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Transportation Discussion 2022/2023 School Year

Green Township Board of Education
Special Meeting
April 18, 2022

PURPOSE FOR THIS SPECIAL MEETING



1. Discuss the recent nonrenewal notification from First Student
2. Set a course of action to procure transportation for the 22/23 school year



BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Green Township School District has 14 routes with First Student.
There are currently 10 elementary school routes and 4 high school routes.

Our routes were established in 2000 and 2001.
Routes at that time ranged from \$10,474 to \$17,820

Our total cost of the routes for the 21/22 school year is \$336,949.
Routes range in cost from \$21,430 to \$26,800



BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Annually the cost of the routes has increased in line with the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

This year the CPI is 1.91%.

The CPI increase on our current routes equates to \$6,435.

We budgeted for this anticipated increase in line with the past 20 years of CPI based increases.



COMMUNICATION FROM FIRST STUDENT

- We had several meetings with representatives from First Student throughout the budget process to discuss our bus times. There was never any discussion about the possibility of a nonrenewal of the routes.
- On April 12th at 3:40 pm the district received an email from First Student stating that they would not be renewing our routes for the 22/23 school year.



Communication / Meeting Timeline

Notification of Nonrenewal - 4/12/22

Meeting with First Student - 4/14/22

Special Meeting - 4/18/22

Regular BOE Meeting - 4/27/22

Regular BOE Meeting - 5/11/22

Regular BOE Meeting - 5/18/22



Reason for the Nonrenewal of the Routes

- The reason provided was due to the rising costs and expenses and the CPI (consumer price index) coming in as low as it did at 1.91%.
- The cost of fuel, staffing, maintenance to the bus fleet, and other expenses has far exceeded the allowable increase in the contracted routes as established in 2000 and 2001.
- It is not permissible to simply pay them more or a percentage of the necessary increase. The requirement is to rebid the routes.



Procurement Process



Routes Nonrenewed on
4/10/22

Meeting with bus company
held on 4/12/22

There is no option other than
to rebid the routes.

**Step
1**

01

**Step
2**

BOE
Discussion/Approval of
Bid process, 4/18/22

Anticipated use of the
COOP for bid process
and best opportunity to
secure new routes

02

04

03

**Step
4**

**Step
3**

New Routes Out to Bid
Vendor/Times May Change

Anticipated Increase in
Cost Determined

New Routes to be Procured

Cost increase determined

Budgetary Offset to Cover
Cost of New Routes
Finalized

Process to Procure New Routes





Feedback for Bid Proposal

Length of School Day

Number of Routes

Increased Costs



Discussion of Length of School Day

- Discussion of length of school day to align to available hours
- 7 hours in length
- Current School Day
 - 7:50 Doors Open
 - 8:13 First Period
 - 2:15/2:20 Dismissal
- Potential School Day
 - 7:45 Doors Open
 - 2:40/2:45 Dismissal

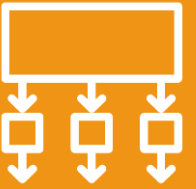
Potential Route Decreases

- Reduce routes from 14 to 11.
- 7 elementary / 4 high school
- Verify HS numbers
Can we run 3 high school routes?
- Existing routes could be longer

Anticipated Cost Increase

- Current routes costs anywhere from \$45,000-\$100,000.
- Maintain 2 Tier Busing with High School and Non Public Routes for competitive pricing
- Cost could potentially double
- Initial conversation on how to manage this unbudgeted cost

What are our next steps?

