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EASTON, REDDING, REGION 9 BOARDS OF EDUCATION  
Transportation Committee Special Meeting  
Central Office Conference Room  
April 25, 2018 - 6:30 p.m.  
Minutes

ATTENDANCE

Committee members: Coppinger, Parkin and Hicks

ER9 Representative: D'Agostino

Absent: Denny

Administration: Reiss and Ponzio

Public: None

Mr. Hicks called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

**MOTION: move to approve the minutes of the March 29, 2018 ER9 Joint Boards of Education Transportation Committee Special meeting. Motioned by Parkin; Seconded by Coppinger. Approved Hicks, Coppinger and Parkin.**

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENT: Committee discussed procedures for Q&A with bidders. Scott Reiss volunteered to ask the prepared questions.

Entered executive session 6:45 pm. Invited the following people to the executive session: 1) Representatives from Dattco: Cliff Gibson COO; Renee Simoneau, Director Operations; Don DeVivo, President; Rob Cleveland, CFO; Phil Johnson, VP; Kirsten Underhill, Branch Manager. 2) Representatives from First Student: Jim Woods, Director of Business Development; Vinnie Capiello, Area GM Western CT; Elaine Reynolds, Stamford Location Manager. 3) Representatives from WE Transport: Andrew Ifill, Operations Manager CT; Carmen Tomeo, CEO.

Exited Executive Session 9:52 pm

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: REVIEW RFP RESPONSES

The Committee discussed the pros and cons of each bidder.

Mike D'Agostino shared the minutes from a transportation committee minutes seven years ago when the decision was made to switch providers. The recommendation to switch providers was predicated on improved service, and lower cost.

The Committee concluded that it could not make a definitive recommendation at this point as additional information and further discussion is required. The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for 6:45 pm May 14<sup>th</sup> the same evening as the next scheduled Tri Board meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION: move to adjourn the meeting. Motioned by Parkin Seconded Coppinger. Motion passed. Unanimous.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:36 p.m.

Submitted by,  
Randy Hicks, ER9 Transportation Committee Chairperson