

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

Study Session - Board of Education

Date: May 24, 2018

Agenda Item #4. A.

TOPIC: 14-Passenger Multifunction School Activity Bus

BACKGROUND: Mahtomedi Community Education is purchasing a 14-passenger multifunction school activity bus (MFSAB) that will be used to provide transportation for senior/adult community education trips.

Adult/Senior Participation in CE offerings	
Year	Adults/Seniors
2012-13	2,402
2013-14	2,204
2014-15	2,283
2015-16	3,413
2016-17	4,963

Source: Mahtomedi Community Education Annual Reports to MDE.

PURPOSE: Provide the Board and community with background regarding this purchase.

One Community Education (CE) goal has been to increase adult/senior participation, especially those district residents who do not have children in the K-12 system.

Community Education is in its third year of offering monthly Breakfast Club trips, which have grown from a partial vanful of seniors one day a month into two vanfuls twice a month. Also, this is the third year CE will offer summer day trips for seniors/adults. In 2016, CE offered and took four trips. In 2017, CE offered seven trips and five went (one was so popular it ran twice). In 2018, CE has six trips scheduled. Four trips are already full and additional days will likely be added.

As CE has built this clientele (see attached table), it has discovered that seniors/adults struggle entering and exiting Mahtomedi's 7- and 9-passenger mini-vans. They have difficulty maneuvering the aisles and squishing into the back seat. The low overhead clearance requires passengers to duck their heads as they try to move around in the confined space. The elevated threshold and lack of grab bars make it a challenge to step up into the van and a safety concern to step out. Moreover, there is competition from other district programs for use of the vans.

The addition of a dedicated MFSAB will allow CE to safely and comfortably carry out current activities, add new ones, and standardize trips based on the 14-passenger limit. The bus can be driven by someone who is van-certified with a Class D license. The \$53,000 vehicle is funded with community education dollars and a \$4,000 grant from the Wildwood Lions.

ACTION RECOMMENDED: Discussion

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