

**MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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

**MEETING DATE JANUARY 30, 2009 7:30 A.M.**

Mrs. Gloria Smith  
Chairperson, Policy Committee

Mr. Michael F. Ognosky  
Superintendent of Schools

January 30, 2009 Policy Committee Meeting began at 7:30 A.M. in the Administrative Offices.

Board Members present included Gloria Smith and Chris Caterson

Administrators present included Mike Ognosky and Don Golden

The Policy Committee conducted the following business:

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Policy 113.2 (Behavior Support Plan):** Dr. Golden explained that for the upcoming Special Education audit it was recommended that the current Policy 113.2 (Behavior Support for Students With Disabilities, December, 2003) be updated to Policy 113.2 (Behavior Support Plan, March, 2009). The policy presented is a model policy provided by PSBA that contains the required terminology and specifics regarding the utilization of restraints when required. After discussion, it was recommended that the policy be considered for a first reading in February with no changes to the version already presented for review to the Board.
- **Policy 504 (Employment of Classified Employees):** The recently amended Chapter 14 Special Education regulations contain several provisions regarding the minimal education requirements and annual staff development activities required for special education paraprofessionals, personal care assistants and educational interpreters. In order to ensure compliance with these provisions, PSBA has revised the policy on employment of classified employees to include language concerning qualifications and staff development for these positions. After discussion, it was recommended that the policy be considered for a first reading in February 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 February with no changes to the version already presented for review to the Board.
- **Policy 818 (Contracted Services):** Changes in the law that requires Federal Criminal History Background Checks has resulted in a change in this policy. School Districts will need a listing of their contractors' prospective employees and their Registration ID's (everyone gets an ID number at the time of the fingerprint check). The schools will then be responsible for going online to review the prospective employees' CHRI records to make a determination of the fitness of the individuals to perform work that places those individuals in contact with children. Once hired, a copy of the contracted employees' CHRI is to be maintained by the school. After discussion, it was recommended that the policy be considered for a first reading in February 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 8:06 a.m.

**Mike Ognosky**