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Discussion of Service Provider Contracts:

Each year, the administration makes recommendations to the Board of Education regarding our major contracts, namely:

- Student transportation services with First Student,
- Cleaning services with ABM (formerly GCA),
- Food services with Just A Dash Catering, and
- Audit services with Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP

Student Transportation

First Student was awarded the bid contract when we bid on the transportation services in April 2008. We extended the contract for an additional two years in 2011-2012 and subsequently for an additional year each year thereafter. Although the driver shortage has provided some challenges to our families this year, the administration continues to work with First Student regarding their service. We appreciate the long-standing relationship the district has with First Student and have requested our rates for the 2023-2024 school year by the end of this calendar year. We will provide the Board updates as these rates are received. Typically, next year's rates are approved in May or June each year.

Cleaning

ABM, (formerly GCA), has provided excellent service cleaning our schools in the evenings at competitive rates for more than 20 years. Barring any significant service changes, the administration anticipates recommending continuing with the same cleaning service for the 2023-2024 school year. We expect to know the 2023-2024 rates by May of 2024.

Food Service

The District sent out bid packages for food service and milk to various vendors on March 8, 2017. Just A Dash was the only bidder and was awarded the bid for the school year 2017-2018 with options to renew yearly for the next four years. Due to COVID-19, emergency extensions beyond the four-year original contract were given for the past two years. However, these extensions are no longer available, so the district is required to go out to bid this school year in preparation for the 2024-2025 school year. We will bring the new bid to the Board for approval in the spring.

Auditing Services

Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP, was awarded the bid when the district bid for auditing services in April 2020. We have entered into a five-year agreement with them as the Board feels it is best practice to change auditors every five years. This is our fourth year with Baker Tilly and they have recently completed the main audit and are working on an additional required signal audit due the district receiving grant funding from the federal government in excess of \$750,000 during FY23. Baker Tilly does a very thorough job auditing our financials and have been a great resource to the business office.