

Section 7

Transportation

The following information relates to the transportation costs for the district.

The information provided does not include field trips from the schools and sports activities. Sports activities are included in the Activities Fact Finding Report. Groups or classes taking field trips, paid the costs.

During the 2009-2010 school year we had eleven regular routes. In addition, we also had a Four-year old program route to Marion Springs and a PEP route. These routes transport in the morning and afternoon. There is also a PEP bus that runs at noon and a Four-year old program route that is used to take students in the half day program home. In the second half of the year we started transporting the four year olds on the kindergarten buses and were able to eliminate one route for the small bus.

We also furnish transportation, by car, to Ottawa and Eudora for special education programs. A small bus is used daily to transport a student with special needs to the high school. Another small bus is used to transport a student to the Annex for special needs instruction.

Also included in this report will be costs for possible use of leased buses and the number of students transported to Vinland and Marion Springs.

The number of students that could ride and that are riding under 2.5 miles is also included. The state does not, at this time, reimburse the district for any students transported under 2.5 miles. We are transporting some students under 2.5 miles because of the safety matter of having to cross US 56 to get to school.

Bus Routes and Salary Costs

ROUTE	HOURLY	DAILY	WEEKLY	HRS. WORKED DAILY
1	\$15.25	\$114.38	\$571.90	7.00
2	\$15.25	\$45.75	\$228.75	3.00
3	\$15.25	\$76.25	\$381.25	5.00
4	\$15.25	\$76.25	\$381.25	5.00
5	\$12.55	\$37.65	\$188.25	3.00
6	\$15.25	\$45.75	\$228.75	3.00
7	\$15.25	\$76.25	\$381.25	5.00
8	\$15.25	\$76.25	\$381.25	5.00
9	\$15.25	\$45.75	\$228.75	3.00
10	\$15.25	\$45.75	\$228.75	3.00
11	\$12.10	\$36.30	\$181.50	3.00
MSE 4YR OLD	\$12.10	\$36.30	\$181.50	3.00
TAPS	\$12.10	\$36.30	\$181.50	3.00
SP.ED	\$12.10	\$36.30	\$181.50	3.00
PEP	\$15.25	\$45.75	\$183.00	3.00
SP.ED	\$10.45	\$31.35	\$156.75	3.00

The amounts listed for hourly salaries is set by years of experience with the district.

The Special Ed. Route without a name is a shared route depending on availability of a driver.

These numbers and special routes are as of the '09-'10 school year.

BUS LEASING VS PURCHASING

LEASING

The cost of the bus is divided equally by the number of years of the lease.

For example: An \$80,000 bus leased for 10 years would cost approximately \$17,000 a year including interest for the first five years. It would then be \$1000 a year plus interest for the final five years.

Leasing could allow the school district to have more and newer buses. The initial outlay would be less per bus. The district would have to consider the number of buses and the length of the contract. A staggered leasing program is also available that would let the district lease some buses now and then others 2-3 years later.

PURCHASING

Purchasing buses requires all money to be paid up front.

Per state law, buses must be removed from service after 20 years.

The following buses are due to be replaced:

3-1991 buses due in 2011
1-1992 bus due in 2012
4-1993 buses due in 2013
5-1995 buses due in 2015
1-1997 bus due in 2017

Replacing each of these buses at today's cost would be approximately \$76,000 - \$80,000 per bus depending on passenger occupancy. As noted, there are nine buses due to be replaced in the next five years at a cost to the district of between \$380,000 - \$400,000.

TRANSPORTATION BY SCHOOL

GRADE	K	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	5TH	6TH	7TH	8TH	9TH	10TH	11TH	12TH	
SCHOOL														
MSE	5	11	9	9	5	13	21	16	16	9	11	9	7	141
VES	9	9	12	5	12	9	16	16	11	7	8	8	3	125
TOTAL	14	20	21	14	17	21	37	32	27	16	19	17	10	266

These numbers are for the '09-'10 school year.

The first 6 grades would be transported to Baldwin if the closure of either or both schools occurred.

The 6th thru 12th grade would remain the same since we are transporting them now.

The four year program was not included because it will be moved to the new PC starting next year.

Vinland does not have a four year old program.

Bus Route Boundaries

The following information is provided to clarify what the bus route boundaries in USD 348 cover.

Route 1: North of US 56, to N 700 Rd, east to E 2400 Rd. and west to E 1950 Rd.
This route also includes the Heritage housing addition in Baldwin.

Route 2: South of US 56, to E 2000 Rd. west to E 1700 Rd and south to N1 road
This route also includes pick-ups in the Hillside area and area around the junior high to include Eisenhower, Wesley, Washington and Quayle Streets.

Route 3: South of US 56 to Stafford Terrace, west to US 59 and East to N 1700 Rd.

Route 4: North of US 56 to N 600 Rd. West to US 59 and East to N 1700 Rd. This route also includes the Fire tree area.

Route 5: Basically covers the Vinland area from N 600 Rd North to N 900 Rd and west to E 1400 Rd and east to E 1600 Rd.

Route 6: Covers the Vinland area as well from N 700 Rd north to N 1000 Rd. west to E 1500 Rd and east to E 2000 Rd.

Route 7: Covers the Vinland area from south of N 700 Rd to N 500 rd. East to E 1950 Rd and west to E 1700 Rd.

Route 8: Covers the Marion Springs area west of E 900 Rd to E 400 Rd. South to N 1 Rd and north to N 600 Rd.

Route 9: Covers the Marion Springs area as well and goes from E 900 Rd east to US 59 South of US 56 to N1 Rd.

Route 10: Is in Marion Springs area and goes north of US 56 to N 650 Rd. The west Boundary is E 900 Rd and the east boundary is US 59.

Route 11: Covers the Signal Ridge area, part of the Fire Tree area and goes to west Baldwin to pick up students in the College and Miami area.

Transportation Under 2.5 Miles

If we stop transporting under 2.5 miles:

Currently we transport some students residing under 2.5 miles from their school. If we did not transport these students, we estimate that we could cut two routes resulting in an annual savings of \$27,400.

Driver's salary	\$8,350
Fuel cost	4,050
Repair & Maintenance	1,300
Estimated annual cost per route	<u><u>\$13,700</u></u>

If we hired a crossing guard for students crossing 56 highway, the cost would be \$3,300 annually.

If we transported under 2.5 miles and charged a fee:

If we offered transportation to all students residing under 2.5 miles and we charged students a fee to cover the costs of transportation, the fee would be approximately \$357 per year.

All Students under 2.5 miles	489
Average students per bus	48
Number of routes for students under 2.5 miles	10.2
x Estimated cost per route	13,700
Potential cost if all students were transported	<u>139,740</u>
Number of students transported	489
x Percent of paying students (Free and Reduced waiver would apply)	80%
Number of paying students	<u>391</u>
Estimated fee if we charged to cover the cost of transportation	<u><u>\$357</u></u>

Estimates include operating costs only, does not include the cost of buses.

TRANSPORTATION RIDERS UNDER 2.5

	TOTAL	RIDE	AVERAGE %
RT 1	47	42	90%
RT 2	128	42	33%
RT 3	31	10	32%
RT 4	87	31	36%
RT 5	16	3	19%
RT 6	10	7	70%
RT 7	24	10	42%
RT 8	4	4	100%
RT 9	1	1	100%
RT 10	7	7	100%
RT 11	134	65	49%
	489	222	45%
AVERAGE	44	25	

The number of students in the ride column are those who ride most of the time.

The first column is the number of students listed that are under 2.5 miles for each route.