

MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER
MEETING DATE AUGUST 10, 2011 7 P.M.

Mr. George Gow
Chairperson

Mr. Michael F. Ognosky
Superintendent of Schools

Building and Grounds Committee Meeting

August 10, 2011 Meeting began at 7PM in the Junior-Senior High School Community Learning Center.

Board Members present included George Gow, Kathy Mordovancy, Kristen Follert, Doug Wilcox, Mary Homan and Karl Wimmer

Administrators present included Rickie Clapper and Mike Ognosky

Visitors present included Bill Host (Physics Teacher at the Junior-Senior High School)

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

- **Update on Administration Building Construction Project:** Mr. Clapper reported that there are still two remaining items to complete with the new Administration Building. The first, the completion of the drop ceiling in the basement, will be completed by our own maintenance crew. Hopefully, that work will begin in the next few weeks as the preparations for the new school year are completed. Secondly, the grounds work around the building is yet to be completed by the general contractor. They have just received the test on the top soil that is planned to be put in around the building and it shows that additional organic material needs to be added. When the test meets specifications they will begin the work.

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

- **Review of Current Summer Projects:** Mr. Clapper reviewed the projects that were completed, or are in the process of being completed, in each of the buildings as follows:
 - **Junior-Senior High School:**
 - The storage sheds under the visiting bleachers at the stadium have been removed;
 - Stone has been placed in the areas around the stadium concession stand;
 - Concession stand sheet rock installation has been completed and attic steps have been built and are in place inside the concession stand;
 - Fencing at the entranceway to the stadium, including the gates, have been replaced;
 - A garage door has been placed on the upper field storage area and that will be utilized for the storage of large drama club materials, steps, scene blocks, etc.
 - Lumber on the upper field has been mostly cleared and discarded – a small amount of lumber has been kept for the bonfire for Homecoming;
 - The underground tank has been removed and the area has been restored including blacktop;
 - Drainage has been added in the area in the back parking lot near the garage;
 - Parking lots will be relined either this weekend (weather permitting) or next weekend;
 - New Air Conditioning unit has been installed in the band room – venting has to be updated to handle the new unit – that is scheduled prior to the opening of school.

- **Lathrop Street Elementary School:**
 - New lights have arrived and the gym lights will be installed prior to school. The other interior lights will be delivered shortly and they will be installed throughout the school year by the maintenance staff;
 - Exit lights have been installed;
 - New hallway carpeting has arrived and will be installed in the next week;
 - Sink in the Art Room has been installed and is operational.

- **Choconut Valley Elementary School:**
 - New fencing was installed in the playground area;
 - Sump pump was replaced in the modular building;
 - Painting in the 6th grade wing has been completed with the exception of Christine Casey's room – that is scheduled for next week.

- **Additional Projects for Consideration from the 22 fund or other funding sources:** Mr. Clapper then presented two additional needs that he considers urgent. Neither are in the current budget and will require either 22 fund money or must be found in the current budget areas:
 - **Walkway to Baseball Field at Lathrop Street:** This need has been an ongoing concern and needs to be addressed as it has resulted in one workman's compensation claim to date. The area has to be drained properly and a blacktop walkway needs to be installed. By breaking the project into two pieces – the drainage work and the blacktop work – it can be kept in the quote process with each piece less than \$10,000. Rickie believes that the total project will cost approximately \$16,000. After discussion, Rickie was asked by the 6 board members present to receive quotes for the work and to communicate the quotes to the board. It is recommended by the administration and board members in attendance that this be a 22 fund project to be addressed as quickly as possible. If it can remain in the quote process – less than \$10,000 – it will not require any further board action.
 - **Outside Doors in Buildings Throughout the District:** Rickie explained that he has a number of outside access doors that are beginning to rust and need to be replaced throughout the district. Each door would cost approximately \$800-\$1,000 to replace and can be completed by maintenance. He was asked to identify the doors in each building and to prioritize the order in which they should be replaced. The administration was then asked to identify funding sources for the doors – either in their current budgets for repair and maintenance – and provide that information to the board prior to any further action.

- **Power Point Presentation on the new Applied Physics Course:** Mr. Host provided the board members present with a power point presentation on the new Applied Physics course that will begin with the new school year. Included in the presentation was a complete course syllabus that will be followed with an emphasis on alternative energy sources such as solar energy, micro-hydro power, wind power, etc. The course will be a practical applications course that will include hands on curriculum. In preparation for the course, Mr. Host traveled to Colorado to Solar Energy International (SEI) and participated in the hands on training in constructing a solar array. SEI has offered 10 full scholarships and 6 partial scholarships for students to attend the same training next summer. Mr. Host requested that the District purchase 22 textbooks at \$39 each for the course. Mr. Ognosky said that can certainly be handled within the current budget. Also, Mr. Host asked permission to contact outside sources in an attempt to acquire the funding needed for the summer trip to Colorado and the other materials needed for the course (approximately \$50-\$70,000). Mr. Ognosky will work with Mr. Host in exploring grant opportunities and other potential funding sources within the community. Much of the supplemental portion of the course will depend on those efforts. We understand it could be a process that may take us beyond this school year and adaptations will be made based on the funding success.

OPEN FORUM: Mr. Gow asked Rickie to clarify the change in alarm system companies. Rickie explained that TriGuard was the former notification provider until such time as the County 911 system provided that service. With the County now removing themselves as a service provider the District asked for proposals from current providers of alarm notification services. Mrs. Lusk, Rickie and Mr. Ognosky then interviewed both proposal providers and in the course of the interviews discovered that there would be no additional cost for the service from TriGuard as it is included in their current maintenance agreement with the district for the alarm system. The concern with TriGuard was their notification process- they notify the State Police immediately in their current procedures – and Rickie has found that process ineffective as all

of our alarm notifications in the past have been false alarms caused by factors within the buildings. TriGuard has agreed to modify their process to Rickie's specifications.

Mr. Gow asked that Mr. Ognosky discuss the current status of the electric scoreboard for the baseball and field hockey fields and report back to the board as soon as possible. Mr. Ognosky will discuss the situation with Mr. Gilhool and provide the board with an update.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Mike Ognosky