

*EAST HARTFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS*  
*Business Office*

## Memo

To: See Distribution  
From: Paul Mainuli, Director of Business Services  
Date: February 3, 2009

**Subject: Minutes from the Student Transportation Committee Meeting on 1/30/09**

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A meeting of East Hartford Public Schools and the First Student Bus Company's Student Transportation Committee was held on Friday, January 30, 2009 in the Business Office's Conference Room, 1110 Main Street, East Hartford, CT. Paul Mainuli called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

**PRESENT** Joe Petrozak, First Student Bus Company  
George Simons, Transportation Coordinator  
Paul Mainuli, Director of Business Services

### **Status of Bus Schedules and Routes for FY 2008-09 School Year**

Mr. Simons asked if First Student had completed a head count of students riding Bus #33 at O'Brien School. Mr. Petrozak reported that there are (57) students currently riding this bus and it is not in danger of being overcrowded. Mr. Petrozak also reported that the bus driver of Bus #27 at Cheney Tech. was being disciplined for arriving late to work. Mr. Simons notified the committee of a complaint from a private citizen concerning bus alarms going off late at night. The private citizen's home is in close proximity to two bus yards. According to Mr. Petrozak, the bus alarms are checked early each morning to be sure their in working order. He also added that the bus alarms are motion sensitive and high winds or nocturnal creatures could set off a bus alarm. Mr. Simons is preparing a response to be sent to the resident.

### **Follow-up on Alleged School Transportation Incidents**

Mr. Petrozak reported that there was one incident involving a bus driver who was suspended for a day. There was no other bus incidence to report.

### **Discussion of Cost Saving Options for Student Transportation**

The committee discussed many possible cost saving options to reduce the overall cost of bus operations. These options will be brought forward to the Board for consideration as part of the overall effort to balance the FY 2009-10 budget.

### **Other Business**

Mr. Petrozak stated that First Student is pursuing the acquisition of a full size wheelchair accessible bus for the school district. The bus originally planned for can not be repaired.

There was no other business to discuss at the meeting.

The Student Transportation Meeting was adjourned at 11:15a.m.

**The next Student Transportation Meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 27, 2009 at 10:00a.m.**

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All Board Members  
G. Simons  
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