

Mr. Rasmus called the May 3, 2022 MASD Transportation Committee meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present were Joseph Rasmus, Rachel Allbeck, Dee Davis, Whitney Holloway, Kathy Musselman, Sue Myers, Glen Rhinard, Ed Sanders, Mike VanDine.

RATIONALE/GOAL OF TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Rasmus stated the goal of the formation of the MASD Transportation Committee is to make sure safety needs are being met. The district goal is to amp up safety.

TRANSPORTATION LOGISTICS

Officer VanDine provided drone footage from a recent 7:30 a.m. transportation route covering Batten Lane, School House Lane, Chestnut Street, and parking lots of the elementary school and high school.

Some of the highlights and concerns were school vans and cars cutting in front of the buses. Students are also crossing between buses.

Administrative Recommendations for Transportation for 2022-2023 School Year:

Possibility of sidewalks on Batten Lane. Closing Batten Lane at the stop sign and having cars line up on Batten Lane. Closing traffic on School House Lane to car traffic and allowing busses only. Once the busses pass Batten Lane car traffic on Batten Lane will proceed. Traffic flow would be limited to one way. High school drop off would be at the band room parking lot.

Mr. Rasmus will attend the Millville Borough Council Meeting on May 17, 2022 to garner feedback from the borough.

For the 2022-2023 school year, a transportation tab will be created on the MASD website with the transportation plan. Transportation information in the handbook will be updated, as well.

STUDENT DROP OFF

What is the age/grade of a student for which a parent/guardian/sibling must be present at bus stop/residence. Varied responses from the committee. Some responded with grades K, 1, 2, others responded K & 1, others responded Kindergarten, while others felt it should be parental decision.

The responses were met with scenarios...Grandma is home but doesn't come out because she is caring for the infant or Dad is home and mowing the lawn and feels his second grade child can walk down the lane without his assistance.

After discussion, a parental waiver was suggested. Feedback will be obtained from Attorney Pratt. If this is the direction, waiver forms will be made available in the Sapphire document folder.

STATUS OF BUS PASSES

Student handbook review and updates needed to reflect current and accurate information for the 2022-2023 school year.

Reasonable limitations/constraints for timing of parental requests for special transportation arrangements was discussed. Mr. Sanders suggested 1:00 p.m. with exceptions for uncontrolled circumstances or emergencies.

Bid for transportation contractors for 22-23 school year. School code was amended in 2016 to include mandatory competitive bidding. Auditor General repercussions for non-compliance.

Current transportation contractor, Mr. Rhinard, was encouraged to submit a bid. He stated the climate is very unstable to give an accurate bid. Fuel costs are continually increasing and the cost to replace a school bus has doubled in purchase price.

The plan is to implement cameras within bid specs to increase student surveillance on all district buses.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Kathy Musselman
Assistant Board Secretary