

**Lemont Bromberek Combined School District 113A  
Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes**

Date and Time: December 9, 2010 6:30 p.m. – 8:05 p.m.  
Location: Transportation Garage

**I. Welcome and Introductions:** Called to order at 6:30 p.m.

- A. Committee Members
- B. Visitors
- C. Media
- D. Goals for meeting:
  - 1. Go through study on Hazard Routes
  - 2. Nominate committee co-chairs
  - 3. Make recommendations considering the current structure instead of anticipating various alternatives [that may never happen] until the school board advises of the new configuration.

**II. Selection of Co-Chair for the Committee**

Patty Loisi (RV Parent) and Ed Andruszkiewicz (St. Cyril's Parent). Cindy Picciola to assume recorder role with January 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Co-Chairs facilitate the meeting and present recommendation to the Board on behalf of Transportation Committee. Ms. Mazurek and Dr. Caron are available to provide information as needed.

**III. Review notes from previous meeting**

- Section III (B) (4) was clarified because of a misunderstood statement regarding separate routes for parochial schools being illegal. The District may provide special routes if in the interest of the safety of children. Dr. Ricker communicated his intended meaning via e-mail to a committee member as “running separate routes for the parochial students (the only ones we transport other than our own students) are miles that are not included for reimbursement and if we sent those non-reimbursable miles to the state it would be illegal. That is why we went to the current system. Economics and to optimize the routing and reimbursements.”
- “Impact Fee” was clarified with the “land-to-cash” definition in Section V (B) to state that a certain amount of property is set aside for the municipality as part of zoning when a new subdivision is built.
- Minutes approved with revisions at 6:45 p.m.

**IV. Review of Hazardous Route Study**

- Of the 24 original Hazardous Routes from the 1998 study:
  - 18 remain hazardous and need to be recertified annually
  - 3 no longer qualify and do not need to be recertified
    - o 127<sup>th</sup>: Covington to Hillview
    - o State St.: Keepataw to 1011 State St.
    - o State St.: 132<sup>nd</sup> to 127<sup>th</sup>
  - 3 are automatically deemed hazardous and do not need to be recertified because on Lemont Rd. [Type I Hazard- Walking Along a Roadway, see Section 556.120. Factors to consider whether pupils walking along a roadway are endangered by a

serious safety hazard: grade of pupil, location, of walkway in relation to roadway, speed of traffic, volume of traffic and length of hazardous sections.]

- Lemont Rd.: Bluff to 109<sup>th</sup>
- Lemont Rd.: Hillcrest to 109<sup>th</sup>
- Lemont Rd.: Deerpath to 109<sup>th</sup>

- Bus zone is determined by school of attendance.
- District will not receive reimbursement through state if zone not qualified as a hazardous zone.
- Recommendation is to recertify 18 hazardous zones each summer.
- No new hazardous zones were measured but people can make recommendations if discover a safety concern.

## V. **Committee work requirements**

- **Discussion of impact on transportation as a result of the Hazardous Route Study**
  - Covington Knolls has 222 students at River Valley of 2600-2700 students in all district schools.
  - The current 23 routes may be reduced to 19 routes.
  - We need to structure a subcommittee that will work with Ms. Slee, Ms. Lynch, and Dr. Ricker on how to facilitate increased traffic to the River Valley/Oakwood campus.
  - Clarification on 42% state fund reduction: Reimbursement for Transportation works in arrears so we will see the reduction in the next school year. However, any improvements we make now will be reflected in next year's budget.
  - When Board makes decision on configuration, we can easily set software parameters to display changes to routes such as 5<sup>th</sup> graders to Old Quarry
- **Discussion of recommendation based on the Hazardous Route Study**
  - Approach Board on equipment and drivers based on the several hundred students that no longer qualify for bus service. We need to know before February because leases expire June 30, 2011.
    - Number of buses should be based on current figures (we can probably save 3 buses with our 1 spare bus at \$12,000 each).
    - Consider alternatives to existing bus service such as pay-to-ride, extending space between stops, etc.
    - Recommend subcommittee to discuss traffic patterns (working with police department to designate one-way traffic, special hours, right lanes only, etc.).
  - We discussed being uncomfortable making a recommendation to the Board that would cause a reduction in staff. Ms. Mazurek suggested shifting service to special needs routes that are reimbursed by the state at 80%, even extending to neighboring districts. Dr. Caron advised that District 360 is looking at outsourcing their special needs routes.

## VI. **Future Meeting Dates:**

- January 6, 2011, 6:30 p.m.
- January 13, 2011, 6:30 p.m.
- February 2, 2011, 6:30 p.m.

**VII. Adjourn:** 8:05 p.m.