

MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER
MEETING DATE SEPTEMBER 23, 2010 7:00 P.M.

Community Advisory Committee Meeting

23 SEPTEMBER 2010

Community Advisory Committee Members Present: Richard Jordan, Diana Bean, Richard Niederberger and David Plank

Administration Present: Mike Ognosky

Board Members Present: Pam Staats

Meeting commenced at 7:00 PM.

Items Discussed:

I. Mike Ognosky took the roll and noted the attendance as listed above.

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

- **Concerns from the June Meeting:** The following items were reviewed from the June Meeting:
 - ✓ Mr. Ognosky updated the group on the status of the administration building project. Since our last meeting, the school district went through the bid process and accepted the lowest bid in each construction area – general, mechanical, electrical and heating. The work has begun on the site construction and the preparation of the basement. The crew has been digging the required area in earnest and should be preparing the footer next week. At the factory, Simplex is working on the boxes and enough progress has been made that a team from the architect's office and the administration will be visiting the facility on Monday of next week. The time table now calls for the placing of the boxes on site during either the 3rd or 4th week of October. There is the potential that if they are on site that our next meeting will be at the High School and we will tour the progress of the work.

- ✓ Mr. Ognosky also updated the group on the status of the budget for the District in 2010-2011. The audit work for the 2009-2010 school year has been completed and the auditors reported that the district is in fine financial shape. The current projection is that we will have in excess of \$1M in the fund balance with an additional \$1M in an unreserved account representing the funds received from the gas lease on the JSHS property. We also currently have approximately \$1.55 million in our capital projects funds with a portion of that to be allocated for the building of the new administration offices.

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

- **PSSA Results and the School Report Card for 2009-2010:** Mr. Ognosky explained that the Department of Education had released the school report cards for the 500 school districts in Pennsylvania earlier this week. A copy of the report card can be found on the web page at www.masd.info by clicking of the left tool bar at "District Info". You will then see an icon for the report card and can access the information by clicking on that icon. Mr. Ognosky then took the members present through a "visit" of the site and encouraged them to visit the site on their free time and poke around as much as they want. There are many valuable charts, graphs and informational items located on the site to help explain the district scores on the 2010 PSSA examination given last April. Highlights of the report include:
 - ✓ The District made Adequate Yearly Progress in all areas of the exam. The District is required to score at a proficient or advanced level in 18 areas and did so in all areas. Those areas included performance targets in reading and math in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 11 as well as attendance and graduation targets.
 - ✓ Choconut Valley Elementary School has 13 targets it is required to meet and met all 13. Those areas include participation and performance targets in Reading and Math in grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 as well as an attendance target.
 - ✓ Lathrop Street Elementary School has 17 targets it is required to meet and met all 17. Those areas include participation and performance targets in Reading and Math in grades 3, 4, 5, and 6; performance targets for students with IEP's and those that are economically disadvantaged, as well as an attendance target.
 - ✓ The Junior-Senior High School has 17 targets it is required to meet and met all 17. Those areas include participation and performance targets in Reading and Math in grades 7, 8, and 11; performance targets for students with IEP's and those that are economically disadvantaged; as well as a graduation target.
 - ✓ Mr. Ognosky then reviewed other information that can be found on the report card site with an emphasis on the state data that is located in various bullets on the page.

- ✓ Finally, he once again encouraged members to visit the site and explore the information available.

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

- Richard Jordan thanked the District for their commitment to the Advanced Placement program with a special emphasis on the interview and screening process that was completed as part of the scheduling process last spring. He also asked if the budget item for assisting the students in the paying for the AP exams was included in the budget. Mr. Ognosky explained that money for the examinations was part of last year's budget process.
- Mr. Jordan also praised the current guidance staff for their efforts and also requested that the Board of Directors consider the hiring of an additional guidance counselor during the 2010-2011 budget process. He feels the current staff in guidance is stretched to its limits and to better serve the student body an additional counselor is needed.
- Mr. Jordan also asked if Mr. Ognosky could prepare a report for the Community Advisory Committee on the results of the 2010 Advanced Placement examinations. It would serve as a baseline in measuring future results given the changes implemented for this year within the program.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 28, 2010 with the site to be announced as the meeting date approaches.

Submitted by

Mike Ognosky