

MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

**POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES**

MEETING DATE MARCH 24, 2010 7:00 P.M.

Mrs. Gloria Smith
Chairperson, Policy Committee

Mr. Michael F. Ognosky
Superintendent of Schools

March 24, 2010 Policy Committee Meeting began at 7:00 P. M. in the District Administrative Offices.

Board Members present included Gloria Smith

Administrators present included Mike Ognosky

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 335 (Administrative Employees: Family and Medical Leaves):** President Obama signed into law in October, 2009 the National Defense Authorization Act effective 2010. The law amended the Family and Medical Leave Act's military family leave provisions including expanding the "qualifying exigency leave" provision to include the regular Armed Forces and expanding the "military caregiver leave" provision to include veterans. Based on the information received from PSBA, it was recommended by the Policy Committee that revised Policy 335 should be presented for a first reading consideration at the April 12, 2010 Board meeting.
- **Policy 435 (Professional Employees: Family and Medical Leaves):** President Obama signed into law in October, 2009 the National Defense Authorization Act effective 2010. The law amended the Family and Medical Leave Act's military family leave provisions including expanding the "qualifying exigency leave" provision to include the regular Armed Forces and expanding the "military caregiver leave" provision to include veterans. Based on the information received from PSBA, it was recommended by the Policy Committee that revised Policy 435 should be presented for a first reading consideration at the April 12, 2010 Board meeting.
- **Policy 535 (Support Employees: Family and Medical Leaves):** President Obama signed into law in October, 2009 the National Defense Authorization Act effective 2010. The law amended the Family and Medical Leave Act's military family leave provisions including expanding the "qualifying exigency leave" provision to include the regular Armed Forces and expanding the "military caregiver leave" provision to include veterans. Based on the information received from PSBA, it was recommended by the Policy Committee that revised Policy 535 should be presented for a first reading consideration at the April 12, 2010 Board meeting.
- **Policy 605 (Tax Levy):** The intent of Policy 605 is to stipulate the Board's authority to establish, levy and collect taxes in accordance with applicable law. To protect the interest of the District, it is PSBA's recommendation to remove all other language from the current Policy 605 as it is ambiguous and is not consistent with the established purpose of the policy. Based on the information received from PSBA, it was recommended by the Policy Committee that revised Policy 605 should be presented for a first reading consideration at the April 12, 2010 Board meeting.
- **Policy 808 (Food Services):** This policy has been revised to reflect the requirements under federal law and regulations for school districts participating in the National School Lunch Program (NLSP) and/or School Breakfast Program (SPB), specifically as they relate to food safety inspections and food safety programs. Here is a highlight of the more significant revisions as discussed at the meeting:

- ✓ Federal law requires school districts participating in the NSLP or SBP to obtain at least two food safety inspections per year conducted by a state or local governmental agency responsible for food safety inspections. They must post the results of the most recent inspection and provide a copy of the report to a member of the public, upon request.
- ✓ School districts participating in the NSLP or SBP were required to implement a food safety program effective with the 2005-2006 school year. The changes to the policy amend specific sections of the federal regulations, most notably the sections addressing facilities management and program requirements, reporting and recordkeeping, and administrative reviews by the state agency.
- ✓ There are now clearly stated guidelines for school districts to follow in regard to the maintaining of individual student school meal accounts.

Based on the information received from PSBA, it was recommended by the Policy Committee that revised Policy 808 should be presented for a first reading consideration at the April 12, 2010 Board meeting

- **Policy 808.1 (Free/Reduced-Price Meals and Free Milk):** This new policy has been developed to address the requirements under federal law and federal regulations for school districts participating in the NSLP, SPB, and/or Special Milk Program (SMP). This policy deals specifically with free/reduced-price meal requirements included but not limited to application procedures, eligibility appeals process, records retention, student confidentiality requirements, and procedures for receiving and processing discrimination complaints. Based on the information received from PSBA, it was recommended by the Policy Committee that revised Policy 808.1 should be presented for a first reading consideration at the April 12, 2010 Board meeting

V. OPEN FORUM

No items were discussed during the Open Forum.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Mike Ognosky