

SEYMOUR
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Transportation Committee
Minutes

October 21, 2009

Central Office

12:30 p.m.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE: Rhonda Geffert, Judy Flood, Jim Garofolo, MaryAnne Mascolo,
Rick Belden; Christine Syriac

OTHERS PRESENT: April Judd

The meeting was called to order at 12:32 p.m.

Rick Belden and April Judd gave a demonstration of the Transfinder Routing System, including a demonstration of the web based information available to parents and an overview of the existing database of student information and bus routes. Discussion ensued regarding availability of web based information for community use and availability of Transfinder detail for in house school personnel use. It was explained that minor clean up was ongoing and the web based access would be available by mid-November. The in house availability was predicated on Transfinder providing certain conversion access to our IT staff.

Rick Belden reviewed the contractual information required from All Star, which included bus listing/age, driver listing, children of bus drivers on the buses, access to radio frequency and evidence of insurance. Committee members discussed the information and all questions were addressed in a satisfactory manner.

Rick Belden introduced the idea to approach All Star Transportation about renegotiating our existing contract. Given the difficult budget year just experienced and anticipating another difficult budget for 2010-11, Rick provided the committee members with a proposal to approach All Star to open up our existing contract (we are in the 3rd year of a 5 year agreement) to see if we could lower our contractual costs for 2010-11 and extend the contract for an additional 1-2 years. The committee felt that there was merit in this approach. Rick Belden indicated that he wanted to obtain some direction from the Board before engaging in this process.

MOTION: (Mrs. Geffert/Mr. Garofolo) to adjourn the meeting

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mrs. Geffert, Mrs. Flood, Mr. Garofolo

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Submitted by:
MaryAnne Mascolo