

April 5, 2010
Paul Rodrigues Administration Bldg.
455 County Street
Room 224
New Bedford, MA

MINUTES OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

PRESENT: MARLENE POLLOCK, TOM CLARK , JOHN FLETCHER
ABSENT: NONE

The meeting convened at 7:04 pm.

Under old business, Dr. Fletcher provided a list of students that he believed were beyond the two mile limit to Keith Middle School. Addresses included Bullard and Beetle Streets. He asked Mr. Oliveira to research for the next Committee meeting.

Voted Unanimously on a Motion by Dr. Fletcher and seconded by Atty. Clark to consider adding one bus for students that attend Keith Middle School beyond the two mile limit.

Discussion ensued regarding boundaries for Normandin and Keith Middle Schools. It was suggested that the School Committee could possibly move the boundary lines back to the 2004 limit of Coggeshall Street. North would go to Normandin and south would go to Keith. Currently all 5th graders for Pacheco and Hayden McFadden attend Keith.

Mr. Oliveira stated he would find out the number of students currently in 5th grade and the number of students attending Keith over the two mile limit and report back to Dr. Fletcher.

Also under old business, Mr. Oliveira reported there are currently 38 bus routes out of the high school and 17 bus routes for the middle schools.

The results of the Ottiwell School survey indicated that 138 out of 160 responses to the transportation survey stated they would be interested in a shuttle service to the new school. The survey also stated that 122 out of 138 said they would be willing to pay \$3.00 per child per week for a ticket to help defray the costs of a shuttle bus.

A motion was made by Atty. Clark and seconded by Dr. Fletcher to move the issue to the full School Committee on Budget for consideration.

Under old business, Ms. Pollock questioned an incident where an elementary school student from the Campbell Elementary School was left on a bus on a Friday afternoon and drove with high school students. It was documented by

the bus company that they attempted to drop the student off twice. Mr. Tetreault from Tremblay Bus spoke on the issue and was referred to Nancy Angelini, Supervisor of Transportation.

The Sub Committee on Transportation is now requesting of Nancy Angelini to check the policy of students left on a bus.

The Sub Committee next moved on to new business.

Ms. Pollock requested bus companies in attendance to propose route changes to those currently in use. Bob Neves of Whaling City Transit said he was not prepared to present routes at this time.

Jeff Graham of Reliable Bus handed out a proposal on extra curricular routes to split the current two contracts (singles and triples, doubles and extra-curricula) into roughly four equal parts. Mr. Graham stated that prices for fuel have fluctuated and recommended only a one year contract with the option to extend. He also questioned summer routes.

Mr. Tetreault stated he was not prepared to address routes as he was invited only late that day to attend the meeting.

The Sub Committee requested that Supervisor of Transportation, Nancy Angelini, be invited to attend the next meeting on Monday, April 12, 2010 at 5:30 pm at Keith Middle School.

There being no further business, the Sub-Committee voted to adjourn at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lawrence W. Oliveira
Chief Administrator for Finance & Operations
Sub-Committee Liaison