

To: Board of Education

From: Margo Empen, Superintendent

Subject: Action Item, Approve Transportation Contract Extension with Illinois Central School Bus, LLC – June 25, 2025

PROPOSED MOTION BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

That the Board approve the transportation contract extension with Illinois Central School Bus, LLC, as presented.

Moved by _____; Seconded by _____

YEA	NAY	YEA	NAY
____ David Fritts	____	____ Brandon Rogers	____
____ Melissa Gates	____	____ Jon Wadsworth	____
____ Kathleen Schaefer	____	____ Linda Wegner	____
____ Linda LeBlanc-Parks	____		

Background: The following information was provided by Mr. Campbell:

In accordance with Board of Education Policy 2:20 Powers and Duty of the Board of Education; Indemnification, and 4:60 Purchases and Contracts; the Board has the responsibility of entering into contracts in accordance with applicable federal and State law, including using the public bidding procedure when required.

As the administration has previously notified the Board, Illinois Central School Bus Company has offered to enter into a 6-year extension of our third-party transportation agreement. The agreement is attached but the highlights of the agreement include;

- 4% yearly increases, which is a reduction of the previous agreement.
- Resetting routes include a reduction in routes from 37 to 34 routes which eliminates the route reduction fees.
- Reduction in regular education bus monitors.
- Roughly \$700,000 savings in yearly fees.

As a general comment, Illinois Central has provided substantial savings to maintain the contract. This comes at a reduction in services and changes to day-to-day operations; a smaller number of routes, fewer bus monitors, potentially routing changes could increase busing times, along with less flexibility to add routes. Additionally, the District will still operate on a shoe-string budget. Reductions in MCAT payments from the state will impact our ability to operate in the black.

It is the recommendation of District administration to approve the 6-year contract extension with Illinois Central School Bus.