

Mahtomedi Public Schools
Independent School District #832
1520 Mahtomedi Avenue
Mahtomedi, MN 55115

Regular Meeting - Board of Education

Date: August 31, 2017

Agenda Item #4. C.

TOPIC: District Transportation Update

BACKGROUND: Mahtomedi Schools contracts with Minnesota Central School Bus for District transportation services. The contract with Minnesota Central began in August, 2016 and continues through July, 2020. I had the opportunity to meet with Shane Buldra, Contract Manager with Minnesota Central on the Mahtomedi Schools contract to discuss transportation and staffing improvements made by MN Central for year two of the contract.


PURPOSE OF PRESENTATION: Improvements made by MN Central to start the 2017-18 school year are primarily in the areas of staffing, location, and organization and communication.

1. Staffing:
 - MN Central was 8 drivers short to start the 16-17 school year and had substitute drivers and general managers driving routes. They are properly staffed this year with 24 drivers and 2 standby drivers for our 24 total routes.
 - Driver retention from 16-17 to 17-18 was 75 – 80% on the same route.
 - Two dispatchers are in place at the bus garage in Mahtomedi to start 2017-18.
2. Location: The bus garage by FedEx was not complete to start the 2016-17 school year. Everything is done and ready to go at the bus garage this year.
3. Organization and Communication: Mr. Buldra started as the Contract Manager on the Mahtomedi account in January, 2017. Fines and penalties assessed to MN Central decreased significantly during the second-half of the 16-17 school year.

LEARNING OBJECTIVE: After meeting with Mr. Buldra and his dispatch team at MN Central, I am confident their staffing changes and organization improvements will improve our district transportation in year two of the contract. Mr. Buldra and I have agreed to meet monthly throughout the school year in order to update administration and the School Board as needed on transportation items.

ACTION RECOMMENDED: Discussion

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Concurrence By:



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