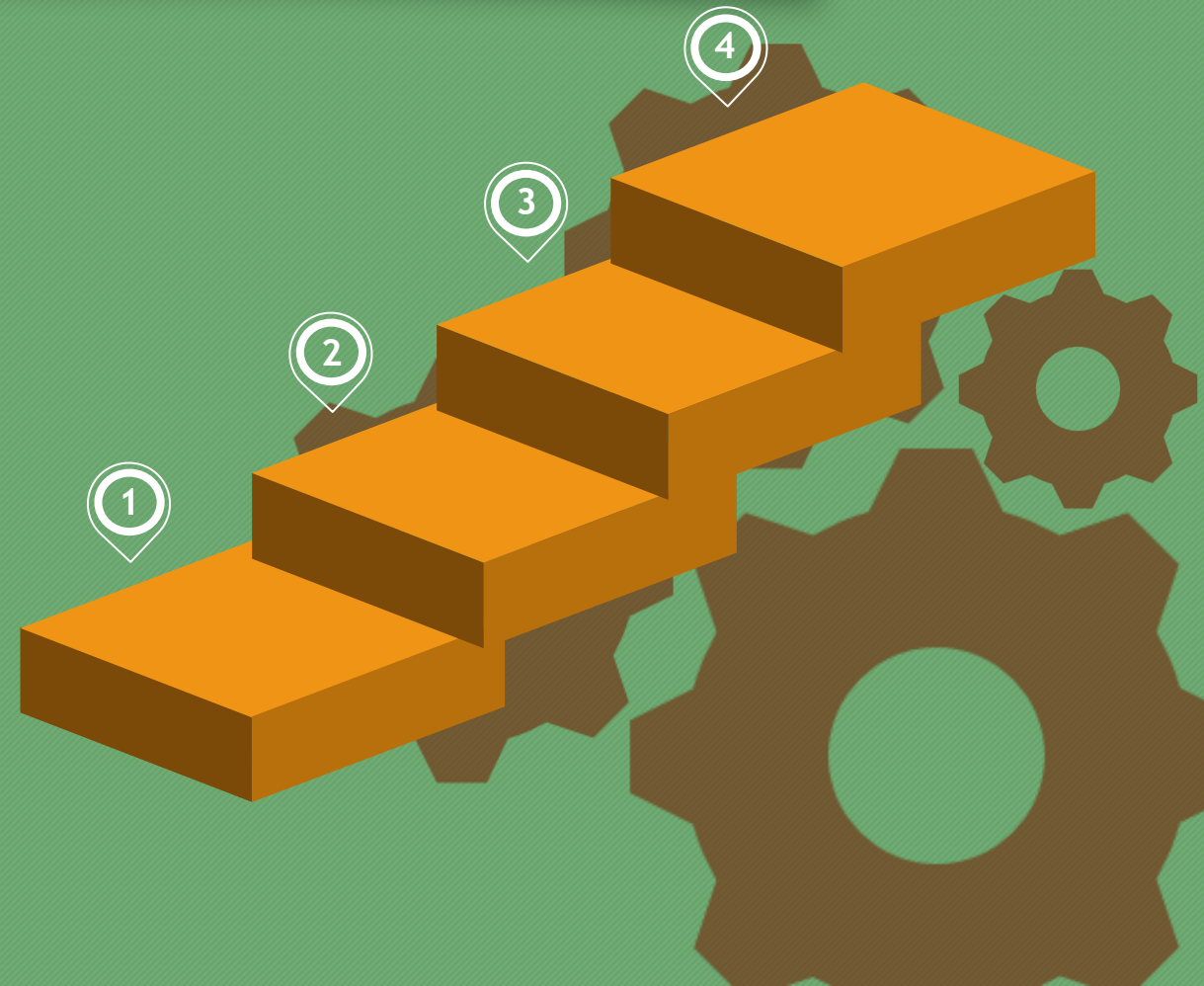


1. BOE Motion to approve to go out to Bid at 4/18 meeting

2. Determine variables required for the bid at 4/18 and potentially 4/27 meetings

3. Provide options for the master schedule and offset of potential cost increase to staffing/programming at 4/27 and 5/11 meetings

4. Analyze current bus routes to support the development of the new runs to limit the increased amount of time for students on the bus - Ongoing





Questions and Comments

Thank you for your participation in this meeting!

We will navigate this challenge as a strong community and will work to maintain our instructional programs despite the potential need to offset the increase unbudgeted cost.