

Transportation Committee Meeting - Nov 11, 2024

The meeting of the Mercer County School District Board of Education Transportation Committee was held on Monday, November 11th , at 4:30 p.m., in the Unit Office. Persons present were Board Members Julie Wagner, Transportation Secretary Jodi O’Leary, and Supt Tim Farquer.

*Call to Order at 4:35 p.m. by Wagner. Roll Call: Wagner. Absent: Balmer, Nelson. No public comment.

1. **Public Comment:** Jodi O’Leary emphasized how happy they are with the new food trucks.
2. **Discussions with Johannes Bus Service:** Supt Farquer emailed Johannes in October and again in November to see where they are on possibly joining the electric school bus grant program. Also wanted to talk to them about requiring cameras and AC on the buses they use in our district for any new contract we sign with them in the future. No response as of Monday from Johannes.
3. **Non-Type C portion of Fleet Management Plan:** Since we have now replaced the two food trucks, we need to look forward to planning how to replace our other vehicles that are over 100,000 miles or more than 10 years old, starting in FY26. IF we hire a maintenance person, we will first need to purchase a maintenance truck. If we do not hire that person, we will move to replace the current transit van and the Yukon with 2 used transit vans. The approximate cost for transit vans in that year is \$40,000. Activity buses will need replacement in FY27 (2 of them) and FY28 (one more).

Committee Recommendations to the Full Board:

- A. **Continue reaching out to Johannes to gauge their interest in the electric bus program and to set requirements for contracted buses in the future.**
- B. **Adopt the Non-Type C Fleet Replacement Sequencing as presented.**

Adjourn No quorum, so no vote to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Wagner