

Coventry Board of Education
Coventry, Connecticut

Transportation Committee Meeting
Approved Minutes of Wednesday, August 3, 2022
Administration Building Conference Room

Committee Members Present:

Eugene Marchand, Chair
Peter DePaola
Emma Eaton

Administrators Present:

Dr. David J. Petrone, Superintendent of Schools
Robert Carroll, Director of Finance and Operations

Also present: Nicole Irvine, M&J Dispatcher

I. Call to Order

E. Marchand called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

II. Audience of Citizens

There were none.

III. VOTE: Approve minutes of May 12, 2022

MOTION: To approve the minutes of May 12, 2022

By: E. Eaton

Seconded: P. DePaola

Discussion: E. Eaton asked that Mr. Carroll's name be spelled correctly and the incorrect punctuation with Dr. Petrone's name be fixed.

Result: Motion passes unanimously

IV. Discussion and Possible VOTE: Number of Buses Utilized for the 2022-23 School Year

Dr. Petrone reviewed the situation with the number of buses being run. He said M&J is suggesting we reduce the number of buses from 18 to 17. He asks that the Transportation Committee review this request. Dr. Petrone said last year they ran 16 buses. The Committee discussed run times.

MOTION: Based on current staffing conditions, the number of bus runs be reduced from 18 to 17, pending additional staffing when this Committee would reconsider returning to 18 runs.

By: P. DePaola

Seconded: E. Eaton

Result: Motion passes unanimously

V. Discussion and Possible VOTE: Approve Bus Routes for the 2022-23 School Year

E. Marchand thanked Ms. Irvine for her work on the routes and for providing hard copies of maps of the routes.

The Committee discussed student capacity on the buses for some of the higher ridership buses. E. Eaton specifically discussed bus 12 of the elementary run. She also noted bus 7 in the afternoon of the elementary run. The Committee continued to discuss this topic.

E. Marchand said the Committee doesn't have many options for changes.

E. Eaton asked again about the bus 7 elementary afternoon run, which runs very long. Ms. Irvine said this is the first draft, and changes will be made and the drivers make notes as the runs are reviewed. Dr. Petrone said the Committee will meet two weeks after school starts for further review.

MOTION: To accept the routes as submitted with the understanding that adjustments will be made as needed.

By: P. DePaola

Seconded: E. Eaton

Result: Motion passes unanimously

VI. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

By: E. Eaton

Seconded: P. DePaola

Result: Motion passes unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberlee Arey Delorme
Board Clerk

Approved: September 21, 2022