

**EASTON, REDDING, REGION 9 BOARDS OF EDUCATION**

Special Joint Transportation Committee Meeting

February 29, 2016

**Present:**

Easton Board of Education: Randy Hicks

Region 9 Board of Education: Paul Coppinger, Mike D'Agostino

Administration/Central Office: Tom McMorran, Peggy Sullivan, Laura Ponzio

4 members of the public

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM

**Motion:** Nomination of Paul Coppinger as Committee Chairperson by Mike D'Agostino, seconded by Randy Hicks. Vote: All in favor.

Public Comment (none)

- I. The committee discussed that the current contract with DATTCO is expiring June 30, 2016, and there are 2 options to be considered, the Committee can issue an RFP for transportation services for the next 5 years, or the existing contract can be renewed for one, two or three years. Mrs. Sullivan provided the numbers for the renewal periods and shared what other districts who have gone out to bid this year received as a percentage increase.
- II. Mrs. Sullivan also shared information related to the possibility of relocating the bus depot to Veteran's Park in Easton.

**Public Comment:**

Alyssa Mocco of Easton, stated she was apprehensive about the location of a bus depot in Easton, both towns should have a fueling station, and spoke about some of the benefits of natural gas powered buses.

Keith Rich of Redding would like to see the buses in Redding.

Tim Brady of Easton thanked the committee for their thoughtful and probing conversation and suggested the committee look at the most cost-efficient factors over the green factors.

The Committee asked Mrs. Sullivan to speak with DATTCO and ask if they would honor the renewal pricing if the districts chose to proceed with the RFP; and the Committee will meet again next week.

Committee Member Comment (none)

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** Move that the meeting be adjourned. (Hicks, D'Agostino)

**Discussion:** none

**Approved (unanimous)**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Peggy Sullivan  
Director of Finance & Operations

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