

Coventry Board of Education
Coventry, Connecticut

Transportation Committee Meeting
Approved Minutes of August 26, 2020
Remote/Electronic

Committee Members Present:

Barbara Paré, Transportation Committee Chair
Eugene Marchand
Robert Williams
Jennifer Beausoleil, Board Chair

Administrators Present:

Dr. David J. Petrone, Superintendent of Schools
Robert Carroll, Director of Finance and Operations
Christian Marcinczyk, Transportation Public Relations Liaison

Others Present:

David Dexter, M&J Dispatcher
Theresa Andreoli, M&J Trainer

I. Call to Order

B. Paré called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

II. Audience of Citizens

B. Paré read the two emails that were submitted (Raymond Streeter; Dina Maulucci), which are attached to these minutes.

III. VOTE: Approve Minutes of August 13, 2020

MOTION: Approve minutes of August 13, 2020

By: E. Marchand

Seconded: J. Beausoleil

Result: Motion passes unanimously

IV. Information: 2020-2021 Bus Routes

The Committee began by discussing the bus route development for 20-21.

E. Marchand noted his disappointment in the print outs of the runs. He said it makes it difficult to compare with last year's routes, and maps were requested.

R. Williams asked if substitute bus drivers are available if needed? Mr. Dexter said they are doing the best they can; it is an industry issue. Dr. Petrone said this is something that is a continuous struggle for all bus companies.

B. Paré talked about drivers contracting COVID-19 and the procedures involved. Dr. Petrone said guidance from EHHD will be followed.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

By: E. Marchand

Seconded: R. Williams

Result: Motion passes unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberlee Arey Delorme
Board Clerk

Approved: October 8, 2020

From: [Raymond Streeter](#)
To: [audienceBOE](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Sanitizing Protocol
Date: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 7:52:00 PM

Raymond Streeter
1211 North River Rd
Coventry Ct 06238

Coventry Ct Board of Education:

Apparently during recent discussions between M & J and our Union representative the mistaken impression that all drivers were happy with not wiping down between A M and P M runs was presented. As a senior driver only returning due to the acute driver shortage and the current situation involving our children, I personally am not comfortable with this arrangement.

I think it is important that buses be thoroughly wiped down between morning and afternoon runs for the safety of drivers, students and community and respectfully request that this body encourage M & J to adopt that policy.

Thank you for your consideration.
[Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: dmaulucci@aol.com
To: [audienceBOE](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] bus request
Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 1:42:12 PM

Good afternoon,

My name is Dina Maulucci, my daughter will be entering grade 3 and attending GHR on Tuesdays and Fridays. She will be utilizing the bus in AM only, no PM drop off. I'm reaching out to you today because of a predicament that I'm in along with many other parents about transportation, safety concerns and parent work schedules during this pandemic. Due to Patriots' Park, Daze program not opening in AM, and my current work schedule (I start work at 8am in Hartford) this year I'm struggling to figure out how I will put her on the bus that she has been assigned to (bus #12) at the current scheduled AM pick up at 7:38am.

I'm requesting to allow my family to utilize an earlier bus stop (with bus #12), so she would still be utilizing the same bus, only getting on at an earlier, already scheduled stop for that bus route. Or to allow her switch to any other bus that will have room, so she has earlier scheduled pick up, earlier then 7:38am at any stop in Coventry, and I will be responsible for driving her to that bus stop and waiting with her until she safely loads the bus. I realize that buses have to be cleaned and sanitized after the Middle school children are dropped off at 7:30, and she, along with other students will be getting on after which will not compromise the process.

Please consider this reasonable request, like so many parents I'm still struggling with finding care for my child during the week when she is home due to Hybrid model, it is even more challenging in also trying to figure out how to get her to school on time, safely without me loosing my employment due to tardiness.

Thank you for your consideration.

-Dina Maulucci