

MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER
MEETING DATE JUNE 10, 2010 6:30 P.M.

Mrs. Gloria Smith
Chairperson, Policy Committee

Mr. Michael F. Ognosky
Superintendent of Schools

June 10, 2010 Policy Committee Meeting began at 6:30 P. M. in the Junior-Senior High School Community Learning Center.

Board Members present included Gloria Smith, Karl Wimmer, Chris Caterson, Doug Wilcox and Kathy Mordovancey

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

Visitors present included Mary Jo Owens

The Policy Committee conducted the following business:

OLD BUSINESS:

- There were no items of "Old Business" discussed at tonight's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: The following revised policy recommendations were received recently from the PSBA Policy News Network and recommended for consideration:

- **Policy 250 (Student Recruitment):** Governor Rendell signed into law Senate Bill 2006, now Act 13 of 2010, which prohibits school boards, superintendents, chief administrators and principals of any public school from restricting or prohibiting military personnel from wearing official military uniforms while on school property. Military personnel include members of the active and retired Armed Services, Reserves and the National Guard. Official military uniforms are those uniforms authorized by the federal government. Based on the information received from PSBA, it was recommended by the Policy Committee that revised Policy 250 should be presented for a first reading consideration at the June 14, 2010 Board meeting.
- **Policy 907 (School Visitors):** School boards, superintendents, chief administrators and principals of any public school are also prohibited from imposing restrictions on active or retired members of the Armed Services, Reserves or National Guard who are visiting or meeting with an employee or student when such visit or meeting is in compliance with the school entity's visitor policy. Based on the information received from PSBA, it was recommended by the Policy Committee that revised Policy 907 should be presented for a first reading consideration at the June 14, 2010 Board meeting..
- **Policy 815 (Acceptable Use of Internet, Computers and Network Resources):** Revisions to the Children's Internet Protection Act and several court cases based on student/employee computer and internet use prompted a review and revision of Policy 815. Revisions include:
 - Definitions were added to the policy to assist administrators in clarifying the terms "child pornography", "harmful to minors", "obscene", and "technology protection measure".
 - Language specifying which users are covered by the policy; that users shall have no expectation of privacy in using the district's internet, computers and network resources;
 - That users are fully compliant with provisions of the policy and students shall be educated on network etiquette and appropriate online behavior, including interaction on social networking websites and chat rooms, as well as cyberbullying.
 - Language was added specifying the right of students/staff to request disabling of the online blocking/filtering under specific circumstances.

- The district should ensure that user agreements and board policy language address the monitoring and tracking systems used by the district on district-owned networks and equipment.
- Policy 815 now includes all required provisions of both the federal Children's Internet Protection Act and the state Child Internet Protection Act.
- Mr. Wimmer suggested and that the word "uploading" be added to the list of terms on 6, number 8 under prohibitions. It was agreed that it be added prior to the first reading approval.

Based on the information received from PSBA, it was recommended by the Policy Committee that revised Policy 815 should be presented for a first reading consideration at the June 14, 2010 Board meeting.

V. OPEN FORUM

No items were discussed during the Open Forum.

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Mike Ognosky