

January 17, 2017

The Board of Education, Downers Grove Grade School District 58, DuPage County, Illinois met in an emergency session on Tuesday, January 17, 2017, at the Administrative Service Center; 1860 63<sup>rd</sup> Street; Downers Grove, Illinois.

## 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The President called the emergency meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. Members present: President John D. Cooper and Members Roberta Diehl, Christopher Heppner, Sallie Lupescu, John Miller, and Elizabeth Sigale. Member absent: Vice President Doug Purcell. Also in attendance were Kari Cremascoli, Superintendent; Lorie Pilster, Director of Business Services; and Pamela A. Osika, Board Secretary. No visitors were in attendance at this meeting.

## 2. RECOMMENDATION FOR ACTION

## Resolution to Award Emergency Contract for Transportation Services

Member Diehl moved and Member Heppner seconded her motion to adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Award of an Emergency Contract for Transportation Services to First Student at the rate of \$113.00 per route. (Attachment 01/17/17 A)

Director of Business Services Lorie Pilster provided background information regarding the recommendation. Board members were given an opportunity to ask questions and discuss the recommendation.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Members Cooper, Diehl, Heppner, Lupescu,  
Miller, and Sigale  
NAYS: None Motion carried

### 3. RECEPTION OF VISITORS

No visitors were present in the audience.

#### 4. ADJOURNMENT

Member Diehl moved and Member Lupescu seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.

VOICE VOTE Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

John D. Cooper, President

Pamela A. Osika, Secretary

**RESOLUTION  
AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF AN EMERGENCY CONTRACT  
FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of Downers Grove Grade School District No. 58, DuPage County, Illinois ("Board") currently has a contract with Septran, Inc. ("Septran") to provide busing for special education bus routes; and

**WHEREAS**, on or about January 9, 2017, and after normal working hours, Septran notified the Assistant Superintendent for Special Services that it had lost a significant number of bus drivers and that it would be unable to provide busing services for two special education bus routes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Assistant Superintendent for Business/Chief School Business Official promptly obtained price quotes from other transportation companies to assume Septran's two special education busing routes starting January 10, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, First Student, Inc. ("First Student") offered a competitive rate of \$113.00 per bus route for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost to the Board for the replacement of the two lost routes for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year is anticipated to exceed \$25,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board is obligated to provide transportation to special education students; and

**WHEREAS**, if the Board were to bid out these transportation services, as required by the *School Code*, the Board would be unable to provide transportation services to certain special education students while preparing bid specifications, posting the specifications and analyzing and awarding the contract, leaving such students without transportation to school for a significant period of time; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency situation exists with respect to the special education busing routes in that if the Board were to have to wait to award a contract until after it went through the competitive bid process required by Section 10-20.21 of the *School Code* (105 ILCS 5/10-20.21), the delay would result in an inability to provide transportation services to special education students for a significant period of time; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 10-20.21(a)(xiv) of the *School Code* (105 ILCS 5/10-20.21(a)(xiv)), permits boards of education to award contracts for the purchase of supplies, materials and work in excess of \$25,000 without public bid where the funds are expended in an emergency and such emergency expenditure is approved by three-fourths (3/4ths) of the members of the board; and

**WHEREAS**, it is hereby determined by the Board of Education of Downers Grove Grade School District No. 58, DuPage County, Illinois, that the loss of the two special education bus routes constitutes an emergency situation that must be remedied immediately.

**NOW THEREFORE**, Be It Resolved by the Board of Education of Downers Grove Grade School District No. 58, DuPage County, Illinois, that:

**Section 1:** An emergency situation exists with respect to the special education busing routes in that if the Board were to have to wait to award a contract until after it went through the competitive bid process required by Section 10-20.21 of the *School Code* (105 ILCS 5/10-20.21), the delay would result in an inability to provide transportation services to special education students for a significant period of time.

**Section 2:** The Board hereby authorizes the Assistant Superintendent for Business/Chief School Business Official to enter into a transportation contract with First Student at the rate of \$113.00 per route.

**Section 3:** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect forthwith upon its passage.

**ADOPTED** this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017, by the following three-fourths vote of the entire Board of Education.

AYES: 6

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1