

Tri-County Area School District

Plainfield, WI

Minutes from Athletics/Hot Lunch/Transportation Committee Meeting

Held May 21, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 5:00PM by Sue Lederer, Chairperson, in the district office conference room.

Committee members present were: Sue Lederer, Wayne Cummings, Jeff Hopkins, Jim Knutson (arrived 5:03PM).

Others present included: Anthony Marinack, District Administrator; Lori Bartram, Bartram Bus Service; Roger Schoenstene, Bartram Bus Service; Ann Smith, Safeway Bus; Tracy Wardour, Safeway Bus.

The "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited.

Mr. Marinack gave a recap of current bus routes and numbers of students on those buses. The last time a route was cut, it was one of Safeway's buses. It costs approximately \$42,000 a year to operate one bus. One possibility would be to cut Safeway #35 and have Bartram pick up students to the west. A second possibility would be to cut one route from Safeway and one from Bartram. Currently, students are on the buses 50-60 minutes. The proposed time would be 60-75 minutes.

Lori Bartram presented the times and number of students if they would absorb Safeway's Route #35. She also presented times and numbers if a route was eliminated from Bartram's. In this last scenario, all bus seats would need to be used and there would be 3 students per seat. Lori stated that this would be against TC school board policy, where the back 2 rows of seats in the bus are not suppose to be used by students. Roger Schoenstene said the buses would be too packed for safety purposes.

Ann, from Safeway, said that Route #38 has two large daycare stops and there is also the migrant camp in the fall. If a route is cut, routes would take approximately 75 minutes. On May 21, one bus did not get in until 4:15PM. She also questioned why Safeway would get cut two routes, the other being the Special Needs bus. The bus companies decide on how the routes are run. Safeway will re-calculate routes using 4 buses for the May 26th Board meeting.

The committee did not come to a consensus. Two members were in favor of cutting two routes and two members were in favor of only cutting one route.

The second item for discussion was the purchase of a slightly used/ new small school bus with wheelchair access, in time for the 2015-2016 school year. The cost to purchase a new one would be \$60,000. The cost to run it per school year would be \$36,250. It would pay for itself in two years. Mr. Marinack may get a CDL so that he could be a substitute driver. Wendy Jones would be the regular driver. Some of our special need students attend Wild Rose or Wautoma, depending on the severity of their disability.

There was a consensus from the committee to recommend to the Board to purchase a small bus.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:50PM.

Recorded by: Ann Hintz