

MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
MAINTENANCE BUILDING
MEETING DATE AUGUST 3, 2009 7:00 P.M.

Doug Wilcox
Board Chairperson

Rickie Clapper
Administrative Representative

Board Members Present: Doug Wilcox, George Gow, Julie Humphrey, Gloria Smith, Chris Caterson and Kathy Mordovancey

Administration Present: Rickie Clapper and Mike Ognosky

Transportation Contractors Present: Jim Ainey, Ron Carlton, Bev & Gerry Legg, Janis Bunnell, Dave Darrow, Nick & Vince Grisafi, Lou Ann & Ron Kiefer, James & Jane Conboy, Donnie Potts, Tom Conaty, Everitt Lowry, Tim Legg, Leon & Judy Allen.

Also Present: Lucille Gesford (Transportation Office Secretary)

Meeting commenced at 7:00 PM

Items Discussed:

Old Business:

- **Discussion of Runs for 2009-2010:** Mr. Ognosky took a moment to thank the contractors for their cooperation and understanding as the District went through the process of analyzing and consolidating the bus routes in the District. With the work completed this year, the District has eliminated a total of 5 routes over the past two years. With that in mind, the District has now created two different types of contractors in that period of time – those that have been affected and lost a route (Conaty's, Ainey, Bunnell's, Grisafi's and Legg) and those that have not. Mr. Ognosky that the District has reevaluated the process of assigning late runs and activity runs with that in mind.

New Business:

- **Late Run Selection Process:** The District will assign late runs offering them first to those contractors that have lost a regular route in the last two years. For the 2009-2010 school year, the late runs from the High School will be assigned to Tim Legg, Grisafi's and Conaty's. A rotation will be utilized with those 5 contractors being given the first opportunity for the 3 High School late runs. After all 5 contractors have been given the opportunity for at least two late runs each the process will be reevaluated. The elementary late runs – because they are much less frequent and are offered only a reduced daily rate – will not be part of this rotation. The Bunnell's will operate both elementary late runs during the 2009-2010 school year. In 2010- 2011 the High School runs will first be offered to Bunnell's, Ainey and Tim Legg. In 2011-2012 the High School runs will first be offered to Grisafi's, Conaty's and Bunnell's. At that point all 5 contractors will have received two late run opportunities since the loss of their regular run and the process will be reevaluated.
- **Activity Run Selection Process:** The District will assign activity runs offering them first to those contractors that have lost a regular route in the last two years. If any of those contractors

express that they would opt out of the rotation then a contractor of the remaining fleet will be provided the opportunity to join the rotation on an as needed basis. Again, this will be in effect for the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 school years and, at that point, will be reevaluated.

- **New Bus Request Procedures:** It has always been the wish of the District that contractors maintain an updated, efficient and safe fleet. With that in mind, when a contractor requests an updated bus the District will not impede that process. The process of examining existing routes will be independent from the request to purchase an updated bus. That being said, contractors must accept the fact that the District will be continual examining routes with an eye toward potential savings and the fact that a new bus is purchased does not protect that route from that process at any point during the lifetime of that bus.
- **Selection of New Regular Run Procedures:** Hopefully, the student population in the District will increase in the upcoming years, providing the District with the opportunity to add new runs to the regular daily runs. If that occurs, the District will analyze the proposed route and those contractors that have lost regular runs will be provided the initial opportunity to accept the new run. The District will examine the cost of the route from barn to barn for each contractor that has expressed an interest and will award the contract based on the most advantageous financial position for the District.

Open Forum:

- **Radios:** Rickie will arrange for a representative from the company to come to the District early in the upcoming school year and those contractors that would like to add a private channel to their radios may do so at that time.
- **Subsidy:** The District has budgeted the same \$60,000 Transportation subsidy for the 2009-2010 school year. When the regular runs for the year are set the information will be plugged into the spread sheet developed by Mr. Wimmer with an eye toward the same payment schedule as utilized last year. Contractors will receive additional subsidy based on their current contract information quarterly throughout the year.
- **Driver meeting:** Janis Bunnell reminded Mr. Ognosky of the potential for a meeting of the drivers, as well as the contractors, in order to review such information as utilization of the radios, importance of an accurate daily log sheet, etc. That meeting will be held early in the next school year – Mr. Ognosky and Mr. Clapper will arrange for a date in September and that will be communicated to the contractors.
- **Student Suspensions:** The contractors requested that some form of communication be established that would ensure that drivers would be informed of student suspensions from school. In that way, it would ensure that students who have been suspended would not ride the bus on those suspended days. There have been situations in which suspended students take the bus to school on suspended days and then “hang around” town and return to ride the bus home at dismissal time. Mr. Ognosky will ask that the Transportation Secretary be notified and convey that information to the appropriate contractor/driver.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Mike Ognosky