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## School Committee Meeting

April 2, 2020 - 6:00 pm

Hearing presented via ZOOM Meeting

### Attendance:

Greg Vine, Chair (Abs), Larry Murphy, Roann Demanche, Felicia Nurmsen, Pam Smith  
Joan Landers, Superintendent, Anne Mahan, Business Administrator,  
Bill Clinton, Director of Technology -Zoom Meeting Host

1. Call to Order 6:00 pm by Larry Murphy 6:03 pm
2. Please enter \*9 to ask a question (raised hand)
3. Audio disclosure
4. Transportation Service Contract Award:

A. Mahan presented the transportation memo regarding the bidding results of the school bus company transportation award. There were eight responses and three bids were received. First Student, J. P. McCarthy & Sons LLC and NRT Bus Company (North Reading Transportation. Bids were opened and read aloud publicly with all interested parties. The bidding was based on the RFP for 11 buses (9 - 71 passenger of greater and 2 - 35 passenger minibuses). The lowest bid was received by NRT Bus Company.

Transportation \$	First Student 2020	NRT (-5.1%) FY 2021	NRT (3.0%) FY 2022	NRT (1.3%) FY 2023
Daily Cost/Bus	\$381.49	\$362	\$373	\$378
Annual Cost/Vehicle	\$68,668.20	\$65,160	\$67,140	\$68,040
Total Annual Cost	\$742,395.60	\$716,760	\$738,540	\$748,440

A. Mahan will begin working with the NRT team to get the student lists and bus stops transferred to their office, so they are able to begin routing the buses. This will need to be completed early to ensure safe stops and routes are in place for the beginning of the school year.

### 5. New and Old Business

#### a. Memo from Principal Thad King

- i. J. Landers presented a memo sent by T. King regarding the current situation with school closures due to COVID-19 and grading schedules and guidelines. The students will be graded based on their grade as of March 11<sup>th</sup>. Students will have the opportunity to make up missing work and turned in on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Grades will be determined by the teachers and report cards will be issued on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Students are expected to keep up with any work for credit/no credit over the weeks. These are outlined by the new DESE guidelines.

L. Murphy asked how they will turn in the paperwork. J. Landers stated it can be done electronically or mailed and dropping off at the Central Office lobby. J. Landers has and will continue to access the postal mail and take any paperwork that will need to be dropped off in the Central Office area.

R. Demanche asked how the special need students are accessing

S. Michel has been meeting with her staff weekly. Staff has been reaching out to all the students via phone and other electronic and paperwork for the students. Staff check in no less than two times a week. Parent are asked when and how they want this contact as well as who for the related service providers. S. Michel stated they did not want to inundate the parents with phone calls so they have spoken to each special need parent as to how they would like to have these services and contacts conducted for their student.

R. Demanche made a motion to accept T. King's recommendation to move the report card distribution to April 17<sup>th</sup> including the distribution of the quarterly progress reports for special education students on the same day at Murdock High School. Seconded by P. Smith, roll call vote unanimous. School Calendar will be changed by Central Office.

6. Comments School Committee Members

L. Murphy commended the Superintendent, Staff, teachers, and everyone to go out of their ways to support the community.

J. Landers wanted to thank Heywood Hospital for their support and food, Roman from food services, CAC will be getting 18,000 pounds of food. Staff at Memorial have assisted in deliveries. Going to the locations assisting with food distribution.

R. Demanche also that everyone for their support to the schools and students.

7. Executive session: **For Purpose #2 - *I make a motion to Move into Executive Session to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion and union personnel, and not to reconvene in Open Session.***

8. Adjournment 7:05 pm

Respectfully Submitted:

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Carolyn Hendricks, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent