

MINUTES
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SLINGER SCHOOL DISTRICT
May 18, 2020

Committee Members Present: Bruce Hassler, Ken Strupp and Roman Weninger

Other Board Members Present: Gary Feltz, Joe Havey, Cherie Rhodes, and Jody Strupp

Administrators Present: Daren Sievers

Other present: Karen Hug

Guests Present: Go Riteway representatives present were: Ron Bast, Colleen McKay, Josh Smith, and Bob Zanotti

Committee Chair, Bruce Hassler, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

The committee reviewed the present year's performance of Go Riteway Transportation Group. Sievers and school board members were pleased with this year's performance during daytime routes, but concerns were expressed about after school activities and deficiencies related to co-curricular routes. Labor shortages and staffing issues were identified as the reason for these struggles. It is hoped that the recent surge in unemployment rates will create a stronger labor pool for Go Riteway.

The committee discussed the series of events and decisions that have resulted since the Covid-19 pandemic school closures and how the School Board interpreted the federal guidance on contracted service agreements as a reason to honor 90% of the contract for the remainder of the year. In return for that respect and cooperation, the committee asked Go Riteway to review the terms of the contract for the 2020-2021 school year and 2021-2022 school year. Go Riteway asked for modified percentages and additional specificity to be added regarding school closures. The committee asked for a modified rate increase. The committee will recommend a modification of the 3.5% increase due for the 2020-2021 school year to 2.25% and an increase of 2.25% for the 2021-2022 in exchange for adding language that pays Go Riteway 70% of their contract for the first 10 days school is closed and 55% for any additional school closure days in order to cover their fixed expenses.

Hassler adjourned the meeting at 6:55 PM.

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