
AD HOC TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2019
MEETING NOTES

POLICY EEA was reviewed Student Transportation Services as well as procedures and sample transportation policies from other school systems.

The committee received an inventory of buses and vehicles to date including tractors and trailers as well as mowers and misc. equipment.

NOTE: This topic should be included as a future agenda item to be discussed and explored:
The committee received a listing of hours for current drivers including extra hours and overtime hours. Note: in the summer the district runs two buses and seven vans for special summer programming and summer school. (including the YMCA and Thomaston Recreation). It was noted that many drivers take another job in the summer and find it hard to accept trips due to unavailability. Q: Could other opportunities be developed to keep drivers employed during the summer? Predictable work environment. Perhaps this would help with recruitment and retainment issues. (creating more year-round positions).

NOTE: This topic could be put on a future agenda as an item for discussion.
Training: interest in providing training for drivers either in-house or under contract; again the possibility of improving recruitment and retention of qualified drivers. Investigate refresher training in first aid, CPR and fire training. School bus training on safety and crisis training. Could we look at the need for more training time for the transportation unit? Idea that this might be part of a combined training with other school systems (regional trainings). One topic that has come up is communication (training) but also communication between drivers and administrators regarding any issues that may arise behavioral or otherwise. So far cameras have been of assistance in investigating incidents that occur. Could drivers have access to video from the cameras to review?

Q: If students are being written up in many cases but communication to the drivers is in some cases lacking?

The committee received information on cost per mile on buses and vans as well as an analysis on mileage per year. The committee also received the raw numbers of students per bus run (ridership) and a listing of current bus routes. The committee received an updated list of all the mileage on each vehicle.

NOTE: A future agenda item could be a discussion of the infrastructure (bus loops and parking for buses) at each school location.

NEXT MEETING: Will be December 17 at 11 AM at OHS

AGENDA TOPICS:

- SAFETY AND TRAINING
- REVIEW OF POLICY
- INFRASTRUCTURE
- BUS STOPS and WALK ZONES
- OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPAND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES (Summer etc.)
- SINGLE VS. DOUBLE BUS RUNS