

Billings School District 2

NONINSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS

Contracting for Transportation Services

Whenever the Board enters into a contract for transportation services, it will require that a contractor operate equipment in accordance with District policy and applicable law, including without limitation the rules of the Board of Public Education. The Board will approve a transportation contract for no more than five (5) years. Before the Board enters into such contract, the Superintendent will determine that the cost of contracting for an ensuing term will not exceed projected costs of the District's operating its own system. Before the Board awards any transportation contract to a private party or contractor, it will:

advertise for bids at least three (3) times during a twenty-one-(21)-day period or

negotiate a new contract with the current contractor, provided a new contract will not exceed by more than twelve percent (12%) per year the basic costs of the previous contract.

The Board does not permit money to be expended until and unless a contract with a private carrier has been executed properly. The Board Chair will sign approved contracts on behalf of the District.

The Board may choose the means of transportation that best fits the District's needs at that particular time or occasion, whether that means owning and operating its own fleet of vehicles or choosing an outside source.

Cross References: 5122 Fingerprints and Criminal Background Investigations

Legal References: § 20-10-102, MCA School bus requirements
§ 20-10-107, MCA Power of trustees
§ 20-10-125, MCA Bid letting for contract bus – payments under transportation contract
10.7.108, ARM Bus Contracts

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