Transportation Report for November 2025 School Board Meeting Highlighting October 2025 Activities

Department: Transportation

HR|Business Services Committee: 11.10.2025

Regular Board Meeting: 11.18.2025

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Manager's Minutes:

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 Staff training this month covered several key areas: student management, preventing bullying and harassment, and winter driving techniques. Additionally, Northwoods provided training focused on student interactions and deescalation techniques.

What We're Working On:

Field Trips and Booster Clubs:

• We are developing a new spreadsheet-based system to manage field trip upcharges for booster clubs, replacing the prior method which was found to be inefficient and inadequate.

Fleet Expansion:

• A wheelchair ramp van has been purchased and is currently being equipped for inspection.

Upcoming Changes/Improvements to the Department:

• With the previously mentioned wheelchair van we will be able to transport some students that we have had difficulty transporting in the past.

Staffing Report:

The department's staffing levels have been positively impacted by several recent changes:

- We have successfully hired another bus driver, achieving our target staffing level for drivers set at the beginning of the year.
- Two part-time Bus Driver 2 positions have been converted to full-time status.
- We are currently in the process of hiring two additional bus helpers.
- An additional van driver has been hired.

Stats in the Spotlight:

 Our current average bus mileage is 98,641 with our lowest mileage being 41,155 and our highest topping out at 175,421