

DANSVILLE SCHOOLS
Board Committee Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2009

A transportation committee meeting of the Dansville Schools Board of Education was called to order at 6:32 pm by Committee Chair Phil Minshall.

Members Present: Charlie O'Rourke, Ron Stoneman, Ann Marie Lindsay, Phil Minshall

Others Present: Ed Hummel, Bus Mechanic, Warren Douglas, Sub Bus Driver

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Participation

None

ACTION ITEM

1. Routing software consortium
 - a. Value, actual vs. estimated, savings

Superintendent Stoneman discussed the routing software purchased in conjunction with Leslie Public Schools and Stockbridge Community School and the overall savings to the district.

- The software enabled the district to eliminate 1 regular bus route and 1 kindergarten route, with a total savings of approximately \$20,000.
- The actual cost of utilizing the Stockbridge personnel for implementation and maintenance was approximately \$8000 more than estimated for a total cost of \$23,000.
 - Superintendent Stoneman discussed the possibility of Dansville Schools having more access to for record maintenance, route design and updates. This would eliminate the cost from Stockbridge Schools to do this.
- Overall value of the software was acknowledged with the certainty routes could be again adjusted for the 2009-10 school for more efficiency.

2. Review of current bus fleet
 - a. Average year/age
 - b. Yearly mileage
 - c. Maintenance costs
 - d. Mechanic concerns/input
 - e. Discussion on purchase of new bus vs. off-lease bus

A worksheet detailing the above information was reviewed with Dansville Bus Mechanic, Ed Hummel. Mr. Hummel was questioned as to bus replacement and issues with older buses.

- Dansville Schools could potentially receive grant money to help with replacement of buses older than 1997. The district currently has 4 buses that qualify.
- It was decided that Mr. Hummel would speak with Hoekstra personnel regarding off-lease buses, availability and possible pricing. Superintendent Stoneman would explore interest rates options if the district decided to lease buses instead of buying. Another option would be to not purchase a bus in 2009-10.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Minshall, Board Treasurer