



WEST CHICAGO ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Together for Excellence ★ ¡Juntos por la Excelencia!

312 East Forest Avenue
West Chicago, IL 60185
630.293.6000
www.wego33.org

Board of Education

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Director of Business & Operations, Karen Apostoli
DATE: February 2, 2023
RE: Transportation Contract Renewal

This memo is:

- ☐ Information only.
☐ Information with a recommendation, and a request for Board consent.
☒ Information with a recommendation, and a request for Board approval by vote.

Date by which a Board decision is needed: 2/16/23

Previous memos on this topic can be found:

- ☐ in previous Board packet(s) dated. _____
☐ or attached to this memo

Basic information: IL school code allows school districts to renew bus contracts for up to 1 year at a time after a 3-year contract has expired if no other bus company has requested that the district go out to bid.
Background or historical information: We accepted a 1-year extension with IL Central for 2022-23 at an increase of 6.5%. Due to increased costs for drivers, maintenance, and insurance, bus contracts in the area are coming in at 9% or more for the school year 2023-23 (source: Illinois Association of School Business Officials - IASBO peer-to-peer network.) Illinois Central has offered a 1-year extension for the school year 2023-24 for 6.5%.
Previous decisions, actions or parameters that relate to this topic or issue: Bus contracts that were required to go out to bid for the 2020-21 school year had median increases ranging between 8-15%. D33 locked in a 5% increase for 2020-21.
Recommendations: In light of the economic situation, inflation, and continued driver shortage administration recommends accepting the 1-year extension with Illinois Central at 6.5% for the school year 2023-24.
Other questions? What else does the Board wish to know?: Start typing here.