

MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER
MEETING DATE MAY 16, 2011 8 P.M.

Doug Wilcox
Board Chairperson

Rickie Clapper
Administrative Representative

Board Members Present: Karl Wimmer, Chris Caterson, Doug Wilcox, Kathy Mordovancey, Gloria Smith, George Gow, and Mary Homan

Administration Present: Rickie Clapper, Michelle Lusk and Mike Ognosky

Transportation Contractors Present: Dawn Taylor, Jim Ainey, Ron Carlton, Janis Bunnell, Ron Reagan, Ron Carlton, Tim Legg, Don Potts, Everett Lowry, Joy Mower, Mark Mower, Bev Legg, Gerry Legg, Donna Darrow, Glenna Tennat, Ruth Snedeker, Judy Allen, Leon Allen, Dennis Bunnell, Tom Conaty, Lou Ann Kiefer, Donna Fizzano and David Darrow.

Meeting commenced at 8 PM

Items Discussed:

Old Business:

- **Additional Transportation Subsidy:** Mr. Ognosky reviewed the status of the current budget. The current expenditures over revenue number is approximately \$130,000. A number of cost reduction measures have been undertaken by the District affecting all facets of the budget including professional staff, support staff, curriculum materials, maintenance items and technology equipment. With that in mind, the request for additional transportation subsidy for the 2011-2012 school year will be denied.

New Business:

- **Review of Current Bus Routes for 2011-2012:** Mr. Clapper is currently analyzing and reviewing all of the current bus routes and will be making a recommendation shortly regarding the elimination of any routes for 2011-2012. There is the potential that at least one route may be eliminated.
- **Mandate Relief Bill Regarding Out of State Transportation of Private School Students:** Mr. Ognosky explained that there is proposed legislation in the House Appropriations Committee that would preclude Pennsylvania School Districts from the requirement of transporting students to private out of state schools in the current 10 mile transportation limit. We currently transport 38 students to parochial or private schools in New York State at a cost of approximately \$160,000. The Transportation Office has communicated with the contractors that may be affected by the legislation. When asked as to when the legislation would be considered for vote, Mr. Ognosky responded that it could be at any time from the end of May to the beginning of August. The District will continue to inform the affected contractors as he receives information.
- **Bus Inspection Procedures:** Mr. Clapper announced that he has been informed by the Pennsylvania State Police that the annual bus inspection will be conducted on Monday, July 18th

commencing at 7 a.m. on a first come, first serve basis. That will be the only day for bus inspection this year.

- **Bus Evacuation Procedures:** Mr. Clapper announced a change in the bus evacuation procedures that eliminates the requirement of students having to depart the bus from the emergency evacuation door during drills. The drill procedures merely require that the students be informed as to the location and operation of the emergency door.

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

- Mr. Clapper reminded the contractors that cell phones are not to be utilized while the bus is in motion – please utilize only hands free equipment at those times.
- Ron Carlton asked if the new Dean of Students could meet with a contingent of contractors prior to the opening of school next year. Mr. Ognosky explained the position to those present and felt it would be a very good idea to conduct that meeting during one of the two initial in-service days next year as the new Dean of Students would be working only the teacher days of the calendar.
- Lucille Gesford, Transportation Secretary, offered a concern that the bus lists in the software program need to be updated. Mr. Ognosky will bring that to Mr. Owens attention.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Mike Ognosky