TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 19, 2016
Chatfield-LoPresti School
Conference Room
7:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Kristen Harmeling
Alison Sobieski
Fred Stanek

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Rick Belden, Assistant Superintendent
Pat Boyle, Board Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER
A. Mr. Belden called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:12 p.m.

II. Election of Chairperson
Mr. Stanek nominated Ms. Sobieski to be the chairperson of the committee. There were no other nominations and all were in agreement. Ms. Sobieski was appointed as the chairperson.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT
None

IV. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION
A. Review and Possible Action on 2016-2017 Contractual Requirements
Mr. Belden reviewed the required annual contractual information from the bus company including the Certificate of Insurance, a vehicle age and inspection report and a listing of drivers. The average age of our bus fleet is 3.9 years old, and none of our buses are over 10 years old. Mr. Stanek wanted to know if we have ever randomly audited a driver's file to make sure there are background checks in the files. Mr. Belden stated we had not done that but he would do so. Ms. Harmeling asked if there are criteria for monitoring behavior on the bus by the drivers. Mr. Belden said the drivers have some flexibility in regard to behavior, (i.e. they can separate students, move students to the front of the bus) and anything else would be reported to the appropriate administrator and dealt with at the school level.
MOTION: (Ms. Harmeling/sec., Mr. Stanek) to present to the full Board of Education the contractual information as provided by All-Star Transportation.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Ms. Sobieski, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Stanek

B. Review and Possible Action on Parent Issues
No parents were present. Mr. Belden stated that he felt the parent issues that had come up had been resolved at this point.

V. REPORTS
A. Chairman's Report
None

B. Superintendent's Report
Mr. Belden reported to the board that we are in the 4th year of our five year contract with All-Star Transportation. He felt that we would be looking at potentially using propane buses in the new contract starting in 2018-19. Propane buses use a less expensive fuel, require less engine maintenance, and are environmentally friendlier than diesel fueled buses.

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Mr. Belden also stated that we had looked into the SafeStop software that would allow parents to download an application to monitor their student's bus route in real time using GPS. The software does have a cost component that can be borne by the District, parents or through sponsored advertising.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT
None

VII. ADJOURNMENT
MOTION: (Ms. Harmeling/sec. Ms. Sobieski) to adjourn the meeting

AFFIRMATIVE: Ms. Sobieski, Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Stanek
The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

SO VOTED

Submitted by:
Pat Boyle

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