

**Transportation Committee Meeting**  
**April 6, 2017**

**Present: Eugene Medio, Kim Codispoti, Joseph Callavini, John Frangipani**

**Various Revenue**

To increase revenue the transportation department (with Board approval) added bus advertising. To date \$29,709.00 has been collected. The department also took on the Cumberland County Regional Cooperative transportation initiative adding an additional \$70,518.00. For total revenue of \$100,223.00

**Driver Shortage**

Still have a driver shortage even with modest pay increases. The State will allow outside contractors to test drivers to help with the backlog of securing qualified drivers. However the program has not started yet. There is no time table when it will start.

The committee made two recommendations:

To subcontract more of the bus routes.

Maintain a standby pool of drivers in house.

Going forward to stop all lease-purchases of 54 passenger buses.

**Summer Registration**

Additional part time staff will be hired for the summer registration load.

Bus passes will be sent out earlier this year without homeroom printed on the pass. Parents will need to go into the parent portal for homeroom information.

Advertising continues for preschool registration.

**Z-Pass**

Currently we are operating at 88% usage. The Z-Pass program has been very useful in locating students who get off at the wrong stop and assisting parents in finding their children.

2017-2018 will have a new and improved Z-Pass card that will be implemented. A combination card will have student ID, electronic scanning for lunch, and student bus scanning.

**Late buses**

Due to driver absenteeism and the lack of qualified drivers some schools had late pick ups and students arrived 30 to 60 minutes after their scheduled drop off time. Mr. Callavini has worked with Sheppard Bus to resolve late buses. His most challenging days are half days.