued

217. A motion was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Gow to approve the May 2009 Treasurer's Report as submitted.
Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

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

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

218. A motion was made by Mrs. Homan, seconded by Mr. Gow to approve Glenna Tennant as a 2009 Summer Camp bus contractor from July 7 through August 13, four days per week at the rate of \$150 per day to be paid through the 21st Century Community Grant.
Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

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

219. A motion was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Ms. Humphrey to accept with regret the following resignations effective immediately:
- a. Mary Gesford as Assistant Junior High Field Hockey Coach
 - b. Curtis Keihl as Assistant Football Coach
 - c. Sandra DeLousia as Color Guard for the Marching Band
 - d. Jason Young as Head Field Hockey Coach
- Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Smith, 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

220. A motion was made by Mrs. Homan, seconded by Mrs. Smith to appoint the following current MASD employees as special education extended school year aides for the summer 2009 extended school year program to be held at the Choconut Valley Elementary School and the NEIU 19 Elk Lake extended school year program:
- a. Mary Beth Weaver at her current hourly rate not to exceed 24 hours
 - b. Stacey Diskin at her current hourly rate not to exceed 88 hours
- Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

V. **AGENDA ITEMS** – Personnel continued

221. A motion was made by Mr. Gow, seconded by Mrs. Staats to appoint the following as Summer Day Camp Counselors from July 7 through August 13, 2009, four days per week, for a maximum of 6 hours per day at \$10.00 per hour to be paid through the 21st Century Community Grant:
- a. Heather Jurchak
 - b. Eric Lloyd
 - c. Katie Homan
 - d. Sarah Gould
 - e. Carin Hoppe
 - f. Bridget McNamara
- Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes (a, b, d, e, f), Abstain (c);
Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
YES – 8 (a, b, d, e, f) **NO – 0** **ABSTAIN – 1** (c)
222. A motion was made by Mrs. Homan, seconded by Mr. Caterson to take from the table the following proposed motion from the June 8, 2009 Board meeting: “A motion is needed to increase work hours per student school day for the position of Cafeteria/Clerical Aide at the Choconut Valley Elementary School from 5.75 to 7.5 together with the corresponding individual fringe benefits as provided per the current MESPA Agreement effective the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year.”
- Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
YES – 8 **NO – 0** **ABSTAIN – 0**
223. A motion was made by Mr. Gow, seconded by Mrs. Homan to increase work hours per student school day for the position of Cafeteria/Clerical Aide at the Choconut Valley Elementary School from 5.75 to 7.5 together with the corresponding individual fringe benefits as provided per the current MESPA Agreement effective the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:
- Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, No; Mr. Wimmer, No
YES – 6 **NO – 2** **ABSTAIN – 0**

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

224. A motion was made by Ms. Humphrey, seconded by Mrs. Smith to appoint Betsy Groover as Nurse for the Summer Day Camp to be held at the Choconut Valley Elementary School from July 7 through August 13, 2009, four days per week, for a maximum of 6 hours per day at the contracted rate of \$ 26.96 per hour to be paid through the 21st Century Community Grant.
- Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
YES – 8 **NO – 0** **ABSTAIN – 0**
225. A motion was made by Mr. Gow, seconded by Mrs. Staats to appoint Amanda Arnold as an additional 2009 summer school teacher at the Junior-Senior High School at the contracted rate of \$26.96 per hour.
- Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
YES – 8 **NO – 0** **ABSTAIN – 0**
226. A motion was made by Mrs. Staats, seconded by Ms. Humphrey to grant tenure to the following professional staff:
- a. Kim Fruehan
 - b. Alicia Nolt
 - c. Katy Rosenkrans
 - d. April Jones
 - e. Sarah Brander
 - f. Sean Castellani
 - g. Daniel Cherney
 - h. Laura Griffith
- Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes;
Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes
YES – 8 **NO – 0** **ABSTAIN – 0**

V. AGENDA ITEMS – Professional continued

227. A motion was made by Mr. Gow, seconded by Ms. Humphrey to appoint Karen Ricci as the Elementary Primary Level Language Arts Coach for the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 school years. Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Wimmer, Yes

YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

228. A motion was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Ms. Humphrey to take from the table the following proposed motion from the June 8, 2009 Board meeting: “A motion is needed to advertise internally for a Technology Coach to become a full-time, contracted professional position supported through the local budget.”

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

YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

229. A motion was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Ms. Humphrey to advertise internally for a Technology Coach to become a full-time, contracted professional position supported through the local budget. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Homan, Yes; Ms. Humphrey, Yes; Mrs. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Staats, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, No; Mr. Wimmer, Yes

YES – 7 NO – 1 ABSTAIN – 0

VI. NEW BUSINESS – Mr. Chris Caterson, Board President

230. A motion was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Staats to approve a settlement agreement as submitted between the Montrose Area School District and the parents of a special education student to be paid out of IDEA funds.

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

YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

231. A motion was made by Mr. Gow, seconded by Mr. Wilcox to approve a separation agreement as submitted between the Montrose Area School District and Mr. Lewis Plauny.

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

YES – 8 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 0

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

- A. Monday, July 6, 2009, 7:00 PM – Transportation Committee meeting, Maintenance Office at the Junior-Senior High School
- B. Monday, July 13, 2009, 7:00 PM – Board meeting, Choconut Valley Elementary School faculty room

VIII. OPPORTUNITY FOR VISITORS’ ADDITIONAL COMMENTS - None

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IX. ADJOURNMENT – This meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:45 PM.

Michael Ognosky, Superintendent of Schools