

GARDNER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

70 Waterford Street
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Transportation Sub-Committee Meeting
Monday, June 24th, 2019
Superintendent's Conference Room
Minutes

Members Present: Mrs. Pelavin (Chair), Mr. Swartz, Mrs. Hurst

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Ms. Yu (Business Administrator), Mr. Mark Pellegrino, Superintendent

The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm by the Chair.

Transportation contract with First Student review:

The Committee reviewed the contract with First Student with expires at the end of FY20. A new bid will be prepared and posted probably in September and October. Ms. Yu has contact MAPT (Mass Association of Pupil Transportation for a review of our current bus routes and other related areas. Ms. Yu had a meeting with MAPT Vice President, Mr. Drew Damien on June 18th. A survey will be sent out in July to parents, Principals and staff on the services of First Student.

Ms. Yu has also contacted 3 neighboring districts that have the joint contract with GPS currently. It's possible that we'll bid jointly again this year.

Special Ed Van Option review:

Ms. Yu updated the Committee on her research on the district's option of starting owning one Special Ed van to cut the costs in Special Ed transportation. Ms. Yu visited Clinton Public Schools on June 10th and got very positive cost analysis from CPS. MAPT will help GPS run a Special Ed transportation analysis before the district make further decisions.

Multi-Function School Activity Bus (MFSAB) option review:

Ms. Yu showed the Committee what's presented at MASBO may annual institute from Dedham Public Schools. It's proven by DPS and a few other Mass school districts that this MFSAB is a good option to both cost saving and convenience.

The Committee discussed about all the options, and will meet with MAPT in July for further discussion.

Adjournment

Mr. Swartz made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hurst to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.