

GARDNER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
70 Waterford Street
Gardner, MA 01440

Transportation Sub-Committee Meeting
Tuesday, July 30th, 2019
Superintendent's Conference Room
Minutes

Members Present: Mrs. Pelavin (Chair), Mr. Swartz, Mrs. Hurst

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Ms. Yu (Business Administrator), Mr. Mark Pellegrino, Superintendent, Ms. Cathy Goguen (Chief Academic Officer), Mr. Dan Forte (Athletic Director), Ms. Joyce West (Special Ed Director), Ms. Boivin (Accounts Payable Clerk)
Ms. Colleen Cavanaugh (MAPT President), Mr. Drew Damien (MAPT Vice President)

The meeting was called to order at 3:28pm by the Chair.

Approval of June 24th meeting minutes:

Ms. Hurst made a motion and Mr. Swartz seconded to approve the 6/24/19 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Colleen Cavanaugh and Mr. Drew Damien gave the Committee and admin team a thorough overview on the services of MAPT (Massachusetts Association of Pupil Transportation). Pupil safety, cost benefits, time efficiency and public transparency are the focus of their services.

The Committee and admin team asked many questions, and Ms. Cavanaugh and Mr. Damien addressed all questions. The Committee decided to hire MAPT as Transportation consultants. The next step is that MAPT will meet with Special Ed Director on Special Ed transportation, and review regular big yellow bus transportation in mid-September with site visit and analysis. Ms. Yu will coordinate the date of the site visit.

Ms. Pelavin contacted Gardner City DPW GIS Coordinator, Ms. Rachael Catlow. GIS probably can help the school department and First Student work on more efficient bus routes for FY20. Ms. Yu and Ms. Boivin will contact Ms. Catlow for a visit at DPW this week.

Ms. Yu has also contacted 3 neighboring districts that have the joint contract with GPS currently. It's possible that we'll bid jointly again this year.

Ms. Yu and Ms. Boivin will work with First Student and update them on the work we do with Ms. Catlow if GIS works well with school bus routes.

Adjournment

Mr. Swartz made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hurst to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:43pm.