

Transportation RFP Update #2

May 18, 2018

The following information has been updated since April.

Timeline

The following timeline of events both past and present should help everyone understand where we are in this process of gathering information.

- April 13** Dr. Cox met with the Transportation Department to review the first Transportation RFP Update document.
- April 13** Addendum 2 to the RFP released with additional information about the bus fleet.
- May 4** **Proposal Opening** - We received two proposals, one from **Cascade Student Transportation**, which currently provides service in Idaho to West Ada School District, and the other from **Durham School Services**, which currently does not serve any schools in Idaho but in most surrounding states.
- May 9** **Transportation RFP Review Meeting** - Trustees Stevenson and Stimpson, Ryan Edwards, Paul Aston, Michelle Deluna and myself met to review the two proposals. At this time we did a preliminary review of the information and developed a number of questions that we had for each proposer. We also determined that we would reach out to other District through an online questionnaire to gather information on their experiences.
- May 11** Dr. Cox contacted the West Ada transportation liaison to determine if they would be able to consult with the District in improving our routes and quality of service. He received an email in the affirmative and will be setting a one-day meeting with them, Ryan and him.
- May 18** Questions were emailed to each of the proposers.
- June 4** **Transportation RFP Review Meeting** - We will hold our second RFP Review Meeting inviting a community member, special education representative and a principal as outlined in the RFP to assist in reviewing the information gathered to date.

Questions

The following are some of the questions that the Review Committee came up with at our meeting that we are looking into.

Do we have to pay the State back any depreciation on the buses?

Can we claim Medicaid for transporting students who qualify?

What is a realistic valuation for our buses?

Conclusion

As a result of receiving these proposals, each of which are in a full 3" three ring binder, we have a better understanding of the services that these companies could provide. This also gives us a benchmark to look at what our District Transportation Department should be providing as well. As we continue through this process we will keep you informed of what we find out.