

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT 19

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 30, 2021

Old Nokomis 6:30 PM

Members Present: Jason Scholten, David Cameron, Paul Carter, Maureen Cipullo, Mark Guzzi, Mark Hansen, Jennifer Watson

Members Excused: Melony Fitts

Others Present: Mike Hammer, Dean Cray

I. Public Comment

None

II. Safety Training Update - Dean gave an overview of how he and Larry Novak have been working with drivers to achieve the new training requirement for 16 hours. This is a train-the-trainer model; Larry is certified through Dean. Having an on staff trainer is helpful and cost effective. This training is a federal mandate and we are getting better at meeting it. We also have been doing training with students on bus evacuations and safe riding.

III. Plowing update - As we are in the second year of a contract, we are still planning to take over the plowing and sanding of the bus garage and old Nokomis side of the Williams Road. Dean is having a plow installed on the garage truck, he got quotes from Hights and Trailside. We can get salt from Dysarts in Hermon for a reasonable price. We will be looking into an outside storage option for salt or sand/salt combination. Dean also has quotes on a truck with a plow and sander which we will present to the Finance Committee or purchase with year-end balance. Dean does have some drivers with plowing experience to take care of the plowing when we come off our contract.

IV. Other - Other items discussed were inspection of the fleet, our new bus order, mechanics, etc.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Hammer
Superintendent of Schools