



# Vineland Public Schools

## Transportation Committee

### Meeting Minutes ~ June 22, 2015

**Present:** Joe Pagano, Scott English, Kim Codispoti, Mary Gruccio, John Frangipani, Helen Haley and Joe Callavini

#### **20 new routes to bid:**

We currently drive these routes. These routes are comprised of **10** buses and **20** routes; they serve Schalick, Compass Academy and our elementary schools. Bidding the 20 routes does not affect any current drivers and addresses the shortage of busses and drivers.

#### **Special Needs Bussing:**

10 special education buses have been purchased for our special education students that brought back 11 to 12 routes. They have been brought back from the county consortium at a cost saving of \$336,000.

#### **Future direction of bussing:**

There is a need to purchase 54 passenger buses. Mr. Callavini will purchase at least four (4) 54 passenger buses with the 15-16 school year budget and the buses will be used in 16-17 school year.

2 special education buses may be purchased with a projected \$113,000 surplus for transportation.

Mr. Callavini is going to explore leasing/purchase or lease only option for the 16-17 school year for possible cost saving.

#### **Electronic pre-trip device:**

Have been purchased and will be installed. Mr. Callavini explained how the devices work and how data will be collected and how this will eliminate paperwork and improve efficiency of our record keeping. The cost is \$14,000.00 per year, compared to the present cost of \$17,000.00 to do on paper.

**Advertisement on Busses:** Transportation and committee will explore possible advertising on our school buses

**Next meeting:** August- TBA

**The City of Vineland BOE Transportation Committee has been established to study and evaluate transportation issues in the city and recommend to the board, actions required for improvements pertaining to those issues.**

The committee will meet once a month, unless otherwise needed to address any issue that cannot wait for the following month.

**The duties of the committee are, but not limited to:**

- Identify and address any areas or conditions of hazard to students moving to and from our schools at regularly scheduled committee meetings
- Identify and address community concerns regarding transportation issues at regularly scheduled committee meetings
- Identify and address administration / labor concerns regarding transportation issues at regularly scheduled committee meetings
- Make site visits to investigate problems identified by the committee.
- Help ensure that all student needs are being accomplished, in the most cost effective manner.
- Report and recommend to the full board and the administration any and all steps it should take