

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ARAPAHOE-HOLBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOLS TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Board of Education of Arapahoe-Holbrook Public Schools Transportation Committee was convened on August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 7:30 pm in the Board Room, 610 Walnut Street, Arapahoe, Nebraska.

Board Member(s) Present: Chad Carpenter and Nancy Schutz.

Board Member(s) Absent: Leigh Zodrow.

Staff Present: Bob Drews, Superintendent, and Cassie Hilker, Board Secretary.

Staff Absent: None.

The committee reviewed the documents/reports provided.

The committee discussed the following items/topics:

- 2023 Ford Transit is in Kearney getting modified to become legal. Should get it back in 2 weeks. Estimated cost \$2,800-\$3,200.
- Plan to sell or trade the 2006 Chevy Van as soon as the new Midbus arrives.
- New Midbus is still expected to arrive October 2025.
- 2025 Chevy Suburban has been acquired and is on-site.
- Reviewed route mileage.
- Reviewed transportation personnel costs, past and present.
- Discussed new 80-day inspection requirement for all school vehicles that transport students.
- Reviewed cost savings options:
  - o Elimination of the town bus route, reducing bus routes from 6 to 5. Families with preschool bus riders that rode the morning and/or afternoon town bus route would be responsible for their own transportation to/from school during those times. This plan would become effective starting October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The mid-day preschool bus routes would not change at this time.
  - o Elimination of transportation provided to students inside of the 4 mile requirement + transition to bus stops outside of the 4 miles, reducing bus routes from 5 to 4. Families with preschool bus riders that reside inside of the 4 miles that rode the morning and/or afternoon bus routes would be responsible for their own transportation to/from school during those times. Families with PK-12 bus riders that reside outside of the 4 miles that rode the morning and/or afternoon bus routes would be responsible for their own transportation to/from the bus stop during those times. This plan would become effective starting January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026. The mid-day preschool bus routes would not change at this time.
  - o Elimination of all morning and afternoon PK-12 bus routes + transition to paying mileage to families per the Nebraska Department of Education guidelines. The mid-day preschool bus routes would not change at this time.
- Possible route adjustments could lead to reductions to the vehicle fleet, which would also result in potential cost savings.
- Committee directed Superintendent Drews to move forward with the following:
  - o Starting October 7<sup>th</sup>, elimination of town route. No change to morning, mid-day, or afternoon preschool bus routes.
  - o Starting January 7<sup>th</sup>, elimination of transportation of students within the 4 mile requirement + transition to bus stops outside of the 4 mile requirement. 4 stops outside of the 4 mile requirement will be established north of town, south of town, east of town, and west of town. No change to morning, mid-day, or afternoon preschool bus routes.

The meeting ended at approximately 8:50 pm.

ATTEST:

  
Cassie Hilker, Secretary