

**MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER**  
**MEETING DATE JULY 27, 2009 7:00 P.M.**

Mr. Chris Caterson  
Chairperson

Mr. Michael F. Ognosky  
Superintendent of Schools

Finance Committee Meeting

I. July 27, 2009 Finance Committee meeting began at 7:00 PM in the Community Learning Center of the Junior-Senior High School.

II. Board Members Present: George Gow, Chris Caterson, Kathy Mordovancey, Pam Staats, Julie Humphrey, Gloria Smith, Doug Wilcox and Mary Homan.

Administrators Present: Mike Ognosky

III. There were no items under Old Business discussed this evening.

IV. The following New Business items were discussed:

- A. **Review of the current status of the 2009-2010 Budget:** As of Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup> the General Assembly has still not approved a state budget proposal to send to the Governor's Office for approval. In an attempt to break the current stalemate the General Assembly has created a joint committee of the House and the Senate to review the budget proposals and develop a compromise budget for consideration by both chambers.
- B. **Review of the 2009-2010 PA PACT Application:** Mr. Ognosky reviewed the Montrose Area School District PA PACT Application for 2009-2010 as required by the Department of Education. PDE requires that districts complete the PA PACT plan based on two possible budget scenarios for 2009-10:
  - **Budget Scenario #1:** The General Assembly appropriates the Basic Education Funding as currently proposed by the Governor, which provides a \$418 million increase statewide in Basic Education funding allocated to the districts through the funding formula enacted into law by the General Assembly in 2008-09. In Budget Scenario #1 the Montrose Area School District would receive \$297,317 in the Basic Education Funding up to and including a 4.1 % increase (the current rate of inflation); \$198,703 in the Basic Education Funding over the 4.1 % increase; and, \$369,617 in the Accountability Block Grant. In this scenario the Montrose Area School District plans to allocate the funds as follows:
    - ✓ **BEF up to 4.1 % increase:** \$234,078 to maintain current services and programs in accordance with the increase in the expenditures in the budget; \$63,239 for the modernization and renovation of the univents in the Junior-Senior High School.
    - ✓ **BEF over the 4.1 % increase:** \$67,500 for the cost of continuing the summer camp program at Choconut Valley including salaries, supplies and transportation; \$90,349 for the salary, benefits, professional development activities and supplies associated with the Technology Coach; \$40,854 for the purchase of additional cameras and an updated monitoring equipment for security in each building.
    - ✓ **Accountability Block Grant:** \$142,217 for the salaries, benefits, professional development activities and supplies for 2 Kindergarten teachers; \$93,827 for the salary, benefits, purchased

services and supplies for the Learning Support teacher working with 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade IEP students and the teachers in the Summer Reading program; \$133,573 for the salary, benefits and supplies associated with the Math and Literacy Coach and the Long Term Substitute replacing that coach in the classroom.

- **Budget Scenario #2:** The General Assembly provides no increase in the 2008-09 level of Basic Education Funding, meaning that 2009-10 Basic Education funding allocations remain at 2008-09 levels (a 0 % increase). Under this scenario, the state basic education funding would be reduced by approximately \$730 million. As was the case in Budget Scenario #1, the Accountability Block Grant allocation would remain. In this scenario the Montrose Area School District plans to allocate the funds as follows:
  - ✓ **Accountability Block Grant:** \$142,217 for the salaries, benefits, professional development activities and supplies for 2 Kindergarten teachers; \$93,827 for the salary, benefits, purchased services and supplies for the Learning Support teacher working with 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade IEP students and the teachers in the Summer Reading program; \$133,573 for the salary, benefits and supplies associated with the Math and Literacy Coach and the Long Term Substitute replacing that coach in the classroom.

V. Open Forum: Chris Caterson asked a question regarding the status of the current expenditure information for the 2009-2010 budget. Mr. Ognosky responded that the Business Office has expressed a concern regarding some potential errors in the salary information. Mr. Ognosky will have them prepare a summary of that information and update the board as it becomes available.

The Board adjourned to a CLEAR session on Personnel at 7:45 p.m.

Following the CLEAR session the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

*Mike Ognosky*

Mike Ognosky, Superintendent