

MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
CHOCONUT VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FACULTY ROOM
MEETING DATE MAY 23, 2011, 7 P.M.

Mr. Chris Caterson
Chairperson

Mr. Michael F. Ognosky
Superintendent of Schools

Finance Committee Meeting

I. May 23, 2011 Finance Committee meeting began at 7 PM in the Faculty Room at the Choconut Valley Elementary School.

II. Board Members Present: George Gow, Chris Caterson, Pam Staats, Kathy Mordovancey, Doug Wilcox, Mary Homan and Kristen Follert.

Administrators Present: Mike Ognosky and Michelle Lusk

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

IV. The following New Business items were discussed:

- **Review of the current status of the 2011-2012 Budget:** Mr. Ognosky reviewed the current status of the 2011-2012 school year projected budget. As of Friday, May 20, 2011 the current expenditures over revenues projected number in next year's budget stands at \$119,963. The current revenue projection for 2011-2012 is \$22,908,407; \$1,413,568 less than the 2010-2011 budget year. That revenue projection includes a \$38,281 reduction in IDEA funding and a \$6,801 reduction in Title 1 funding. The current expenditure projection for 2011-2012 is \$23,028,370; \$1,284,764 less than last budget year. Mr. Ognosky also distributed and reviewed an article from today's Scranton Times explaining that the State House of Representatives is expected to take a vote this week on their budget proposal – that vote is expected on Wednesday. The House budget restores \$210 million in the basic education subsidy to be distributed to school districts as well as \$387 million overall in state aid to higher education. If the House passes their budget on Wednesday, it will then move on to the Senate for discussion, modification and action.
- **Review of the process for the selection of a Dean of Students at the JSHS:** With the close of the posting for the Dean of Students position, we received 5 applications from current members of the JSHS professional staff. After a review of calendars, the one hour interviews have been established for Tuesday, June 7th at 6 p.m., 7 p.m. and 8 p.m.; and, Wednesday, June 8th at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. Mr. Ognosky will schedule those interviews at the established times with the applicants. After discussion, the interview committee will include the members of the Board, Mr. Ognosky, Mr. Tallarico and selected members of the High School faculty. Mr. Ognosky will ask the MEA to provide interviewers to participate and will ask that it include members from the Junior High and Senior High as well as a male and female faculty member. Potential questions will be sent home for review to Board members as well as a potential job description.

- **Discussion of the Memorandum of Agreement regarding health insurance:** Mr. Ognosky distributed copies of the Memorandum of Agreements with both the MEA and the MESPA regarding the eligibility for medical coverage. With the approval of the memorandums, current employees will no longer have the option of switching from PPO to Traditional insurance; and, all future employees will be limited to PPO coverage. After discussion, Mr. Ognosky will place the memorandums on the June Board agenda for approval.
- **Discussion of Memorandum of Agreements with the Support Staff regarding Direct Deposit and 4 day work weeks for July, 2011:** Mr. Ognosky explained that he had discussions with the MESPA regarding the processing of payroll in Direct Deposit form only. This would require a Memorandum of Agreement to that effect with the MESPA as their current agreement specifically refers to distribution by “paycheck” with an option for direct deposit. The MESPA has asked Mr. Ognosky to have the solicitor prepare an MOA limiting payroll to direct deposit. The Board, after discussion, agreed and Mr. Ognosky will contact the solicitor tomorrow to get that process moving along. The MESPA has also asked that the solicitor prepare an MOA regarding a four day work week for the time period from Tuesday, July 5th through Friday, 29th of this year. 260 day employees will work their regular weekly hours – either 37 ½ or 40 – but do so Monday through Thursday. The District will then close all offices and buildings from Thursday evening through Monday morning in the hopes of conserving energy costs. Mr. Tripp will provide data in August regarding units of utilization for analysis for future planning of summer hours. After discussion, the Board agreed and Mr. Ognosky will contact the solicitor tomorrow to get that process underway as well.
- **House Bill 869:** Mr. Ognosky distributed copies of House Bill 869 as well as an outline of the other bills that make up the proposed Mandate Relief/Taxpayer Protection Package proposed in the State Senate. House Bill 869 specifically references the discontinuation of transportation of out of state private school students by Pennsylvania school districts. Currently, that bill has been printed and is under consideration in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

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

The Board, Mr. Ognosky and Mrs. Lusk adjourned to a CLEAR session regarding personnel following the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Mike Ognosky

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