



TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES

January 11, 2012

Central Office

7:00 p.m.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE: James Garofolo, Sandra Gesek, Jay Hatfield, MaryAnne Mascolo, Rick Belden, Pat Boyle, Yashu Putorti, Steve Gardner (All Star Transportation), Christian White (Parent)

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:30 P.M.

1. Election of Chairperson

Ms. Mascolo called for nominations for the chairperson. Mr. Garofolo nominated Sandra Gesek. She called again for nominations and there were none. She called for a vote to elect Sandra Gesek chairperson of the Transportation Committee.

MOTION: (Mr. Garofolo/sec. Mr. Hatfield) to elect Sandra Gesek as chairperson of the Transportation Committee

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Garofolo, Mr. Hatfield, Ms. Gesek

2. Review of Transfinder Software and Procedures

Mrs. Boyle reviewed content and capabilities of the Transfinder Software. She showed how a student's information is input into the system and how the system assigns a bus route for the student. The system shows the time frame for the bus ride including the pickup time and the drop off time. We have approximately 42 buses running in the morning and afternoon. Due to the Transfinder Software, we have an accurate view of all the busing and who is on what bus. Our next project will be to review all the bus routes when LoPresti School closes and use that information to maximize our routes to the best efficiency. Mrs. Boyle reviewed the procedure when a student starts and is in an area where we currently have no buses running. They discussed the "rollover" procedure for each year, which moves all the students up one grade to prepare for the new school year.

3. Discussion and Possible Action on Parent Request for a recommendation to the full Board of Education

Ms. Mascolo reviewed the policies concerning Mr. Christain White's request. The parent presented his request to the committee. His son rides bus 32 from LoPresti. There is a complication on early dismissal days in that they (the parents) are not able to get home in time to meet their child at the home bus stop. They have a woman who can watch their child on early dismissal days and are requesting their child ride bus 44 on those days so that he can be dropped off at her house. Ms. Mascolo explained why the parent's request has already been denied by Ms. Boyle, Mr. Belden, and Ms. Mascolo. She explained the safety ramifications of having children ride different buses on different days and how it would impact the entire district because other parents would want to do the same

MOTION: (Mr. Garofolo/sec., Mr. Hatfield) move that the Transportation Committee recommend to the full Board of Education to deny Mr. White's request for special consideration for his child to use an alternative bus stop on early dismissal days

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Gesek, Mr. Hatfield

4. Superintendent's Report

None

MOTION: (Mr. Garofolo/sec., Mr. Hatfield) to adjourn the meeting

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Garofolo, Ms. Gesek, Mr. Hatfield

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Submitted by:
MaryAnne Mascolo