

MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
MAINTENANCE BUILDING

MEETING DATE JULY 6, 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, Karl Wimmer, Mary Homan and Kathy Mordovancey

Administration Present: Rickie Clapper and Mike Ognosky

Transportation Contractors Present: Jim Ainey, Ron Carlton, Bev & Gerry Legg, Dawn & Cliff Taylor, Janis & Dennis Bunnell, Dave Darrow, Nick & Jim Grisafi, Lou Ann & Ron Kiefer, James 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 explained that the Administration will be recommending to the Board a number of changes for the Buses that service Region 3 of the School District. That will result in a recommendation in the following three service areas in Region 3:
 - ✓ Forest Lake
 - ✓ Brackney
 - ✓ Little Meadows

Mr. Clapper reviewed the work that has been done to date in that area and his preliminary recommendation to the Board of Directors will be to eliminate the bus runs in those areas that are currently being completed by Bus 29, Bus 70, Bus 37 and Bus 39. After discussing the plan, the Board requested that a more specific plan be presented that would include the exact route changes as well as the exact number of students that would now ride the buses affected on both their morning and afternoon runs. Mr. Ognosky directed the Transportation Department to complete that analysis within the next two weeks. They will work on each of the three designated areas and then present to the contractors in that area those changes in individual area meetings. Mr. Ognosky will work with the Transportation Department in the scheduling of that work.

Mr. Clapper also reviewed the potential to reassign Bus 37 to a local town route within Montrose Borough. Again, the same procedure will be followed in regard to the communication of those changes to the affected contractors as explained for Region 3.

- **Route verification procedures:** Mr. Ognosky reviewed the changes in the route verification procedures for the 2009-2010 school year. The Transportation Department will play a much

more active role in the verification of the numbers as presented by the contractors. Both the Transportation Director and Transportation Department Secretary will be asked to personally ride routes and verify contract data for the next school year.

New Business:

- **Bus Inspection Schedule:** Mr. Clapper and Mrs. Gesford reviewed the bus inspection schedule for Wednesday, July 15th and Thursday, July 16th. A copy was distributed to the contractors.
- **Route Mileage Determination:** Mr. Ognosky reviewed the process that will be utilized regarding route determination as it is specifically related to the location of the bus at the beginning and end of each run. Contractors will be allowed to have an alternative “resting” place for their bus at the beginning and end of a route, but the mileage for the route will be determined by utilizing the mileage number that provides the best financial solution for the district. For example, a driver will be allowed to keep a bus at their place of residence, but if the mileage from the home barn is shorter, the district will utilize that mileage in determining the contract. If the mileage is shorter from the alternate “resting” place, the district will utilize that mileage in determining the contract.

Open Forum:

- There were no open forum items at tonight’s meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Mike Ognosky