

MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

**POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES**

MEETING DATE APRIL 16, 2009 6:00 P.M.

Mrs. Gloria Smith
Chairperson, Policy Committee

Mr. Michael F. Ognosky
Superintendent of Schools

April 16, 2009 Policy Committee Meeting began at 6 P. M. in the Administrative Offices.

Board Members present included Gloria Smith, Julie Humphrey and Chris Caterson

Administrators present included Mike Ognosky

Pubic present included Dan Regan, Cathy Regan and William Host

The Policy Committee conducted the following business:

OLD BUSINESS:

- There were no Old Business items at today's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Policy 006 (Public Meetings):** PSBA is recommending that all Districts make changes in their current Public Meetings policy to reflect the recent changes in the Open Records Law. Those changes include a provision that requires Districts that elect to tape their public meetings to maintain tapes of their public business meetings and make them available to the public in accordance with current policy and to store those tapes for a period of time as designated in the Open Records Policy of the district. After discussion, it was recommended that the policy be considered for a first reading in May with no changes to the version already presented for review to the Board.
- **Policy 335 (Family and Medical Leaves for Administration), 435 (Family and Medical Leaves for Professional Staff) and 535 (Family and Medical Leaves for Support Staff):** PSBA has revised the policy regarding Family and Medical Leaves for all employees as a result of the changes in recent legislation. Those changes allow for eligible employees to receive FMLA for up to 12 weeks to address qualifying exigencies pertaining to a member of the National Guard or Reserves. It also provides for FMLA for up to 26 weeks to care for an ill or injured service member. After discussion, it was recommended that the policy be considered for a first reading in May with no changes to the version already presented for review to the Board.
- **Policy 810 (Transportation):** The Diesel-Powered Motor Vehicle Idling Act becomes effective on February 6, 2009. The new law prohibits any diesel-powered motor vehicle, including but not limited to school buses, weighing 10,001 pounds or more to idle for more than 5 minutes in any continuous 60 minute period, loading or unloading. Furthermore, to notify drivers of the idling restrictions, the law requires signs to be erected and maintained on school property at locations where passengers load and unload. Idling restriction signs are also required to be posted at locations that provide 15 or more parking spaces for vehicles subject to the new law. After discussion, it was recommended that the policy be considered for a first reading in May with no changes to the version already presented for review to the Board.
- **Policy 907 (School Visitors):** Chapter 14 of the School Code requires districts to maintain a School Visitors Policy that provides for procedures that allow the request of a classroom visitation on the part of a parent. A suggested policy was presented and, after discussion, it was recommended that the policy be considered for a first reading in May as submitted. A copy of the policy as well as the "parent classroom visitation instructions is included with the minutes" for your review.

- **Proposed Changes to the Student Handbook regarding the Dress Code Policy Guidelines:** A discussion was held regarding the proposed changes suggested by Mr. Canvevari at the April Work Session. There were discussions regarding the implementation of the policy at the building level. After discussion, it was recommended that the guidelines be considered for a approval in May with no changes to the version already presented for review to the Board.

V. OPEN FORUM

No items were discussed during the Open Forum.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Mike Ognosky