

Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2021, 4 P.M.
MCSD 404 UNIT OFFICE

The meeting of the Mercer County School District Board of Education Transportation Committee was held on Monday, December 6th, 2021, at 4 p.m. in the Unit Office. Persons present were Board Members Tab Balmer, Mark Bieri, Julie Wagner, and Supt Scott Petrie.

Call to Order at 4:15 p.m. by Chairman Balmer. Roll Call: Balmer, Bieri, Wagner

No minutes from previous meeting.

Old Business

1. ***Driver Shortage*** – Currently have 10 district drivers and 7 or 8 JBS drivers. One new driver coming soon, another awaiting driving test. One staff member getting CDL to assist with sporting events driving.
2. ***Johannes Town Stops*** – AM stops have been running for about a month now. PM stops have been operating the past week. Continuing to ask parents to drive their children if at all possible to keep capacity numbers down. So far, conditions are not overly crowded. If this issue arises again, can we look into paid or volunteer crossing guards?

New Business

1. ***Bus Monitors*** – Trying to recruit a few monitors to assist with “unruly” bus routes.
2. ***FY23 Bus Lease*** – See attached quotes sheet. Lease costs per bus have increased significantly since 2019 and 2020. FY19 - \$15,109 per bus, FY20 - \$20,735 per bus. IC (Midwest Transit) offered both diesel and gas quotes, but only with 2 year leases. Thomas (Midwest Bus) offered only diesel buses, but with both 2 year and 3 year leases. All bids are with AC. Basic 71 passenger bus, 2 year quote was \$25,187 Thomas vs \$26,845 IC.

RECOMMENDATION: Lease 9 – 71 Passenger buses with AC, 2 – 71 Passenger buses with AC and luggage compartment, and 1 – 58 Passenger bus with AC and lift from Thomas (Midwest Bus) at quotes listed for 3 year leases. Total amount of \$262,843 per year X 3 years = \$788,529 total lease amount.

3. ***Other*** – none

Bieri moved, Balmer 2nd to **adjourn**. Motion passed (voice vote) – 4:44 p.m.

	Midwest Bus (Thomas)			Total per Year		Midwest Transit (IC/CE)			Total per Year	
	Randy Swanson Diesel	3yr Lease		2yr	3yr	Matt Lawrence Diesel	Gas	2yr Diesel	2yr Gas	
9 - 71 Passenger w/AC	\$ 25,187	\$ 21,802		\$ 226,685	\$ 196,217	\$ 26,845	\$ 25,297	\$ 241,605	\$ 227,673	
2 - 71 Passenger w/AC & luggage	\$ 25,465	\$ 22,048		\$ 50,929	\$ 44,095	\$ 27,344	\$ 26,658	\$ 54,688	\$ 53,316	
1 - 58 Passenger w/AC & lift	\$ 26,010	\$ 22,531		\$ 26,010	\$ 22,531	\$ 29,070	\$ 28,368	\$ 29,070	\$ 28,368	
Prior Leases	\$ 15,109									
Cost/Year				\$ 303,624	\$ 262,843			\$ 325,363	\$ 309,357	
		3 year vs 2 year	Annual Savings	\$ 40,781						
			Total Savings	\$ 122,344						
		Thomas vs IC/CE	Annual Savings	\$ 21,739						
			Total Savings	\$ 43,477						