

**JUNE 29, 2011, 7:00 PM  
CHOCONUT VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – L.G.I.**

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

**MEETING MINUTES APPROVED JULY 18, 2011**

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Mr. Douglas Wilcox  
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. Doug Wilcox at 7:00 PM in the Choconut Valley Elementary School L.G.I. room, 4458 Stanley Lake Road, Friendsville, PA, 18818.

**I. OPENING EXERCISES** - Led by Mrs. Mordovancey, Board Member

**II. ROLL CALL** – Mr. Michael Ognosky, Superintendent of Schools

**PRESENT:** Mr. Chris Caterson, Mrs. Kristen Follert, Mr. George Gow, Mrs. Kathleen Mordovancey, Mr. Douglas Wilcox

**ABSENT:** Mrs. Mary Homan, Mrs. Gloria Smith, Mrs. Pamela Staats, Mr. Karl Wimmer

**ADMINISTRATORS/SUPERVISORS:** Mr. Michael Ognosky, Mrs. Michelle Lusk

**III. GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING**

A. Veterans Organization of the Southern Tier – Students, Carolyn Myer and Spencer Craig  
Mr. Ognosky introduced Mr. Ken Gould who thanked these students for their fine graphic work for the Southern Tier Veterans Association by creating a logo for the organization's stationary as well as thanking Mr. Owens, Mr. Lukasavage and Mr. Tallarico for their assistance with this project. The students received certificates of appreciation and the congratulations of the Board.

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

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**V. INFORMATION ITEMS**

A. Items from members of Board of Directors

**VI. AGENDA ITEMS**

A. **FINANCE** – Mr. Chris Caterson, Chairperson

216. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Mr. Gow to approve a list of bills to be paid as submitted, including the cafeteria fund.  
Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mrs. Follert, Yes; Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes;  
Mr. Wilcox, Yes

**YES – 5**

**NO – 0**

**ABSTAIN – 0**

217. A motion was made by Mrs. Follert, seconded by Mr. Gow to approve the May Treasurer's Report as submitted.

Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mrs. Follert, Yes; Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes;  
Mr. Wilcox, Yes

**YES – 5**

**NO – 0**

**ABSTAIN – 0**

218. A motion was made by Mr. Gow, seconded by Mrs. Mordovancey to approve the revised April Student Activities Fund Report and the May Student Activities Fund Report.

Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mrs. Follert, Yes; Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes;  
Mr. Wilcox, Yes

**YES – 5**

**NO – 0**

**ABSTAIN – 0**

**VI. AGENDA ITEMS – Finance continued**

219. A motion was made by Mr. Gow, seconded by Mrs. Follert to approve a final budget for the 2011-2012 fiscal year in the amount of \$22,993,898.  
Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mrs. Follert, Yes; Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes;  
Mr. Wilcox, Yes

**YES – 5                      NO – 0                      ABSTAIN – 0**

220. A motion was made by Mrs. Follert, seconded by Mrs. Mordovancey to set tax rates at 43 mills of assessed valuation on real estate, \$5.00 per capita Act 679; \$5.00 per capita Act 511; 75 mills of assessed valuation for occupation; and ½% for real estate transfer; and to set real estate collection periods as follows: single payment discount from July 1, 2011 through August 31, 2011 at 2% discount, single payment face amount from September 1, 2011 through October 31, 2011, and single payment from November 1, 2011 and after at 10% penalty; Homestead Farmstead first installment payment on or before August 10, 2011, Homestead Farmstead second installment payment on or before September 20, 2011, Homestead Farmstead third installment payment on or before October 31, 2011, with all late installment payments subject to 10% penalty.  
Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mrs. Follert, Yes; Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes;  
Mr. Wilcox, Yes

**YES – 5                      NO – 0                      ABSTAIN – 0**

221. A motion was made by Mrs. Mordovancey, seconded by Mrs. Follert to re-enact exoneration from paying per capita and/or occupation taxes for the following: taxpayers who are 65 years of age or older as certified by the taxpayer to the tax collector; permanently disabled taxpayers who show confirmation from a medical doctor; and full-time students who are certified as such to the tax collector.  
Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mrs. Follert, Yes; Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes;  
Mr. Wilcox, Yes

**YES – 5                      NO – 0                      ABSTAIN – 0**

222. A motion was made by Mr. Gow, seconded by Mrs. Mordovancey to declare the board's intention to commit funds in order to offset PSERS costs for the financial statement ending June 30, 2011 in accordance with the regulation of GASB 54.  
Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mrs. Follert, Yes; Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes;  
Mr. Wilcox, Yes

**YES – 5                      NO – 0                      ABSTAIN – 0**

**B. EXTRA CURRICULAR – Mrs. Kathy Mordovancey, Chairperson**

223. A motion was made by Mr. Gow, seconded by Mrs. Follert to grant Michael Boccella, Dean of Students at the Junior-Senior High School, an unpaid leave of absence for the entire 2011-2012 school year from the positions of Assistant Football Coach and Senior High Student Council Advisor.  
Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mrs. Follert, Yes; Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes;  
Mr. Wilcox, Yes

**YES – 5                      NO – 0                      ABSTAIN – 0**

**C. PERSONNEL – Mrs. Kristen Follert, Board Member**

224. A motion was made by Mr. Caterson, seconded by Mr. Gow to grant Jennifer McPherson, learning support instructional aide at the Choconut Valley Elementary School, an unpaid leave of absence from August 30, 2011 through December 22, 2011.  
Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mrs. Follert, Yes; Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes;  
Mr. Wilcox, Yes

**YES – 5                      NO – 0                      ABSTAIN – 0**

**VI. AGENDA ITEMS – continued**

**D. PROFESSIONAL – Mr. Chris Caterson, Board Member**

225. A motion was made by Mr. Gow, seconded by Mrs. Mordovancey to approve the operation of a 2011 summer library at the Choconut Valley Elementary School with Renee Hare as librarian for a maximum of 24 hours at the contracted rate of \$29.08 per hour.  
Mr. Caterson, Yes; Mrs. Follert, Yes; Mr. Gow, Yes; Mrs. Mordovancey, Yes;  
Mr. Wilcox, Yes

**YES – 5**

**NO – 0**

**ABSTAIN – 0**

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

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

- A. Wednesday, June 29, 2011, 7:15 PM – Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting, Choconut Valley Elementary School, L.G.I. area  
B. Monday, July 18, 2011, 7:00 PM - Board meeting, Choconut Valley Elementary School, L.G.I. area

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

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**X. ADJOURNMENT – This meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:25 PM.**

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Michael Ognosky, Superintendent of Schools