

# Seymour Board of Education



## TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

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DATE: 9/28/16  
TIME: 10:55am  
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**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

**SO VOTED**

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Submitted by:

Pat Boyle