

MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER
MEETING DATE AUGUST22, 2011 7 P.M.

Doug Wilcox
Board Chairperson

Rickie Clapper
Administrative Representative

Board Members Present: Chris Caterson, Doug Wilcox, Gloria Smith, and Mary Homan

Administration Present: Rickie Clapper and Mike Ognosky

Visitors Present: Mike Boccella, Dean of Students

Transportation Contractors Present: Dawn Taylor, Jim Ainey, Ron Carlton, Everett Lowry, Judy Allen, Leon Allen, and Tom Conaty.

Meeting commenced at 7 PM

Items Discussed:

Old Business:

- **Additional Transportation Subsidy:** Mr. Ognosky explained to the contractors present that the final budget had been passed in Harrisburg and that following the reinstatement of a few prioritized items in the budget, the additional subsidy was not added. There will not be an additional transportation subsidy for the 2011-2012 school year.

New Business:

- **Cell Phone and Radio Utilization:** Mr. Clapper asked that the contractors please follow the same procedures that have been put in place for the utilization of the radio – they are to be utilized for school business only. Also, he emphasized that his office has received complaints from other motor vehicle drivers that bus drivers have been utilizing cell phones while their buses are in motion. Please refrain from utilizing cell phones while the bus is in motion.
- **GPS Mapping of the 2011-2012 Bus Routes:** Mr. Clapper explained that the plan is to have all of the 2011-2012 bus routes mapped out by the end of September by utilizing GPS equipment as has been done in the past. He thanked the drivers for their diligence in this process in the past and feels it is a very effective way to track routes and stops. Mr. Ognosky asked that all of the required contract information be provided to Mrs. Gesford by Friday, September 9th. In that way, we can be sure that the new contract rates will be in place for the October pay periods.
- **Direct Deposit Update:** Mr. Ognosky explained that the returns of the survey to the business office were not sufficient to provide for direct deposit. Mrs. Taylor asked if the district would consider surveying one more time now that school is coming back into session. Mr. Ognosky will discuss this with Mrs. Lusk, the Business Manager, and get back to the contractors.
- **Transportation Contractor Committee Meetings:** Mr. Clapper asked that the monthly meetings continue on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 8:15 in his office. Mr. Ognosky asked that

minutes be taken of the meetings and distributed to all contractors. He will make every effort to attend those monthly meetings as well.

- **Establishment of a Meeting Date with the Building Administrators:** A meeting date was established for Wednesday, 9/7 at 8:15 in Mr. Clapper's office area. The purpose of the meeting is to establish a consistent set of procedures across all buildings regarding bus discipline and reporting of incidents. Mr. Ognosky will inform the administrative team of the time and date of the meeting.

Open Forum: The following items were discussed in this segment of the meeting:

- Mr. Clapper explained that the transportation letter to all 7th grade students was sent out this morning providing each with the time and location of their morning pick up and afternoon drop off. A similar letter was sent out to all kindergarten students last week.
- Dawn Taylor expressed a concern with the increased truck traffic due to the gas industry and the number of local accidents that have occurred in the past few weeks. She asked that the companies be reminded that school is starting next week.
- Mr. Ognosky reminded all that the late buses will be leaving the High School at 6 p.m. during the month of September.
- Jim Ainey voiced his concern regarding the lack of a transportation subsidy for the 2011-2012 school year and reminded the board members present of the rising costs of operating a school bus.
- Mr. Ognosky asked that any contractor interested in activity runs please contact Mr. Gilhool's office as soon as possible.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Mike Ognosky