

ER9 Transportation Committee
Special Meeting Minutes
Central Office
January 19, 2011

Attendees: Macchio, Peskay
Administration: Sullivan, Colligan

Mr. Macchio called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

No public comment.

Approval of December 16, 2010 minutes was postponed to end of the meeting.

Discussion and possible action regarding transportation for the 2011-12 school year

Representatives of First Student and DATTCO met separately with committee members to answer questions.

First Student representatives were interviewed first. Mrs. Sullivan asked for a description of planned improvements in the areas of route design and testing as well as general support of the districts' transportation needs should First Student be awarded a new contract. The company response was short on specifics.

The DATTCO team appeared next and gave a general introduction to their company. In addition they offered specific proposals for controlling transportation costs.

The committee then briefly discussed both presentations. The consensus of committee members was that DATTCO had come to the meeting very well prepared to both answer questions and describe their transition plan for assuming transportation responsibilities should they be selected. Their professional approach suggested an ability to work very well with the boards of education to create a very efficient and cost-effective transportation program.

It was decided that members will make a formal recommendation to the joint Boards of Education that DATTCO be awarded the 2011-2016 transportation contract.

Minutes of the December 16th meeting were approved and Mr. Macchio adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Sullivan
Acting Secretary