

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 57
Office of the Superintendent
Waterboro, Maine 04087

Transportation/Security Committee Minutes
December 20, 2021

Massabesic High School East Building

Committee Members Present:

Judith Vasalle	Katie Mastraccio
Jennifer Mayo	JoJo Dryden

Others Present:

Ted Doyle	Scott Lavertu	Mark Fisher
Cindy Pellerin	Larry Malone	Colin Walsh
Stephen Marquis	James Heath	

AGENDA:

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

B. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

A quorum was established with 4 members present at 6:06pm. (Ms. Vasalle arrived at 6:06pm)

C. Adjustments to the Agenda

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

D. Approval of Minutes from October 26, 2021

Ms. Dryden made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Mastraccio. The minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

E. Old Business

There was no old business to be discussed.

F. New Business

a) Transportation Update

Transportation Director, Mr. Ted Doyle, provided an update on a variety of topics as follows:

- Mr. Doyle reported that the Transportation Department has placed an order for nine Tyler Drive tablets in order to test them out and see if they meet the needs of the District. The tablets will provide a significant resource for attendance, seating charts, routing and other important safety features right on the bus. Once they are installed and operational Mr. Doyle said he would provide an update to the Committee.

- The Transportation Director provided some information about a recent training conducted for all transportation staff. Dr. Rebekah Bickford provided staff training on how to deal with difficult child behaviors and assist in managing those behaviors in a bus environment. Mr. Doyle noted that the training was extremely helpful and was well received by the staff.
- Mr. Doyle discussed the struggles and difficulties in providing route coverage when staff call out due to sickness, medical issues or Covid. He explained the shortage of staffing and the procedures in place to try to cover all routes when they can. He said that with such short staffing there are many times when a route cannot be covered and it has to be closed down for a day or two. He went into detail about the work that is being done to meet the transportation needs of students as well as answered various questions of Committee members.

b) Executive Session - to discuss a route variance pursuant to MRSA § 405 (6)(F)

Ms. Dryden made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a route variance pursuant to MRSA § 405(6)(F). Ms. Mastraccio seconded the motion. The Committee members unanimously voted to go into executive session at 6:14 pm and to allow Mr. Heath to be present for the executive session.

The Committee members unanimously voted to come out of executive session at 6:57 pm. Ms. Mayo made a motion to deny the route variance. Ms. Vasalle seconded the motion. The motion to deny the variance failed (2 in favor – Mayo & Vasalle; 2 opposed – Mastraccio & Dryden)

The Committee members explained to Mr. Heath that the variance request did not pass and had further discussion with Mr. Heath about the process and the status of the variance request not being approved.

c) Executive Session to Discuss Security Material and Resource Availability pursuant to MRSA § 405 (6)(F)

Ms. Dryden made a motion to go into executive session to discuss security material and resource availability pursuant to MRSA § 405(6)(F). Ms. Mayo seconded the motion. The Committee members unanimously voted to go into executive session at 7:09 pm.

The Committee members voted to come out of executive session at 8:01 pm and no actions were taken.

G. Next Meeting Date

The next Transportation Committee meeting will be held on January 25, 2022 beginning at 6:00 pm in the Massabesic High School East Building.

H. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.