

ATTACHMENT NO. X-B: Set transportation fees for paid student ridership, transportation changes and charters

Potential motion(s): Move to approve the fees for paid student ridership at \$370 (1 child); \$470 (2 children); \$520 (3 children) if paid on or before August 4, 2011. Additional \$50 fee if paid after August 4, 2011, if not a new family to the District.

Move to approve the charge of \$25 for each transportation change made in excess of one (1) per semester.

Move to approve the charter fees at \$2.75/mile and \$15.00/hour

Recommended action: Approve the motion(s).

With the reduction of state transportation funding, the Transportation Committee reviewed many items in order to reduce costs or enhance revenue. One of the reductions is the reorganization of bus routes that will limit ridership to children that are over the state guideline of 1.5 miles or live within a state approved hazard. The community has expressed concerns of reducing bus routes and requested the option of paying for ridership if space is available.

The Transportation Department has reviewed the costs charged by other districts, together with their fee forms. The recommended fees are as follows: If paid on or before August 4, 2011 (last day of registration), \$370 for one (1) child; \$470 for two (2) children; \$520 for three (3) children. If paid after August 4, 2011, the fee will be increased by \$50 in each category, unless the family is new to the District. This fee is for the 2011-2012 school year and will not be prorated.

Currently, Board Policy 4:110 allows for one day care provider change per semester. The recommendation is to charge \$25 per change above the current number allowed per semester.

For several years the District has had partnerships with the Belvidere Park District, YMCA, and Boone County Conservation District to help provide transportation for their summer program field trips. As a revenue enhancement and to also ensure that costs are covered with the increase in fuel prices, it is recommended that charter rates be set at \$2.75/mile and \$15.00/hour for the 2011 summer programs and the 2011-2012 school year. If fuel prices continue to escalate, prices will again be reviewed. All charter trips will be reviewed by the transportation director to ensure that all costs are covered and there is no expense to the District.

