

**MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**ENERGY AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES**  
**MEETING DATE MAY 12, 2009 4:00 P.M.**

Chris Tripp, Chairperson

Energy Ad Hoc Committee Meeting

May 12, 2009 Meeting began at 4:00 PM in the Administrative Offices of the Montrose Area School District.

Ad Hoc Committee Members present included Joe Reynolds, Rich Niederberger, Chris Tripp and Leo Purtell

Administrators present included Mike Ognosky and Craig Owens.

There were no Board members present.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Update on Current Initiatives:** The following items were discussed regarding current initiatives that are being explored by the Committee:

- **Presentation at the May Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting (Chris Tripp):** Chris reviewed the presentation that he gave at the May Buildings and Grounds meeting and reported back to the group that all of the initiatives proposed by the Energy Ad Hoc Committee have been approved for either action by the Board or release to bid by the Board. The upgrade to the controls in the gymnasium and the wind study at the Junior-Senior High School will be quoted out and acted upon as soon as possible. The upgrades to the heating and control systems at Choconut Valley, Lathrop Street and the Junior-Senior High School will be bid out. Chris, Rickie Clapper and Lew Plauny are in the process of putting those bids together now with a goal of completing the work during the summer break with all of the upgrades in place for the beginning of school in September. Chris thanked the committee members for their work in putting together those recommendations as this Committee continues to have a positive impact on the District Energy operations.
- **Presentation at the May Public Board Meeting on Energy savings from Energy Education Initiative (Chris Tripp):** Chris reviewed the presentation that he gave at the May Board meeting and updated the group as since the presentation he has included the April numbers in the estimate. As of the end of April, the District has saved \$115,703, approximately 23.3 %, through the Energy Education program and the initiatives put in place. The District heating oil consumption was reduced by over 18,000 gallons from one year ago; while the kilowatt hour reduction was over 600,000 hours.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The following items of New Business were discussed at the meeting:

- **Biomass project report (Mike Ognosky):** In November, Mike, Chris Tripp and Karl Wimmer took part in a one day overview of the potential for a Biomass heating system for the District. Also in attendance that day were representatives from the Endless Mountains RC & D, the Montrose Hospital, the Montrose Public Library and other entities from the County. The Endless Mountains RC & D recently submitted a project proposal to the state asking for a \$375,378 grant to complete the architecture and engineering study for a central biomass heating district for the Montrose Hospital, Public Library, and Junior-Senior High School. An additional \$5 million will be needed for implementation, but wasn't proposed through this grant program due to the short timeframe for getting a project proposal completed. This study will determine the feasibility of the construction of a biomass heating system for this purpose.

- **McCosar Minerals proposal (Mike Ognosky):** This week the District received an offer from McCosar Minerals, Inc. of Oklahoma City to purchase the mineral rights of both the Choconut Valley Elementary School and the Junior-Senior High School. Members present reported that McCosar is flooding the area with these offers in the hopes of procuring vast mineral rights from property owners and then leasing off those rights to drilling companies. Members present all advised the District to disregard the offer.

**OPEN FORUM:**

Chris Tripp, Chairman of the Committee, thanked the group for the work that they have accomplished as an Energy Ad Hoc Committee through the first year of operation and brainstormed potential areas of interest in the future. The group members expressed an interest to tour all three buildings once again with an eye toward additional projects. Those tours will be arranged for future meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM

**Mike Ognosky**