

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MERCER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #404

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

Attendees – Julie Wagner, Tyson Dillavou, Supt. Scott Petrie, Tab Balmer, Ernie Dillie

1. Call to Order 4:12pm

2. Old Business

2.1 Bus Barn Options

- The District will seek bids for a non-heated 8-12 bus building to be erected in Joy
- Depreciation on the building comes out of the Transportation Fund and the money for the building will come from O&M.

2.2 Shuttles and Town Stops

- Stops have been working well but some stops may be eliminated if routes are eliminated in the future.
- There have been no complaints on the new routes.

2.3 Bus Driver Attraction and Retention

- Ernie may be able to get two NEW bus drivers.
- It is possible to gain 4 bus drivers from Johannes Bus Service should the district try to downsize the contract. Complete elimination of the contract is not feasible at this time due to lack of busses and lack of drivers.

3. New Business

3.1 Mercer County GIS / Sidwell

- There is no new news on the mapping program at this time.

3.2 Activity Bus / Transit

- There was much discussion on the need for a third activity bus on many occasions for events throughout the district. Superintendent Petrie will begin a search for another Transit van.

3.3 Johannes Contract FY21

- Johannes Bus Service is requesting a 4.5% increase in price from the last contract.

- District #404 will look at the possibility of reducing the number of routes handled by Johannes and see if the reduced routes will help with the cost of the contract.

3.4 Bus Lease FY21

- The District is still waiting on Midwest Transit Eq. To submit bids and quotes on the District's current possible trade ins.

3.5 Other

- District #404 was approached by the city of Aledo to assist in purchasing electronic speed signs to be placed in various school zones throughout the city. The money for the signs could come from our School Safety Fund.

4. Adjourn 5:51