

MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER
MEETING DATE: JANUARY 27, 2011 7:00 P.M.

Community Advisory Committee Meeting

27 JANUARY 2011

Community Advisory Committee Members Present: Richard Niederberger, Nicole Tyler and Diana Bean

Administration Present: Michelle Lusk

Board Members Present: Chris Caterson, Kristen Follert, Mary Homan and Kathy Mordovancey

Meeting commenced at 7:00 PM.

Items Discussed:

I. Michelle Lusk took the roll and noted the attendance as listed above.

II. Old Business: The following item was presented under Old Business

- **Administration Offices Building Project:** Mrs. Lusk took the members present on a tour of the new administration building. The tour included a visit to the new Special Education Offices, Superintendent's Office, and the Business Office. It also included a visit to the new copy room area and the auditor's work area. The members present also had the opportunity to visit the basement area as well. The move into the new administration building was completed on Monday and there still are a number of items that need to be completed. Chief among those items is the "debugging" of the heating system which is still not operating as it is designed to do. The company has been on site all week and will continue to work out the problems until the system is working at 100 % ability.
- **Update on Budget Preparation for the 2011- 2012 school year:** Mr. Caterson, Finance Chairperson, led a discussion regarding the budget preparation for the 2011-2012 school year. As of now the board has completed a first review of projected expenditures and revenues for the 2011-2012 school year and the initial projections have the district at \$1.1 million expenditures over revenues. This is just the first review and the administration will continue to refine those

projections, with an emphasis on the expenditure portion of the budget, as the process moves forward. The Board has already passed a resolution that they will not have a tax increase in excess of the state assigned index number for the Montrose Area School District of 1.9 %, or approximately 0.8 mills.

III. New Business: The following items were discussed under New Business:

- **PDE Standards Aligned System (SAS):** Mr. Ognosky was unable to attend tonight's meeting and will review this subject at the February meeting.

IV. Open Forum: Items of discussion during the open forum included the following:

- Richard Niederberger asked if the Board has considered the elimination of the "nuisance" taxes that are currently in the budget – the Per Capita tax as well as the Occupational tax. He explained that, as a tax collector in the district, that they really aren't large revenue generating taxes. Mr. Caterson replied that they do generate approximately \$200,000 in revenue and while the total benefit to the district is about ½ of that amount following the payments to the collectors, it is still in our best interest to maintain those taxes.
- Nicole Tyler suggested that the District crack down on students who are residing outside of the district and collect tuition where applicable. She explained she knows of students in that situation and they are not paying tuition. Mrs. Lusk will bring this concern to the attention of Mr. Ognosky as well.
- Nicole Tyler also asked a question regarding the status of the co-sponsorship of football with Elk Lake in the future. There has been interest in both districts to pursue such a co-sponsorship. The co-sponsorship would change the classification of our program from "AA" to "AAA". Due to that fact, the first year that such a co-sponsorship could be in effect would be during the 2012-2013 school year. Mr. Ognosky will keep the committee updated on the progress of those discussions.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 24, 2011 at 7p.m. in the Faculty Room of the Choconut Valley Elementary School.

Submitted by

Mike Ognosky