

**MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**ENERGY AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER**  
**MEETING DATE JULY 19, 2010 7:00 P.M.**

Chris Tripp, Chairperson

Energy Ad Hoc Committee Meeting

July 19, 2010 Meeting began at 7:00 PM in the Community Learning Center of the Montrose Area School District.

Ad Hoc Committee Members present included Joe Reynolds, and Fraser Moffitt

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

Board members present included Chris Caterson

Visitors present included Kim Guiton (Energy Manager @ Elk Lake), Jared Quiet (Representative from Amsolar).

**OLD BUSINESS:** There following items under Old Business Items were discussed at today's meeting:

- **AMSOLAR Solar Heating:** Jared Quiet from AMSOLAR provided a power point presentation to the group followed by a number of questions from those present. Highlights of the presentation by Jared included the following:
  - Amsolar is a solar development corporation based in California that is focused exclusively on solar services to educational facilities.
  - It began in Germany, which is now the leading solar producing country in the world.
  - Amsolar has an agreement with GCL Solar to fund 20 MW of school wide projects across the United States.
  - They don't sell a solar system; they hire local electric installers to provide the work and Amsolar then owns and operates the system.
  - They enter into "Power Purchase Agreements" with school clients with the schools purchasing the power from Amsolar at a pre-established price. That provides a known constant for those schools during the budget process.
  - Amsolar has an arm called "Amsolar Giving" which serves to provide educational opportunities for students, staff and the community it serves.
  - Amsolar also has a very strong public relations arm that generates continuous publicity highlighting the school and the solar initiative.
  - Amsolar maintains, repairs, and operates the solar panels with no cost to the school.
- Following a series of questions, the members present agreed that it should be recommended to the Board to proceed to the next step. Mr. Quiet explained that the "next step" in the process is for the Montrose Area School District and Amsolar to enter into a non-binding letter of intent. When the letter of intent is agreed upon by both parties the next step in the process will be two fold:
  - Amsolar will send a team to the District to conduct a study of the potential for capturing solar energy and provide a recommendation as to the volume, location and type of solar panels to be utilized at all of the building locations.

- Amsolar will work with the District to complete and submit a Harvest Energy Grant to the state government to help defray the cost of the energy units

Members present asked that a request be given to the Board to include on the August 9, 2010 agenda a motion to approve that the District enter into a non-binding agreement with Amsolar in order to move forward with the two steps described above. The District will have no financial commitment to the project based on that non-binding agreement. The results of the study will be communicated to the District at a future Energy Ad Hoc Committee meeting and at that time a decision will be made on whether or not to move forward. Mr. Ognosky will convey the Committee request to the Board.

**NEW BUSINESS:** There were no New Business items discussed at the meeting.

**OPEN FORUM:** There were no Open Forum items discussed at the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM

**Mike Ognosky**