

**MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA**  
**MEETING DATE MARCH 22, 2010 7:30 P.M.**

Mr. Chris Caterson  
Chairperson

Mr. Michael F. Ognosky  
Superintendent of Schools

Finance Committee Meeting

- I. March 22, 2010 Finance Committee meeting began at 7:30 PM in the Cafeteria of the Junior-Senior High School.
  - II. Board Members Present: George Gow, Chris Caterson, Kathy Mordovancey, Gloria Smith, Doug Wilcox, Karl Wimmer and Mary Homan.
- Administrators Present: Mike Ognosky
- Visitors Present: Dan Warner, Stan Mulcock
- 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 2010-2011 Budget:** As the meeting began the projected budget for the 2010-2011 school year stood at \$24,674,304 in projected expenditures and \$24,531,819 of projected revenue – a projected current deficit of \$142,485. Mr. Ognosky explained that those figures include state subsidy levels projected at last year's numbers despite the governor's proposed budget with a 2 % increase. As was the case last year the District will plan under the premise that there will be no increase and then make adjustments when, and if, it happens that a budget is passed that reflects an increase. The current number of \$142,485 include the latest adjustments that were made:

- ✓ Additional employee wage reductions based on the most recent retirements that were approved totaling \$7,874. This reflects other costs in salary such as workmen's compensation, etc.
- ✓ An increase in the retirement bonuses per the teacher contract for those teachers that have given their notification totaling \$34,167.
- ✓ A decrease in the amount budgeted at the high school for after school supervision in the amount of \$14,250.

Additionally, the current projected budget will now be reduced by an additional \$60,000 with the direction given at the Transportation Committee meeting earlier this evening with the elimination of the additional transportation subsidy for the 2010-2011 school year. That now brings the projected deficit for next year to \$82,485 in a budget totaling over \$24 million.

- B. **Current Status of the Administration Building Bids Received on March 5, 2010:** Mr. Ognosky reviewed the status of the bids received for the administration building at the March 5, 2010 Bid meeting. He explained that based on the number of questions that have been raised regarding individual bid specifications from those companies that delivered bid proposals, he felt it would be prudent at this time to reject all of the bids and to begin the process anew. The initial process was executed in house and without the utilization of outside engineering/architectural services and that created a number of concerns regarding the specifications and resulted in a wide range of bids received. After discussing the recommendation, the Board members

present agreed that beginning the process over with the assistance of outside services was the direction in which the district should proceed. That action will be formalized at the Special Board Meeting following the Finance Committee meeting when a vote will be taken on such a motion to reject all bids received on March 5, 2010. The discussion then turned to the process to be followed in the revised process. After discussion, it was decided that the administration would contact local providers for architectural and engineering services who are experienced in working with a turn key construction process. The administration will explain the scope of the process and set up a meeting of the entire board with potential providers. Those providers will be interviewed by the board as a whole and the board will then select a provider to follow through with the project. Mr. Ognosky will schedule a meeting and inform the board of the time and date. A letter will also be sent to all bidders informing them of the board decision to reject all of the initial bids and encouraging to bid when the new specifications are released.

V. Open Forum: There were no items presented during the Open Forum.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

*Mike Ognosky*

Mike Ognosky, Superintendent