



SUFFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Suffield, Connecticut

DATE: January 12, 2018

TO: Karen Berasi

FROM: Bill Hoff

RE: M&J Contract Extension

M&J's current contract expires June 30, 2018. We have tentatively agreed to a three year extension through the 2020-21 school year. The tentative agreement is attached.

The rate increases for each year of the three years are 2.00%, 2.25% and 2.25%. We have also made some minor changes to the contract language.

Our current per day cost for a Type I bus is \$261.11. With the proposed increases the cost would increase to the rates below:

| Year | Per Bus | Annual Cost (18 buses) | \$ Increase |
|-------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Current | \$261.11 | \$855,396 | |
| 2018-19 | \$266.33 | \$872,497 | \$17,101 |
| 2019-20 | \$272.32 | \$892,120 | \$19,623 |
| 2020-21 | \$278.45 | \$912,202 | \$20,082 |

Based on a CASBO survey of bus costs, we are lower than most. Farmington is at \$245.40, East Hampton \$251.02 (\$271.11 in 2018-19) and Somers is at \$285.00. Most of the others are over \$300 per day.

A survey of recent RFPs shows annual increases ranging from 3.4% to 13.1%.

Based on this information and the service we have received for the last two years, I recommend the Board of Education approve the tentative agreement with M&J to extend the contract for three years through the 2020-21 school year.

Contract Extension

Suffield Board of Education and M&J Bus, Inc.

All terms of the contract dated July 12, 2013 will remain in effect except for the following clauses:

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The term of the contract will be July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021.

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Sufficient management personnel shall be maintained and available at the terminal from at least 6:00 AM until the last regular bus runs are complete. In addition, an M&J manager will be available by cell phone whenever buses are in use including extracurricular activities.

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All employees of the CONTRACTOR will be drug-tested prior to employment and randomly thereafter in compliance with all Federal and State laws and regulations. The CONTRACTOR will submit proof of drug testing to the Suffield Public Schools for all employees annually prior to the start of school and for each new employee prior to their driving buses in its transportation system.

The CONTRACTOR will at least annually review the DMV driving records of all drivers and report any violations to the district.

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Delete this paragraph as no Performance Bond will be required.

Appendix A – Current Bell Schedule

Schedule A – Transportation Rates for 2018/19 through 2020/21

Suffield Board of Education

M&J Bus, Inc.

Date

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APPENDIX A

Suffield School Start/End Times

Morning Arrival

| School | School Start Time | Earliest Student Drop Off |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| AW Spaulding | 8:35 | 8:20 |
| McAlister | 8:35 | 8:20 |
| Suffield Middle School | 7:40 | 7:25 |
| Suffield High School | 7:25 | 7:10 |

Afternoon Dismissal

| School | School End Time |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| AW Spaulding | 3:15 |
| McAlister | 3:15 |
| Suffield Middle School | 2:20 |
| Suffield High School | 2:05 |

SCHEDULE A – THREE YEAR TRANSPORTATION RATES

| HOME-TO-SCHOOL AND SUMMER TRANSPORTATION SERVICES | | | |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | | | |
| PRICE PER BUS PER DAY | 2018-2019 | 2019-2020 | 2020-2021 |
| 1) Home-to-School - Type I buses Price Per Day | \$ 266.33 | \$ 272.32 | \$ 278.45 |
| 2) Home-to-School - Type II buses - Price Per Day | \$ 252.32 | \$ 258.00 | \$ 263.80 |
| 3) Home-to-School - Type I Wheelchair Bus - Price Per Day | \$ 266.33 | \$ 272.32 | \$ 278.45 |
| 4) STV - 7 Passenger - Price Per Day | \$ 252.32 | \$ 258.00 | \$ 263.80 |
| 4) STV - 9 Passenger - Price Per Day | \$ 262.52 | \$ 268.42 | \$ 274.46 |
| 5) Mid-day Kindergarten or Pre K-Type I bus - Price Per Day | \$ 46.36 | \$ 47.40 | \$ 48.47 |
| 6) Late Run - Type I - Price Per Day | \$ 68.60 | \$ 70.14 | \$ 71.72 |
| 7) Summer - Type I bus - Price Per Day | \$ 266.33 | \$ 272.32 | \$ 278.45 |
| 8) Summer - SPED - Type II - Price Per Day | \$ 252.32 | \$ 258.00 | \$ 263.80 |
| 9) Specialized services - Type I bus - Price Per Hour | \$ 54.57 | \$ 55.80 | \$ 57.05 |
| 10) Specialized services - STV van - Price Per Hour | \$ 54.57 | \$ 55.80 | \$ 57.05 |
| 11) Excess Hours - Price Per Hour | \$ 54.57 | \$ 55.80 | \$ 57.05 |

| FIELD AND SPORTS TRIPS | | | |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 2018-2019 | 2019-2020 | 2020-2021 |
| COST PER HOUR - IN DISTRICT | | | |
| TYPE I BUS | \$ 46.92 | \$ 47.98 | \$ 49.06 |
| TYPE II BUS | \$ 46.92 | \$ 47.98 | \$ 49.06 |
| STV - 7 PASSENGER | \$ 46.92 | \$ 47.98 | \$ 49.06 |
| STV - 9 PASSENGER | \$ 46.92 | \$ 47.98 | \$ 49.06 |
| COST PER HOUR - OUT-OF-DISTRICT | | | |
| TYPE I BUS | \$ 46.92 | \$ 47.98 | \$ 49.06 |
| TYPE II BUS | \$ 46.92 | \$ 47.98 | \$ 49.06 |
| STV - 7 PASSENGER | \$ 46.92 | \$ 47.98 | \$ 49.06 |
| STV - 9 PASSENGER | \$ 46.92 | \$ 47.98 | \$ 49.06 |
| COST PER MILE FOR OUT-OF-DISTRICT (EXCEEDING 50 MILES) | | | |
| TYPE I BUS | \$ 1.94 | \$ 1.98 | \$ 2.03 |
| TYPE II BUS | \$ 1.94 | \$ 1.98 | \$ 2.03 |
| STV - 7 PASSENGER | \$ 1.94 | \$ 1.98 | \$ 2.03 |
| STV - 9 PASSENGER | \$ 1.94 | \$ 1.98 | \$ 2.03 |