

Minutes of the Facilities/Enrollment/Transportation Committee of the Board of Education

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Monday, April 13, 2015

Start: 6:00 pm End: 6:39 pm

In attendance were: Janet Morgan, Mike Devine, John Chapman; also, Anna Cutaia-Leonard, Wayne McAllister, Charles Cosgriff, Maryanne Van Aken, and BoE clerk Deb Carlton

Ms. Morgan called on Mr. McAllister to provide information on transportation bids.

He began with an enrollment projection update and class size information. Parent concerns regarding grade 1 sizes for next year were discussed. Ms. Morgan would be interested to see nationwide averages for elementary classes.

Mr. McAllister reviewed bids for transportation services, including information on age of buses and equipment onboard. He recommends asking both companies to sharpen their pencils and offer their BaFO. Difficulties with our current bus contract centered around retaining drivers; also, there have been occasions when routes needed to be combined for lack of a driver, or students waiting while a driver was secured. Numbers of charters was also reviewed. The committee discussed length of routes, on time rating, numbers of buses, where they are to be kept, and fuel purchasing. References will be pursued.

The committee will meet before the next board meeting and will email questions to Mr. McAllister beforehand.

Mr. Chapman suggested, when asking for best and final, to request all buses be 5 years or newer, and to base the bid on the same number of routes in order to have apples to apples information. Mr. Devine suggested having the max ride time written into the bid, as well.

Mr. Devine entered a motion to adjourn, second by Ms. Morgan. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Morgan

Janet Morgan, Board of Education