

MINUTES
TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE
GUILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
MARCH 4, 2008

IN ATTENDANCE:

GUILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION –Alan Meyers, Keith Bishop, Mary Beeman.
Linda Sanacora joined the meeting in progress

BOARD OF EDUCATION STAFF – Andy Potochney, Linda Trudeau and Nils Peterson.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m.

Upon a motion made by Dr. Meyers and seconded by Mrs. Beeman the subcommittee voted unanimously to adopt an agenda for the meeting. Upon a motion made by Dr. Meyers and seconded by Mrs. Beeman the subcommittee voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Bishop the Chair of the Transportation Subcommittee.

The ridership and mileage reports that were provided by Mr. Peterson were reviewed. The subcommittee discussed the policy for picking up students at homes and bus stops. Options for the low ridership were discussed. Discussion of school start and stop times at the High School and the effect on pickups at the elementary schools were held.

Mr. Potochney reviewed the timeline for the Transportation Proposal. Mr. Potochney stated that the committee members should attend the mandatory pre-bid meeting. He stated that the next meeting date, April 22, 2008, is for the review of the proposals that we receive.

Mrs. Trudeau reviewed the changes that were made based on discussions with Attorney Connon. Mrs. Trudeau Stated that the contract does not need to be approved by the Department of Education and that the language would be removed from the proposal form. Upon a motion made by Dr. Meyers and seconded by Mary Beeman the subcommittee voted unanimously to approve the proposal document.

Providing seatbelts on buses was discussed. Dr. Meyers stated that the American Academy of Pediatrics has taken the position that seatbelts should be mandatory for special education buses and recommended for non-special education buses. He added that the Board would have to decide if seatbelts should be required based on what would be the safest for the students. Mr. Peterson stated that the National Traffic Safety Commission did not make a recommendation regarding seatbelts. The issues of insuring that the seatbelts are fastened, helping younger students fasten the seatbelt and whether the belts would require adjusting for different size students were discussed.

Mr. Potochney stated that Guilford Public Schools has a tremendous asset in the abilities of Mr. Peterson. He added that Mr. Peterson knows the roads of Guilford better than anyone around. Mr. Bishop stated that the Transportation Subcommittee should review the start and stop times of the schools and that appeals of transportation issues may come before the subcommittee. Mr. Potochney stated that the subcommittee may need to

schedule another meeting to review the bids due to the time constraints for having the Board award the bid at the May meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Trudeau
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