

MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES
MEETING DATE OCTOBER 18, 2010 7:00 P.M.

Mr. George Gow
Chairperson

Mr. Michael F. Ognosky
Superintendent of Schools

Building and Grounds Committee Meeting

October 18, 2010 Meeting began at 7 PM in the Administrative Offices.

Board Members present included George Gow and Chris Caterson

Administrators present included Rickie Clapper, Michelle Lusk, Chris Tripp (Energy Manager) and Mike Ognosky

Visitor Present: Terrance Brazil, Keytex Incorporated

OLD BUSINESS: The following item was discussed under Old Business:

- **Update on Administration Building Construction Project:** The foundation work at the district site is continuing as the footer has been poured and the framing for a portion of the poured wall foundation has been set. Hopefully, the foundation walls will begin to be poured by the end of this week. At the factory site, the boxes have been completed for shipment and a team from the District will be visiting the factory site on Wednesday of this week. The next contractor's meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 21st in Rickie's Office.

NEW BUSINESS: The following New Business items were discussed at today's meeting:

- **Electricity Rate Cap Update:** Chris Tripp reviewed the progress that has been made on the study of the projected electricity numbers with the removal of the rate caps on January 1, 2011. In discussions with or current provider (Penelec) they have projected a rate increase of 30 %. Mrs. Lusk analyzed our electric bills for the prior four months and our average generation + transmission cost pre kilowatt hour has been between 6.328 cents/kwh to 6.332 cents/kwh. Using that data from the past four months and projecting the Penelec 30% increase in rate (to approximately 6.518 cents/kwh) would result in an increase of \$27,934.34 over that period of time. Mr. Caterson requested that the same projection be extended to include the actual data from the prior 12 months in order to provide the board with more data to review. Chris Tripp then explained that over the prior few months he has been approached by a number of "sellers" of electricity and has had discussions with many regarding their programs that have been established in order to combat the rate hike increase expected January 1st. He asked one of those companies, Keytex, to attend tonight's meeting to explain their proposal. Terrance Brazil, Keytex representative, then reviewed the proposal. Keytex had previously presented to the Superintendents of the County at their regular Superintendent's Meeting in September and has assisted both Elk Lake and Susquehanna in reaching agreements with Allegheny as their electricity provider. Keytex is a broker working with clients in order to purchase the most cost effective electricity. On behalf of Montrose they visited the current market (as of October 18th) in an attempt to find the most competitive pricing. The results of that search are included with the summary. Prices offered are in either 12 month, 24 month or 36 month intervals and the price listed is the price available for the entire time period. Following Mr. Brazil's presentation, the Buildings and Grounds Committee recommended that time be allotted at the November 8th work session in order to review the proposal. Mr. Tripp is recommending that we accept the 36 month proposal from Allegheny at 6.5557 cents/kwh for the length of the agreement. Allegheny

offers an agreement that does not contain a bandwidth limit. Mr. Tripp will bring the prices effective November 8th to the board meeting and will be available for any questions or concerns you have. Mr. Brazil will provide me with a copy of the Allegheny contract and I will forward it to Ellis Katz for his review as well.

- **Choconut Valley Dehumidifiers:** Rickie Clapper explained that he has purchased two industrial strength dehumidifiers for Choconut Valley Elementary School that will be utilized in the drying of the carpeted areas during the summer cleaning process. He has also utilized them in the main entranceway as well in order to address the mustiness in that area. Rickie and Chris Tripp are both recommending that we remove the bark and vegetation in the planters in that area as well. We will discuss this at our next work session prior to moving forward.
- **Wind Study Update:** Mr. Tripp will be providing additional numbers shortly as the one year wind study is reaching its conclusion. He did report that there has been no increase in the numbers as they are still averaging about 9 miles per hour at the 100 foot mark. You will recall that the break even point for the consideration of wind power as a viable alternative was about 12 miles per hour.

OPEN FORUM: Mr. Ognosky asked Chris Tripp if he had received any further information from AMSOLAR regarding their proposal to the District. The proposal is due by the 1st of November. We have still not received any proposal information to date.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Mike Ognosky