

ITASCA SCHOOL DISTRICT #10  
Transportation Committee Meeting  
MINUTES  
April 13, 2009

Minutes are preliminary discussions within the Transportation Committee. Final recommendations will be presented to the Board of Education at the Itasca School Board meeting on May 13, 2009.

IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Dawn Turner, Jenny Burke, Lisa Ciccia, Chris Collins, Tammy Edgecomb, Terri Kovach, Yvonne Marler, Leisha Zak, Dawn Tresch

I. Review of April 6 Minutes – The working minutes were accepted as written by the Transportation Committee members.

II. Discussion Items:

A. Bus fees for paying riders – Information regarding current count for paying ridership in District 10 was distributed to committee members. Clarification was made that paying ridership is determined based upon the student's home address. Committee members shared that when the district went to grade level centers, the board of education was aware of the need for more busses. The district was sensitive to the fact that families were now going to have to bus students. The committee is wondering if this is also when the option to pay for bussing started. The question of whether it is most cost effective to own our own busses was raised. Discussion also ensued regarding the cost of contracted services from other bus companies. Has the district compared prices? The committee is interested in finding out what other districts charge paying riders. Discussion ensued regarding the current fee including that it has not been raised in 12 years, it is a good value, paying ridership is a convenience for the families, will raising the fee by \$40.00 or even \$50.00 affect ridership, are paying riders adding time to the routes and will combining the stops eliminate some time.

Findings: The district has always allowed for paying riders. The transportation fee has not been increased for the past 25 years.

B. Bus Change Procedures-The district currently allows multiple changes per school year. The committee is suggesting that one change be permitted per year per child at no cost to the family. Each additional change would involve a \$50.00 administrative fee. The suggested timeline for bus changes will be two weeks from the time the request is received until it is

implemented. Two concerns were raised regarding the enrollment/transportation forms. One member stated that two weeks is not enough time for families to complete all enrollment/transportation paperwork. Four weeks was suggested as a more appropriate timeline. Another member indicated that kindergarten families who have already received their enrollment packets did not receive the transportation information memo in their enrollment packet. A recommendation was made to mail out that form to all parents who attended the kindergarten registration meeting.

- C. Multiple Stops for One Student-Currently some of the bus students have multiple bus stops on various days of the week. The committee is wondering how many students this is and if they are paying or non-paying riders. Discussion ensued regarding this practice. The committee would like the district to share some specific examples at the next meeting.
- D. Adjournment – The next Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. in the Media Center at Benson Primary School.